



# ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 23rd January 2026

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

## ST. BEN'S ROCKS!

Today saw our TT Rockstars Day and pupils and staff dressed up as rockers and enjoyed various times tables challenges and activities. As well as celebrating some excellent rock outfits, there was also the chance for Year 4, led by Rock God Ms Bradshaw, to rock out to some top tables tunes! It was so much fun, the children barely realised they were learning!



## AUTHOR IN RESIDENCE INSPIRES YOUNG READERS

Author Andy Seed will be our Author in Residence this year, with four visits to St. Benedict's in the next two terms. Andy's first visit was on Wednesday and he worked with all year groups, inspiring pupils to the world of reading and books. First, he gave a talk outlining his career as an author and what he loves about writing; then he worked with each year group, showcasing

Andy's visits have been fully funded by the wonderful Wells Festival of Literature team, including an astonishing donation of 150 of Andy's books for our school. Bug McKaig from the Wells team joined us for Andy's visit and witnessed the immediate impact he had on our children. We can't wait for Andy's second visit, which will be in February.



## REAL-LIFE GUITAR HEROES

Following the theme of TT Rockstars, St. Ben's offers the opportunity to learn guitar through lessons with teacher James Davidson. James offers weekly lessons during the school day; these are paid for but may be subsidised or free for pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium. Please enquire at the School Office for more details.



## ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Archie: for his fantastic progress in reading! Excellent effort!	Alex: for his excellent effort with his learning at home! Super impressive!
Unicorns:	Charlie B: for always trying his best with a smile on his face.	Rayyan: for working hard on his learning behaviour.
Chameleons	Freddie: always asking brilliant questions in class; making everyone smile with the epic ideas he shares when writing!	Loki: for being a 'Presentation Peacock' by taking more care and pride in his handwriting.
Owls:	Florence: great focus in multiplication in maths and on her fact file in English.	Mazvita: for always working diligently in all lessons.
Spiders:	Carmen: for inquisitive questioning and critical thinking in history.	Aseel: for always cleaning up the cloak room.
Tortoises:	Bryony: for enthusiastic participation in our workshop with Andy Seed.	Amelia H: for super focus and effort in all lessons.
Leopards:	Jack P: for outstanding effort and concentration in class.	Ralph: for making the most of every learning opportunity.
Peacocks:	Amelia: for always being polite and well-mannered – thank you!	Hamish: for working hard to improve his arithmetic scores.
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Unicorn Class with 17.3 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done Unicorns!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	This week's champions are Owl Class, with 97.2% 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: <span style="color: red;">Cat – 62 %</span> , <span style="color: red;">Unicorn - 71 %</span> , <span style="color: green;">Owl - 78%</span> , <span style="color: green;">Chameleon - 100 %</span> , <span style="color: purple;">Tortoise – 79%</span> , <span style="color: purple;">Spider – 87%</span> , <span style="color: blue;">Leopard - 100%</span> , <span style="color: blue;">Peacock - 100%</span> Meaning that this week's champs are <span style="color: blue;">Leopards</span> , <span style="color: blue;">Peacocks</span> and <span style="color: green;">Chameleons</span> with 100%!	
<u>Values' Award</u>	Karter: for never giving up and always trying his best. Ruben: for showing amazing community spirit by always being a fantastic team member and encouraging resilience and kindness in others.	
<u>Other Awards</u>	Learning Behaviour: Bronze: Isobel, Alex, Siena (Yr3), Holly Pai, Savannah, Imogen, Tristan, Harry J, Karter, Mazvita, Ronnie, Courtney, Raphael, Raul, Toby, Lil, Alfie, Aurora, Elias (Yr4), Rupert and Charlie B (Yr5).	

### Dates for your diary:

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

# LEARNING TO LEAD TRIP TO BRIDGWATER POLICE STATION

On Wednesday this week, a group of pupils from Year 5 got to visit Bridgwater Police Station as part of their Learning to Lead programme. Accompanied by Rachel McKellar, who leads the programme, and Mrs Caston and Miss Chouings, they got to see the inner workings of the centre and learn what happens when the Police receive calls from the public. Thank you so much to Rachel and her team for organising the visit and to the Police for hosting us.



# ST. BEN'S ROCKS – CONT'D FROM FRONT PAGE



Battle of the Bands - January 2026	
Cat Class	283 v 183 Unicorn Class
Chameleon Class	724 v 485 Owl Class
Spider Class	899 v 636 Tortoise Class
Leopard Class	1,313 v 1,375 Peacock Class



Battle of the Bands - January 2026			
	1 <sup>st</sup> MVP	2 <sup>nd</sup> MVP	3 <sup>rd</sup> MVP
<b>Cat Class</b>	Sienna	Coral	Rubix
<b>Unicorn Class</b>	Jemima	Oliver	Alicia
<b>Chameleon Class</b>	Ruben	Lexi	Jago
<b>Owl Class</b>	Bethany	Flynn	Harry
<b>Spider Class</b>	Isaac	Bence	Eli
<b>Tortoise Class</b>	Rupert	Libby	Eris
<b>Leopard Class</b>	John	Bobby	Saimum
<b>Peacock Class</b>	Raphael	Aiden	Willow

## 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, Flynn, who has returned to his football team, Wells City U9's after an 18-month break through injury.

They were delighted to see him back and registered a 7-0 victory!

**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.**




## GIRLS' RUGBY AT TOR RUGBY – WHY NOT JOIN UP

 GIRLS RUGBY IS HERE TO STAY! 


After a fantastic four week trial in November, filled with amazing enthusiasm and enjoyment from everyone who attended, we are delighted to announce that Girls Rugby is now a permanent fixture at Tor Rugby Club!

THE DETAILS:

 When: Tuesdays (Starting 13th Jan):  Time: 6:30 PM - 7:15 PM


 Who: Open to all girls in Year 3 to Year 7 (U8s – U12s)

 Where: Lowside Lane (BA6 9GY)

 Format: Non-contact rugby – safe, fun, and focused on skills!

Note: Sessions will remain on Tuesday evenings for now, with the aim of moving to Sundays in the future as our coaching resources grow.

NO BOOKING NEEDED! Just turn up with your boots and a positive attitude. Whether you've played before or never picked up a ball, you are welcome here. It's about having fun, building confidence, and making friendships that last a lifetime!

RUGBY FOR ALL  Since the days of our successful Women's team in the 1990s, it has felt like a small piece of the club was missing. This new section goes a long way toward filling that gap.

Alongside our recent additions of Touch Rugby and Walking Rugby, this is another massive step towards our goal of offering true "Rugby for All" at Tor.

**Spread the word and let's grow the game!**

**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 4<sup>TH</sup>**

**FOR MORE DETAILS GO TO TO  
WWW.TAKINGTHESPACE.CO.UK  
TAKINGTHESPACE@HOTMAIL.CO.UK**



## 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 (15<sup>th</sup> 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 Infants PTA

# QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> 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

## REPAIR CAFE



### Glastonbury

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in the month 10am-12pm

At the SCOUT HUT, Benedict Street, Glastonbury BA6 9NQ

Contact: lb.hpc3@gmail.com

### Street

4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in the month 10am-12pm (not in December)

at the Quaker Meeting House, Street BA16 0EB

Contact: streetrepaircafe@gmail.com

Bring items for mending by our skilled volunteer repairers. We take electrical items, bicycles, clothing and textiles, jewellery, toys, woodwork and much more. We just ask for a suitable donation. Also enjoy home-made cake and hot drinks in our friendly cafés!



Find both cafés on Facebook

[streetrepaircafe@gmail.com](mailto:streetrepaircafe@gmail.com)

Supported by Community Action Groups Somerset and Street Parish Council





# Mendip Community Transport



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



**YOUR  
MILEAGE PAID  
DOOR-TO-  
DOOR**

### **Hospital car transport**

Demand for our hospital car service is growing and we urgently need new volunteers to help us get isolated, disabled and vulnerable people to their vital hospital appointments.

- Choose the days you volunteer
- Help people in your community
- Meet new friends!

For more information, call Mendip Community Transport on 01749 880613, or email [office@mendipct.co.uk](mailto:office@mendipct.co.uk)

