



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 30th January 2026

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St. Ben's School Christian Values: **Community, Resilience and Kindness**

ST. BEN'S ROCK HEROES!

Following the success of last week's TT Rockstars Day, this week we celebrated the six pupils who have made it to 'Rock Hero' status.

This means they are answering times tables questions in less than a second per question – AWESOME! Year 6 John is also a Rock Hero, but is not pictured as he was absent when the photo was taken.



JOIN US FOR CAREERS' WEEK

St. Ben's Careers' Week is happening from 30th March – 2nd April and we are putting a call out for anyone who may wish to join us to talk about their job/career. Are you passionate about your trade/profession?

Would you like to inspire the next generation? If you might be interested in joining us during the week and telling our pupils about the skills needed for your role, please contact Miss Murphy or Mr Ranger via Class Dojo.

SCHOOL NURSE CHAT LINK

Did you know that there is a chat service parents can message if you have any health queries. It's manned by the school nurses, so it's a real medical professional answering all the messages.

Website for info is:

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/send/chathealth-5-19-2/>

DODGEBALLERS UNITE!

On Thursday this week, a group of lucky children got to represent St. Ben's at a Dodgeball festival at Millfield. They loved the activities and behaved brilliantly. Thank you to SASP for organising and Millfield for hosting – their Sports Leaders were fabulous and helped to inspire a love of Dodgeball.



Closer to home, a group of community-minded Year 6's has been running Dodgeball sessions at lunchtimes. Thanks to Leo, Mila, Austin, Mia and John, lots of pupils are getting a daily dose of activity and fun each day. Thank you all!



ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Lily: working hard in science; looking for nutritional information on packaging!	Samy: for impressing us with his fantastic dodgeball skills!
Unicorns:	Seren: for making an amazing effort to improve her handwriting – well done!	Amy: for joining her handwriting beautifully.
Chameleons	Joseph: being positive, listening carefully and sharing his ideas in class discussion.	Tabitha: for great focus during swimming and super tumble turns.
Owls:	Iris: for super focus and effort in swimming.	Tristan: for super ideas in his Barnabus sequel.
Spiders:	Aliza: for aspiration across all subjects.	Lauralie: for an excellent golden write.
Tortoises:	Felix: for great work and super focus in music this week.	Isabelle: for always trying her best in everything!
Leopards:	Tinayeshe: for an outstanding attitude to all of his learning.	Taran: for a wonderfully written poem.
Peacocks:	Derek: for working so hard to improve his writing skills.	Eden: for a beautifully written poem in English.
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Peacock Class with 12.5 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done Peacocks!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	This week's champions are Owl Class, with 99.3% attendance. Well done Owls, you get an extra break next week!	
<u>Book Battle Champs</u>	This week the following % of children managed to read 4 x a week at home: Cat – 70 % , Unicorn - 79 % , Owl - 82% , Chameleon - 100 % , Tortoise – 70% , Spider – 90% , Leopard - 93% , Peacock - 100% Meaning that this week's champs are Peacock and Chameleon classes with 100%!	
<u>Values' Award</u>	Elsie: for always being a kind a caring member of our community. Bronwyn: for having brilliant resilience when learning spellings.	
<u>Other Awards</u>	Learning Behaviour: Bronze: Eliza-Rose, Ashley (Yr3), Loki, Karla, Harrison C, Emilia, Artaius (Yr4) Honi (Yr5), and Harriet (Yr6) Silver: Sophia (Yr6) AR Target Master: Franklin (Yr3); Hundred Club: Raphael (Yr6); Millionaires' Club: Raphael (Yr6)	

SPIDER CLASS POSE BIG QUESTION

On Monday this week, Miss Chouings and Spider Class led the BIG Question on the theme of 'Why are trees important to you?'. They retold Jean Giono's story 'The Man Who Planted Trees', then talked about their work as a class to gain the **Green Trees Award** on behalf of our school. Thank you to Miss Chouings and Spider Class for reminding us of the importance of trees... this is just the start of our school's tree journey.



WESSEX WATER WORKSHOPS INSPIRE YEAR 4

On Friday this week, Year 4 pupils had a special visitor as Sam from Wessex Water returned to deliver more inspiring workshops. Sam's sessions aim to instil in pupils a better understanding of water; where it comes from and scientific processes such as evaporation and condensation. Once again, a huge thank you to Sam and to Wessex Water for providing this education free to schools.



What are you up to?

Our weekly focus on what our wonderful pupils are up to outside of school.

This week, we feature Year 4, Karla, who attended a red-carpet screening of films made in her musical theatre group and received a medal and certificate for 'film and TV production'. We also shine a light on Year 3 Evie, who has achieved her Level 8 swimming award. Well done to both of you!



Have you achieved something out of school, or do you have a hobby you would like us to shine a light on? Please send Mr Ranger a Dojo message with a photo and a few words explaining what your child has been up to.



Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Wed 11 th Feb	Year 3 and Year 4 to Meyer Theatre at Millfield (High School Musical)
Fri 13 th Feb	Break up for Half Term
Mon 23 rd Feb	INSET Day – School is closed. Pupils will return on Tues 24 th Feb
Tues 3 rd – Wed 4 th March	Year 6 London residential
Friday 6 th March	World Book Day at St. Ben's
Mon 9 th – Fri 13 th March	Year 5 Osmington Bay residential
18 th , 23 rd and 25 th March	Parents' Evenings
w/b 30 th March	Careers Week
Thursday 2 nd April	Break up for Easter (Good Friday is on 3 rd April)

CONSULTATION ON ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2027-28

From 2027-28, we are planning to add in a new criterion for Admissions Arrangements to St. Benedict's Year 3. This will be to help us prioritise pupils from St. John's. It will read as follows:

Children attending St. John's Infant School, Glastonbury, in Year 2, for a period of a term or more by the closing date for applications (15th January 2027),

We are currently in a period of consultation regarding this.

Please see the Policies section of our website to read the proposed Admissions Arrangements document in full.

St John's C of E VC INFANTS SCHOOL
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St John's Infants PTA

QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 6TH FEBRUARY

£5 per person

Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start

Teams of up to 6 people

message 07896 748294 to book in a team!

Tor Rugby Club
4 Lowerside Lane
Glastonbury, BA6 9GY

Monday evenings at St. Ben's primary.

Martial arts & self defence classes:

**Yoji class for ages 4 to 10
5.15pm**

**Kohai class for ages 10 to 100
6pm**

**Ladies Only Self Defence class
7pm**

Free 2 week trial for all new starters!

Plan C Training

Scan this QR code to book your place

Two great activities linked to St. Ben's...

Are you up for some Martial Arts?

Children's and ladies' sessions here at St. Ben's. Contact Phil and Jane at Plan C Training to sign yourselves up.

Below:

The fabulous Maxine, who runs our Drama Club, also has an out of school club to inspire young dramatic minds – why not sign your child up...



TAKING - THE - SPACE

THE DRAMA SOCIAL

A FUN AND FRIENDLY WEEKLY TERM TIME DRAMA CLUB

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 7 -13YRS

TAKING PLACE IN GLASTONBURY URC

WEDNESDAYS 5.30 PM - 6.30PM

RE-STARTS FEBRUARY 4TH

FOR MORE DETAILS GO TO

WWW.TAKINGTHESPACE.CO.UK

TAKINGTHESPACE@HOTMAIL.CO.UK





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