



# ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 27th March 2026

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

## ASPIRATIONS WEEK AHOY!

Next week is Aspirations Week, during which we will have lots of visitors in school talking about their skills and careers and inspiring our pupils about some of the jobs out there...

## AWESOME ANDY RETURNS

Awesome author Andy Seed returned to St. Ben's on Tuesday to inspire pupils from all year groups with his book recommendations. Amongst the top tips, Andy also challenged the children with some tricky riddles.

To round off the day, pupils had the opportunity to get copies of Andy's books signed.

Irene and Carol from the Wells Festival of Literature team were on hand to experience one of Andy's sessions – the team, who work so hard to promote reading and a love of books in schools, are funding Andy's four visits to St. Ben's, including many copies of his books for classrooms and our forthcoming library. Huge thanks to them and to Andy, who will return for his final visit in June.



## SCHOOL PHOTOS ON MONDAY

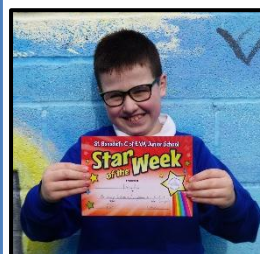
Don't forget we have school photos on Monday (30th March). Please ensure your child is wearing school uniform, even if it is a PE day.

## SUPPORT AVAILABLE

Mr Ranger sent out a message on Class Dojo last week updating parents and carers on the fact there will be no Free School Meals vouchers for the Easter Holidays. The government have now sent an update stating support is available should you require it. For more information, please follow this link: <https://secure2.sla-online.co.uk/v3/Article/185586>  
**Please also be aware that our Food Pantry is fully stocked, so come and help yourself in advance of the Easter Holidays – remember we break up on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.**

## HELPOLYMPICS

This week, we celebrated some helping heroes with a special BIG Question awards ceremony. The winners had been nominated by adults both in and out of school and were recognised for being helpful at home, around school or in the wider community. The lunchtime staff nominated children for helping to clear away, Mr Ranger nominated pupils who offered help to clear litter and parents nominated children for their great help at home. Furthermore, there were nominations for pupils helping at a Dementia Day Centre and a pupil who had been calm and helpful in a moment of crisis. It is heart-warming to know that we have so many wonderful pupils who love to help others. Well done to every winner, and thank you!



## ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Reyed: for making improvements in his reading and maths!	Brody: for always having a positive attitude.
Unicorns:	Eliza-Rose: for working hard to improve in maths.	Toby: for working hard in all of his learning.
Chameleons	Harrison: for showing a mature attitude and persevering with sports activities.	Loki: an amazing attitude to his learning and showing vast improvements in his writing.
Owls:	Francis: for determination and focus in English writing about dragons.	Flynn: for approaching all his work with determination and a smile!
Spiders:	Bowie: amazing hunky punk (gargoyle) in our workshop at the Rural Life Museum.	Carmen: for showed aspiration and resilience during lessons and assessments.
Tortoises:	Rupert: super work in his assessments this week, and outstanding results!	Charlie B: for great progress in maths this term.
Leopards:	Elijah: for outstanding effort in all lessons.	Saimum: for always approaching his work with a smile on his face.
Peacocks:	Willow: for being such a huge asset to Peacock Class every day!	Raphael: for an outstanding golden write!
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Peacock Class with 26.9 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% 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 – 65 %</span> , <span style="color: purple;">Unicorn - 82 %</span> , <span style="color: green;">Owl - 90%</span> , <span style="color: blue;">Chameleon - 100 %</span> , <span style="color: purple;">Spider 60 %</span> , <span style="color: blue;">Tortoise 80%</span> , <span style="color: red;">Leopard - 88%</span> <span style="color: blue;">Peacock - 79%</span> Meaning that this week's champs are <span style="color: green;">Chameleon Class with 100%</span> <span style="color: green;">Chameleon Class are this half term's Champs and will come in non-uniform next Thurs!</span>	
<u>Values' Award</u>	Ruby: for kindness – she gave her cardigan to someone else who was cold when on our trip (it was a windy day!) Libby: for showing kindness and empathy to others.	
<u>Learning and Reading</u>	Learning Behaviour: Bronze: Bronwyn, Jessica, Arwen, Herb, Jago, Cayden (Yr3), Monty, Amelia, Roman, Bodhi (Yr5), Tallula, Elijah, Kara, Darcie, Jaxon W, Mori, Willard, Pasha-Rose, Charlie W, Lola and Nico (Yr6) Silver: Franklin (Yr3), Emilia, Bryony, Amelia-Rose (Yr5), and Logan B (Yr6). AR Target: Kai, Juno (Yr4), Rupert (Yr5), Jesse, and Taran (Yr6); Star Pointer: Raul (Yr4)	

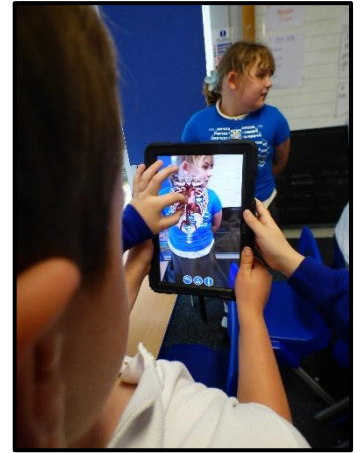
## GOOD LUCK MR AND MRS LINTELL!

Everyone's favourite PE teacher, Mr Lintell, is getting married this weekend. We know you will join us in wishing him and Sarah good luck for their big day. We also wish Sarah much luck in dealing with his football-based rants and Thursday night skittling, as well as his away trips to watch Dorking Wanderers!



# YEAR 3 TEETH AND BONES WORKSHOPS

On Monday this week, Year 3 had some special visitors from the Museum Service who ran workshops on Teeth and Bones. They brought a wide range of resources and the pupils enjoyed a hands-on experience as they learned more about skeletons as part of their Science unit of work.



## What are you up to?

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

This week, we have a rugby focus as we feature Year 3's Oliver and Rayyan who played for Tor Rugby in a competition last weekend, with Oliver putting in a player of the tournament performance. Year 5 Eli was also in action for Tor, gaining a medal for his participation. In other news, Year 5 Amelia has caught her first carp of this year – and it's a whopper! Finally, Year 4 Harry has caught the eye with another hat-trick in his weekend match for Paulton – one of Harry's strikes was so brilliant it made the Paulton 'greatest goals of the weekend' post! 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!**



## EASTER WORKSHOPS FOR YEAR 4 AND YEAR 5

On Wednesday this week, Alice welcomed pupils in Year 4 and Year 5 to St. John's Church for Easter Story workshops. These involved the children travelling through the different stations as Alice and her team retold the story of Jesus' death and the resurrection.



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

St. Ben's School was built in 1876 so we are turning 150 years old in 2026. We will be celebrating with a reunion event on 17<sup>th</sup> June (see poster below) 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)

## 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!

## MAXINE'S DRAMA CLUB SHOWCASE SKILLS TO PARENTS

On Tuesday this week, pupils in Drama Club performed in their end of term show to parents. As ever they impressed with their theatrical talents – the focus was on improvisation. We are delighted to announce that Maxine will be returning after Easter for another term at St. Ben's – clubs letters will go out in the first week back and Drama Club will begin on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April.

Huge thanks to Maxine for her work this term and well done to all the actors – you were brilliant!



## YEAR 5 LEARN ABOUT LOCAL MYTHS AND LEGENDS

On Wednesday, Year 5 got to visit the wonderful Rural Life Museum for a day learning about local myths and legends such as hunky-punks. Taking inspiration from some of the artefacts in the museum and from local stories, they then sculpted their own hunky-punks and created dragon-inspired stories. Huge thanks to Nick for the brilliant sessions and to the Rural Life Museum for hosting us. Thank you, too, to governor Chris Bennetts, and drumming and piano teacher James Packer who volunteered their time to join the trip and support Year 5.



### Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
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
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Year 4 to the Bath and West Showground for Field to Food show.
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> June (tbc)	St. Benedict's 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary reunion event
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day. Please note that Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June IS NOT an INSET Day.
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)
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last day of Summer Term – break up for Summer Holidays

## RAISING FUNDS FOR 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.

*Calling All Alumni!*

# SCHOOL REUNION CELEBRATION

ST BENEDICT'S JUNIOR SCHOOL  
— 150th ANNIVERSARY —

**COME BACK TO CELEBRATE WITH US!**



**JOIN US TO LOOK AROUND YOUR OLD CLASSROOMS  
AND REMINISCE AMONGST OLD FRIENDS**

**WEDNESDAY, 17TH JUNE 2026 • 5–7PM  
ST BENEDICT'S, GLASTONBURY**

**REGISTER YOUR INTEREST WITH THE OFFICE TEL: 01458 831811**

**Below:**

Tickets are selling fast for the South West Arts production of Matilda, which will be at the Meyer Theatre, Street over the Easter Holidays. The cast contains pupils from St. Ben's including Lily in Year 5.

Don't forget the Glastonbury Youth Club! Just establishing itself in the centre of Glastonbury (by the Town Hall), this is a great place for children to spend time. Please note this is term-time only!

# 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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To sign up please access the consent form by scanning the QR code or via the link <https://forms.gle/AvNMEj3MqWZv3rux5> Consent must be provided by a parent/carer

For more information contact: [SophieWest@ymca-bg.org](mailto:SophieWest@ymca-bg.org)  
[www.ymca-bg.org](http://www.ymca-bg.org)



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ROALD DAHL'S  
**Matilda**  
THE MUSICAL JR.

BOOK **DENNIS KELLY** MUSIC & LYRICS **TIM MINCHIN**  
DIRECTOR & CHOREOGRAPHER **ASHLEY JOHNSON** MUSICAL DIRECTOR **TERESA BARLOW**



**MEYER THEATRE**

Millfield School, Street, Somerset, BA16 0YD

**FRIDAY 17TH APRIL 2026**

[TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/MATILDAJR](http://TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/MATILDAJR)  
PERFORMANCES AT 4PM & 7PM