



# ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 13th February 2026

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

## LOWER SCHOOL THEATRE TRIP

On Wednesday this week, Years 3 and 4 got to visit Millfield to watch a fabulous production of 'High School Musical' performed by the Year 7 and 8 students. It was an incredible show with superb singing and some memorable performances. A huge thank you to Director Chris Carruthers for inviting us – we loved the show! Well done to all the actors – you were awesome! For many of our pupils, it was their first trip to the theatre - they really enjoyed the occasion and behaved beautifully.



## DON'T FORGET INSET DAY!

Please remember that Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February is a teacher training (INSET) day, so school will not be open to pupils.

Therefore, after half term, all pupils should return to school on Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Feb.

Many thanks.

## SEEDS OF SUCCESS

*This week, inspirational author Andy Seed returned to St. Ben's to work with Year 6.*

Funded by the Wells Festival Team, Andy is our author in residence this year and during this visit he helped our Year 6 pupils to develop their writing skills using his 'Interview With...' series of books. The Year 6's then researched animals before creating their own brilliant interview questions. Andy will join us again on 24<sup>th</sup> March when he will run 'recommend-a-read sessions with each group. During his next visit, a range of Andy's books, which have been incredibly popular in classrooms, will be available for pupils to buy, and Andy will sign copies. A list of titles for pre-sale will go out after half term and Andy will also run a stall after school on 24<sup>th</sup> March.

## WORLD BOOK DAY @ ST BEN'S

This year, we will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Please see below, pages 4 and 5 of this newsletter, for more details about the various activities happening at St. Ben's, including costume ideas, book tokens, Story in a Box and our brand new 'Book Swap'!



Author Andy Seed takes a break from being inspirational for a photo with St. Ben's pupils and Sue and Hilary of the wonderful Wells Festival team

## ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Rubix: for being more focused in maths and working well in a team.	Olivia: for always going out of her way to be helpful!
Unicorns:	Jemima: for wowing us with her amazing drama skills as a news anchor.	Oliver: for great drama skills and team work.
Chameleons	Ted: for being inquisitive in all subjects and eager to learn.	Artaius: for trying hard to improve his handwriting.
Owls:	Toby: for interesting observations and opinions in our work on the rainforest.	Juno: for super descriptive sentences using similes to describe a starling.
Spiders:	Sinead: always showing our school values and giving 100% to every task!	Bowie: for giving 100% effort and focusing more in lessons.
Tortoises:	Amelia: for superb effort in maths this week.	Olive: for working hard in all her lessons.
Leopards:	Jesse: for excellent contributions as part of our visit from Natwest.	Mila: for an excellent attitude to new opportunities.
Peacocks:	Willow: for always working hard to make her work the best it can be.	Jaxon: for some amazing writing with Andy Seed!
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Chameleon Class with 18.3 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done Chameleons!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	This week's champions are Chameleon Class, with 98.3% attendance. Well done Chameleons, 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: <b>Cat – 78 %, Unicorn - 87 %, Owl - 86%, Chameleon - 93 %, Tortoise – 79%, Spider – 77%, Leopard - 88%, Peacock - 93%</b> Meaning that this week's champs are <b>Chameleon</b> and <b>Peacock</b> classes with 93%!	
<u>Values' Award</u>	Cassie: for being a super-kind friend to her class mates. Alicia: for showing kindness to others by helping explain concepts in maths to others who were struggling.	
<u>Learning and Reading</u>	Learning Behaviour: Bronze: Layton, Henry, Parker, Belle (Yr3), Francis and Freddie (Yr4) Silver: Oliver (Y3); AR Target: Isobel, Eliza-Rose, Albi (Yr3)	
<u>ELSA Awards</u>	Jago (Yr3): for great participation in ELSA sessions. Cayden (Yr3): for great participation in ELSA sessions. Logan E (Yr3): for great participation in ELSA sessions. Rayyan (Yr3): for completing all sessions with a smile. Bobby (Yr3): for completing all sessions with a smile! Lissy (Yr4): for completing all sessions with a Smile! Archie (Yr3): for completing ELSA.	
<u>Bushcraft Awards</u>	Ashley (Yr3): for always remembering important steps to fire lighting and making impressive fires! Teddie (Yr3): for showing exceptional fire stelling skills and for showing great focus in our sessions. Alex (Yr3): for taking great care to practice safe fire lighting steps and re-kindling a fire like a pro! Archie (Yr3): for great enthusiasm towards learning skills to light fires and chop wood! Bobby (Yr3): showing great enthusiasm towards lighting fires and 'leaving no trace'. Jago (Yr3): for paying attention to the environment around him to select great fire lighting spots!	

# NatWest Workshops Teach Pupils' Finance Skills

On Thursday this week, both Year 6 classes were joined by special visitors from NatWest Bank who put them through their financial paces as they challenged the pupils to plan a party. The aim of the workshops was to teach the children the importance of budgeting and an understanding of the value of money. Pupils worked in groups to plan their parties before sharing their costed plans with their classes. Huge thanks to St. Ben's parent Louis Ford who organised the workshops and to Louis and his team for running them. The NatWest team will return to St. Ben's later this year to work with other year groups.



## What are you up to?

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

This week, we feature Year 6 Mila, whose show, Robin Hood and the Babes is starting tomorrow night. Break a leg, Mila!

**Have you done something unusual or special out of school? Why not send Mr Ranger a Class Dojo message, with a photo, and you could be the star of the next newsletter!**



## Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	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. Library visits on 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> March.
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)



# World Book Day 2026!

Dear Parents and carers,

We are excited to let you know that at St Ben's we will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 6th March 2026. This is a wonderful opportunity to share our love of reading and inspire children to explore new stories, characters, and ideas.

This year, we invite children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character or as an interesting word (for example: "sparkly", "brave", "mysterious"). Costumes can be as simple or as creative as you like - we encourage using items you already have at home to keep things fun and affordable. The children are welcome to bring in the book that their character is from.

Throughout the day, children will take part in a range of book-themed activities. Every child will also receive a **£1 World Book Day token** which can be exchanged for a special World Book Day book or used towards another book purchase at participating retailers.



## 10 No-Stress World Book Day costumes!

by ARTventurers

### 1. The Midnight Gang

Pair of pyjamas and a balloon and you're sorted!



### 2. Wednesday Addams

Black dress (with white shirt underneath if you have one or you could make a paper collar?) Pigtails and pale make up

### 3. Charlie Bucket

Blue jumper + Grey school trousers + A bar of chocolate (or if you're feeling crafty you could make a golden ticket!)



### 4. Matilda

Blue dress with a red ribbon in hair, carrying a few books



### 5. Harry and his bucketful of dinosaurs

Normal clothes and a plastic bucket full of dinosaur toys!



### 6. One of the dalmations from 101 Dalmations

White T shirt and a black marker to draw spots on it - if you want to push the boat out you could do a bit of black and white face painting too!

### 7. Goldilocks

A blue dress and three toy teddy bears



### 8. Diary of a Wimpy Kid

White T shirt + black shorts. Some white card and a black marker, draw the wimpy kid cartoon face (easy to do!) and cut out for them to hold over their face



### 9. Oliver Twist

Brown clothes, a bit of dirt on the face and carrying a bowl!



### 10. Mr Bump

Blue clothes then wrap a bandage round - or use loo roll!



This year, we will also be running a competition, 'Story in a Box'. The children are invited to create their own diorama storybook box (please see examples below). If your child wishes to take part, please ensure they put their name and class on their story box and hand into their class teacher no later than Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. The winners will be announced on World Book Day during our whole school assembly.



This year, alongside our usual fun activities, we will be holding a **Book Swap** to encourage our children to share their love of reading and discover new stories.

#### How it works:

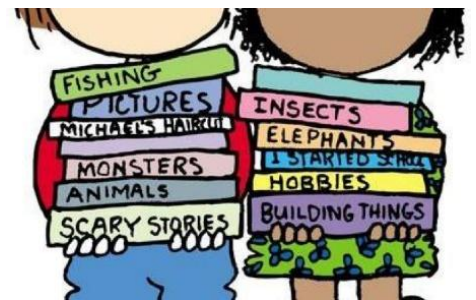
- Each child is invited to bring in **one (or more) pre-loved book(s)** from home that they have enjoyed but are ready to pass on.
- Books should be in good condition and suitable for primary-aged children.
- For every book your child brings, they will be able to choose a different one to take home.

#### When to bring books:

Please send books into school by **Monday 2nd March** so we can organise them ready for the swap.

This is a wonderful way to recycle books, spark excitement for reading, and give every child the chance to enjoy something new - all for free!

# BOOKSWAP



Thank you for your support in making this day memorable. We can't wait to see the children's costumes and to celebrate the joy of reading together.

#### Celebrating Reading for Pleasure



# World Book Day 2026



**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>**

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