



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 13th March 2026

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

YEAR 5's OSMINGTON ODYSSEY

This week, our fabulous Year 5's have been having fun in sunny Dorset, as they have been on a residential at the PGL camp in Osmington Bay. They bravely overcame countless challenges and were a credit to the school. In next week's newsletter, we will run a special photo feature.



RIVERS WORKSHOPS

Today, Year 4 had some very special visitors. Ahead of World Rivers Day, on 21st March, they enjoyed Rivers themed poetry workshops delivered by the members of the Women's Community Forum.

COLLECTION REMINDER

If you have agreed with another parent to take home their child, it is essential that you inform the office. Otherwise, the child will not be allowed to leave until the parent has been contacted. Safeguarding our pupils is our number one priority. We appreciate your understanding and support with this.

NETBALLERS TRIUMPH

On Monday, St. Ben's Netball Team took on local schools in the Mendip League and came out on top! Following their successful start to the campaign in January, St. Ben's took the court in confident mood and were soon bossing Elmhurst with goals from Mila (3) and Kara contributing to a 4-1 win. Next up came a tight game vs Brookside. After taking an early lead with goals from Kara (2) and Mila, St. Ben's were reeled in and it was level at half time. Undaunted, St. Ben's then upped their game in the second half and ran out 7-5 winners with Harriet and 3 further scores from Mila sealing the deal. Last up were the aces of Ashcott and the opposition quickly raced to a 5-1 lead. St. Ben's, however, were determined and resilient and they slowly played their way back into the game. Ashcott could not live with the slick passing game and St. Ben's tallied up 6 second half goals to edge the game 7-6. Best of all, this wonderful team were humble in victory.

A massive well done to all the team and to the whole club who have driven up the standard of netball at St. Ben's. Also huge thanks to coaches Miss Dyer, Miss Murphy and Miss Doolan and to Mr Lintell for driving the minibus.



ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Siena: for making huge progress in her star test! Well done!"	Belle: for making huge progress in her star test! Well Done.
Unicorns:	Logan C: for making great progress in his star test.	Isobel: for working really hard to improve her reading.
Chameleons	George: much improved focus in his learning and for being king and helpful to others.	Lillie: a super effort and good use of detail when creating her dragon eye from clay.
Owls:	Mazvita: for working diligently in maths doing fractions and our dragon news in English.	Harry R: for working hard and challenging himself in maths.
Spiders:	No award – Osmington Bay	No award – Osmington Bay
Tortoises:	No award – Osmington Bay	No award – Osmington Bay
Leopards:	Bobby: for always trying his best and contributing to class discussions.	Krish: for excellent effort with the presentation of his work.
Peacocks:	Raphael: for working so hard to improve his SATs scores.	Aiden: for getting 100% in his arithmetic this week.
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Unicorn Class with 17.1 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done Unicorns!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	This week's champions are Tortoise Class, with 99% attendance. Well done Tortoises, 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 – 80 % , Unicorn - 63 % , Owl - 83% , Chameleon - 100 % , Leopard - 96% Peacock - 75% Meaning that this week's champs are Chameleon Class with 100%.	
<u>Values' Award</u>	Thomas: for always being such a positive ray of sunshine! Charlie D: for always approaching his learning with great resilience.	
<u>Learning and Reading</u>	Learning Behaviour: Bronze: Jovial, Ruben, Polly, Freyja, Andy, Rupert, Keira (Yr4); Silver: Flynn (Yr4) AR Target: Oliver (Yr4); Star Pointer: Logan C, Diego, Franklin, Oliver, and Isobel (Yr3)	

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM SESSIONS WITH Y4 AND Y6

On Thursday this week, two year groups worked with the wonderful Mental Health Support Team. Year 4's class sessions centred on Understanding Emotions, while Year 6 focused on Stress Skills and how to develop resilience in challenging situations. We are very proud to be linked with the MHST and truly value the importance of discussing vulnerability and developing mental strength and resilience. Thank you to Mrs Newbury for organising the sessions and to the Team who visited on Thursday.



Living our Values

Anyone who spends any time at our school will tell you that Mr Ranger is always on about our school values – Kindness, Community and Resilience! We are always looking for examples of these values at school, but sometimes we get to hear about them out of school, too. This week, we want to shine a light on Year 6 Austin and Year 3 Siena, who have truly exemplified our values of kindness and community as they have volunteered at the Day Centre during half term, supporting with craft sessions.

Well done both of you, you are great role models to the rest of us!



ALL-WEATHER PITCH

Situated at the side of our field, our all-weather pitch is a really popular part of our school grounds, allowing St.

Ben's pupils to play football and other games throughout the year, even when the main field is waterlogged. It has been the training ground of some very successful boys and girls football teams in recent years, with St. Ben's qualifying for the girls and boys County Finals for the past four years consecutively, despite having no Glastonbury-based children's age football teams.

BUT... our current pitch is incredibly small and is falling apart, so is in desperate need of replacement. For some time now, we have been fund-raising for a new all-weather pitch.

A new, larger pitch will cost approx. £50,000 and we have approx. £40,000 in the kitty through fund-raising, generous donations, grants and bids and school funds.

We now want to make a final drive to get across the line so that we can replace the pitch this year.

Would you like to make a donation? Do you know of any local businesses/millionaires, that may wish to support a local school?

If so, please let Mr Ranger know via Class Dojo or on 01458 831811.

What are you up to?

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

This week, we feature Year 5 Bence who has landed himself an almighty pike, Year 3 Florence who impressed for Wessex Witches at her weekend football tournament. Also, hats off to Tabby who has bounced her way to a Level 6 trampolining award. Finally, we spotlight Year 3 Jasmine who has received her first medal at gymnastics. Well done to you all!

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!



ANIMAL MAGIC AT MILLFIELD

On Wednesday, a group of pupils from across the school got to visit Millfield and meet some Longleat animal handlers and their special guests. Among the animals were snakes, cockroaches, stick insects and a rather large spider. The children loved the event and many of them overcame their fears! We are very grateful to Longleat for creating these opportunities and to Millfield for inviting us. Thanks too, to Mrs Tidball, Mrs Stout, Mr Lintell and Mrs Lawford for taking the group.



Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
18 th , 23 rd and 25 th March	Parents' Evenings
w/b 30 th March	Careers' Week
Mon 30 th March	Class photos (please wear school uniform!)
Thursday 2 nd April	Break up for Easter (Good Friday is on 3 rd April)
Mon 20 th April	Summer Term begins



Two great Glastonbury-based opportunities:

Left: St. Benedict's Church is open again which is excellent news. Church Warden, Liz Pearson and her team at St. Ben's warmly welcome you to join them on Sunday for tea and cake – why not take Mum along for a special treat on Mothering Sunday?!

Next page:

Sophie West came in to speak to our Year 6's about a **new Youth Club starting at St. Dunstan's House** (next to the Town Hall). Click on the QR code for more information.

GLASTONBURY YOUTH CLUB

**An exciting opportunity
to meet new friends &
join in fun activities.**

**Our new youth club is an
inviting and supportive
group for young people.**

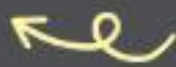
Wednesdays, 6-8pm
Term-time only | Entry £1

Where we are:

St. Dunstan's House Community Health & Wellbeing Centre
Magdalene Street
Glastonbury BA6 9EL



let's all catch up, have fun
and support each other!



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today

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