



# ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 20th March 2026

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

## YEAR 5's OSMINGTON ODYSSEY

Last week, our fabulous Year 5's had fun in sunny Dorset on their PGL camp in Osmington Bay. They bravely overcame countless challenges and were a credit to the school. See page 3 for our special photo feature.

## YEAR 4 SOUND OFF

Year 4 are learning about Sound in Science and this week they created string telephones to investigate how soundwaves transmit from one place to another along solid objects.



## AWESOME ANDY RETURNS

Inspirational author Andy Seed is returning to St. Ben's next week, which is a cause for great excitement. Andy is our author in residence and has four days booked with us this year, thanks to the generosity of the Wells Festival of Literature team who have funded his visits.

During his forthcoming visit on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March, Andy will be spending time with each year group recommending great reads based on their age and interests.

There will also be a chance to buy Andy's books, which have really captured our pupils' imaginations in their sessions with him.

You can pre-order Andy's books – please see the letter that went out on Tuesday. Andy will also have a stall after school on the playground (or inside if it is raining) selling a range of his books; Andy will have a card-reader as well as taking cash payments and he is happy to sign copies of his books.



## HELPOLYMPICS

This week's BIG Question is all about helping others. We are looking for those children who go out of their way to help, whether at home, at school or in the wider community. Next week's BIG Question (on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March) will shine a light on these heroes.

## Nominations please!

Can you nominate a child (your own or someone else's, who goes out of their way to be helpful?  
**Details and photos to Mr Ranger via Class Dojo.**

## ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Pixie: for working really hard to improve her reading!	Coral: for her great work in maths every day!
Unicorns:	Rayyan: for a great improvement in learning behaviour – well done!	Ashley: for a great learning week – well done.
Chameleons	Rupert: for always taking care with his presentation and handwriting.	Silvia: for always being so positive and keen to learn.
Owls:	Courtney: for always working hard with a smile on her face.	Harry: superstar at times tables with a studio speed under 1.5 seconds.
Spiders:	Lauralie: for amazing efforts at Osmington Bay including a record 28 seconds on Jacob's Ladder!	Isaac: for pushing himself out of his comfort zone and challenging himself at Osmington Bay.
Tortoises:	Charlie R: being amazing at Osmington Bay – every activity with a huge smile!	Emilia: for a lovely persuasive letter about banning school uniform.
Leopards:	Aliya: for always trying her best and going 100% effort.	Kara: for excellent effort and levels of focus in all lessons.
Peacocks:	Blossom: for always demonstrating our school values perfectly.	Yuliia: for taking time over the presentation of her work in English.
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Spider Class with 13.3 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done Spiders!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	This week's champions are Unicorn Class, with 98.3% attendance. Well done Unicorns, 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 – 88 %</span> , <span style="color: red;">Unicorn - 82 %</span> , <span style="color: green;">Owl - 86%</span> , <span style="color: green;">Chameleon - 100 %</span> , <span style="color: purple;">Spider 64 %</span> , <span style="color: purple;">Tortoise 61%</span> , <span style="color: blue;">Leopard - 92%</span> <span style="color: blue;">Peacock - 89%</span> Meaning that this week's champs are <span style="color: green;">Chameleon</span> class with 100%	
<u>Values' Award</u>	Ollie: for being a kind friend – even when it is difficult. Jack P: for being an excellent role model and for always demonstrating our school values.	
<u>Learning and Reading</u>	Learning Behaviour: Bronze: Liam (Yr4), Nahla, Daronn, Eris, Cassie (Yr5), Aliya, Jack P, Tinayeshe, Krish and Saimum (Yr6) Silver: Mazvita, Juno, Saoirse, Iris, Raul, Tristan (Yr4), Amelia, Libby (Yr5) AR Target: Leah-Bluebell, Alisia (Yr4), Nahla (Yr5) and Lola (Yr6); 100 Club: Mila (Y6)	

### Y6 ❤ THEIR READING



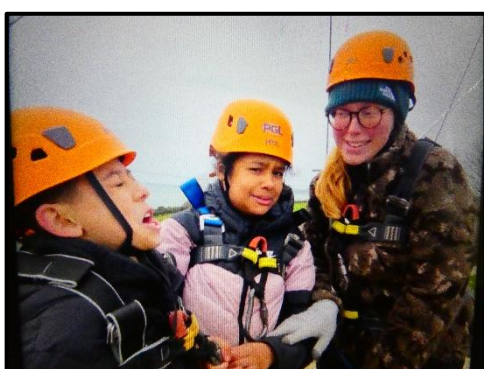
Inspired by our recent World Book Day celebrations, Year 6 are LOVING their reading. This week they relished the opportunity to read outside (see left) and next week they are excited to welcome back author Andy Seed, who will be visiting all year groups to give some reading recommendations and enjoy more book-based banter.

**Right:** Can you identify this Bee-Hive Mystery Reader?



# 5 GO TO OSMINGTON!

Year 5 had a wonderful week in Osmington Bay, Dorset last week... They tackled many challenges and showed great resilience to overcome their fears.



# What are you up to?

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

This week, we feature Year 3 Arthur who has earned his first medal for running a mile at the GetPro Bath mile. Next up, we feature an all-action shot of Year 6 Hamish in action for Tor Rugby last weekend; we wish Hamish good luck at this weekend's tournament. We also shine a light on Year 6 Jack who has been training hard at the Pyramid Boxing Club and last week received his first medal from the GB National Boxing Awards programme. Finally, Year 6 Ralph's Exeter team took on the mighty Arsenal last weekend and ran out 4-3 winners, including a goal from Ralph; usually Mr Ranger would not allow an Arsenal defeat to feature in our newsletter, but for once, he's delighted to see his beloved Gunners defeated! 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!**



## **ST. BEN'S SCHOOL'S 150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

St. Ben's School was built in 1876 so we are turning 150 years old in 2026. We are hoping to celebrate with some events later this year and we would love any St. Ben's memories, photos or memorabilia you may have. Were you a pupil at St. Ben's? Did you teach here? We'd love you to share your memories, pictures and maybe even your schoolbooks? Please e-mail anything you are happy to share to [150@stbens.school](mailto:150@stbens.school)

We hope to let you know soon of a date for a reunion event in the summer term!

## **Once Upon a Little Shelf**

One of our parents has set up a St. Ben's link on the FaceBook page, *Once Upon a Little Shelf*. Please help us to get extra books for our forthcoming library by voting for St. Ben's!

Thanks for any support!

## YOUNG CARERS

On Wednesday this week, we were joined by Michelle Palmer to talk about the Young Carers programme in Somerset. Michelle reflected on how amazing Young Carers are and how they go about their caring duties so selflessly (supporting others who are dependent on them with e.g. physical/medical support or doing jobs that the adults in their lives are unable to do, or perhaps having to support a sibling with needs).

We are really keen to recognise these super-heroes and identify opportunities and network groups for them, so please let us know if you think your child may be a Young Carer.

We are hoping that Michelle's assembly may have sparked a recognition in some of our pupils that they are Young Carers, so over the next few weeks, we hope to have lots of adults and pupils contacting Mr Ranger or Mrs Newbury to discuss this.



## 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.

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/benefactors, that may wish to support a local school?

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

### Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
23 <sup>rd</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evenings
w/b 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Careers' Week
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Class photos (please wear school uniform!)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Break up for Easter (Good Friday is on 3 <sup>rd</sup> April)
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer Term begins
Save the date: 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	BenFest!
Save the date: Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (in the afternoon)

# 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.**

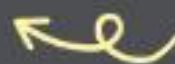
Wednesdays, 6-8pm  
Term-time only | Entry £1

## **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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via the link <https://forms.gle/AvNMEj3MqWZv3rux5> Consent must be  
provided by a parent/carer

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