



# ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026

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

## HAPPY EASTER

After what has been a wonderful and very busy term, we welcome the Easter Holidays. Have an enjoyable break and we look forward to seeing you all to start the Summer Term on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

Please note there are no clubs (except DASH and Ben's Den) on the first week back. A summer term clubs letter will go out in the first week and clubs will begin on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April.

## 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>

## ASPIRATIONS WEEK

This week has been Aspirations Week at St. Ben's, a chance for our pupils to meet some inspiring people from our community who have joined us to talk about their skills and career paths. Tuesday saw Services Day, with visits from the Police, Fire Service and Paramedics. We then had sessions with a Scientist, a Vet, a Nurse and a Care Worker on Wednesday, before ending the week Wednesday, before ending the week with Science workshops for the Upper School and a session with a Builder for the Lower School. The week was organised by PSHE Lead Miss Murphy and Headteacher Mr Ranger, both of whom were delighted with the range of opportunities and the engagement of the pupils, who listened brilliantly and have lots to reflect on. The main aim was to encourage our pupils to consider their skills and strengths and start to think what kinds of job might suit them best. **Please see more on Page 3.**



## FAREWELL MISS BARRY

## WELCOME BACK MS SWITZER

Miss Barry has been the Spider Class teacher this year, covering Mrs Switzer's maternity leave. Miss Switzer will return to St. Ben's after Easter so we wave goodbye and good luck to Miss Barry, who will be taking up a teaching position at Stoberry Park in Wells.

We have been very fortunate to have such a wonderful replacement for Mrs Switzer and we thank Miss Barry for being such a star; Spider Class will all miss her.

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Switzer back to St. Benedict's; she spent the day with Spider Class last week and is excited to be returning.



# ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Herbie: for doing an amazing job with his maths assessments! Well done!	Tara: for asking thoughtful questions during our services day.
Unicorns:	Layton: great progress in his star test.	Theo: for making great progress in writing.
Chameleons	Jago: great enthusiasm during Services Day and asking thoughtful questions.	Karla: for super art skills when painting her dragon eye.
Owls:	Karter: for always working hard, making a determined effort in all his work.	Alisia: for always working hard in all her work with real focus.
Spiders:	Molly: great progress in piano; always engaged and ready to learn in lessons.	Everyone in Spider Class: for adapting to change and being so kind and brilliant!
Tortoises:	James: for super focus and hard work this week.	Sophia: asking and answering questions to the fire, police and paramedic services.
Leopards:	Mark: making the most of adult support and for making excellent progress.	Taran: for excellent attention to detail in all of his work.
Peacocks:	Willow: great participation in careers day.	Jaxon D: great participation in careers day!
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Unicorn Class with 10.1 points per child and they get an extra break after Easter. Well done Unicorns!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	This week's champions are Spider Class, with 96.7%% attendance. Well done Spiders, you get an extra break after Easter!	
<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 – 54 %</span> , <span style="color: red;">Unicorn - 75 %</span> , <span style="color: green;">Owl - 90%</span> , <span style="color: green;">Chameleon - 97 %</span> , <span style="color: purple;">Spider 93 %</span> , <span style="color: purple;">Tortoise 67%</span> , <span style="color: purple;">Leopard - 77%</span> <span style="color: purple;">Peacock - 93%</span> Meaning that this week's champs are <span style="color: green;">Chameleon Class</span> with 97%.	
<u>Learning Behaviour</u>	Bronze: Lily (Yr3), Finn, Ben H (Yr4), Isabelle (Yr5) and Sophia (Yr6) Silver: Bobby, Jemima, Jasmine, Samy, Reyed, Lily (Yr3), Florence, Imogen, Lillie, Andy, Finn, Artaius (Yr4), Lily Pai (Yr5) and Aiden, Yuliia (Yr6) Gold: Raphael and Sophia (Yr6)	
<u>Reading Awards</u>	AR Target: Archie (Y3); Freyja (Yr4), Leilani (Yr5) and Saimum (Yr6); Hundred Club: Raphael (Yr6); Hundred Club: Archie (Y3). Millionaires Club: Raphael (Yr6); Star Pointer: Kara, Tania, Eleana, Roman, Charlie A, Barnaby, Holly, Lily Pai (Yr5).	
<u>100% Attendance</u>	100% attendance in the Spring Term: Bronwyn, Siena, Alexander, Coral, Poppy, Neala, Oliver, Theo, Isobel, Jemima, Diego, Bobby, Effie (Yr3), Harrison C, Polly, Rupert, Ruben, Lexi, Karla, Emilia, Lil, Bethany, Elias, Florence, Harry, Flynn, Iris, Harry R (Yr4), Daronn, Evie, Chiyewo, Isaac, Molly, Eli, Tania, Aliza, Sage, Eloise, Lauralie, Charlie A Bence, Kara, Bodhi, Eris, Rupert, Lily Pai, Lily Pay, Charlie R, Emilia (Yr5), Jaxon W, Jesse, Aliya, Harriet, Marshall, Isaac, Jack C, Oliver, Raphael, Mori, Willard and Lola.	

## 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)

## DIY/GARDENING SKILLS?

Early next term, we would like to get to work on our Quiet Area. We are looking to put in raised beds and plant in some flowers and shrubs. Could you help? We'd love to hear from any keen gardeners and DIY-ers who may be willing to give up a day sometime in April/May. Please let Mr Ranger or the Office Team know via Class Dojo.

# ASPIRATIONS WEEK IN PICTURES...

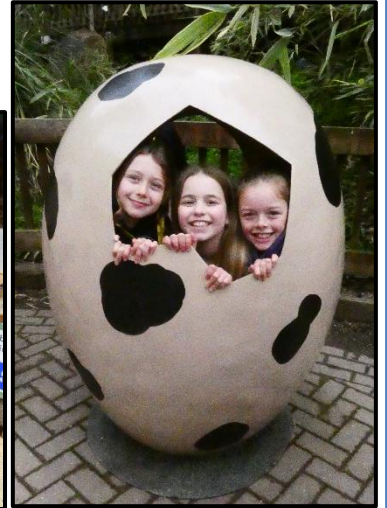


**Huge thanks to all our visitors, the Police team, Lloyd and Josh, Firefighter Lewis and his team, Paramedics, Lauren, Bob, Ewan and Marcus; Scientist Marina, Vet Megan, Builder Sam, Nurse Danielle and Care Worker, Mary.**



# LEARNING TO LEAD GROUP VISIT WOOCKEY HOLE

On Tuesday this week, the Learning to Lead group from Year 5 got to visit Wookey Hole with programme leader Rachel Mckellar and Miss Chouings. They had an incredible time learning about the history of our local landscape.



# BEE HIVE SQUAD DELIVER NURSING HOME CARD

*Pupils in the Bee Hive have been creating a wonderful Easter card for the residents of St. Benedict's Nursing Home.* Under the watchful eye of Learning Mentor and creative genius, Mrs Tidball, the children have helped to produce a beautiful card, containing personal messages, which they delivered today.

*Happy Easter to all the staff and residents at St. Benedict's Nursing Home and to everyone in the wider Glastonbury Community!*



## Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer Term begins: No clubs in first week back (except DASH and Ben's Den)
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Year 4 to the Bath and West Showground for Field to Food show.
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer Term Clubs begin
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> June	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.

Thank you so much to those parents and carers who have made donations – we have received a number of £10 donations in the last week and even a £100 donation; your generosity is much appreciated.

Would you like to make a donation? Please contact Mr Ranger or the school office.

### See page 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 and Mila.

Why not drop in on the Jumble Sale happening at 2pm on Sat 18<sup>th</sup> April at Glastonbury Methodist Church in aid of the Baby Bank Glastonbury and Street.

Why not check out local Cricket coaching opportunities for the Easter holidays.

Our inspirational drumming teacher, James Packer, has space for more lessons if your child is keen. Pupils currently working with James give rave reviews, so book up now to avoid disappointment!

# EASTER HOLIDAY CHILDRENS CRICKET COACHING

## WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

14th April

Softball Cricket School Yrs 2, 3, 4

Softball & Hardball Cricket School Yrs 5, 6, 7

15th April

Softball Cricket School Yrs 3, 4, 5, 6

Hardball Cricket School Yrs 7, 8, 9

## CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE, SCCC TAUTON

10<sup>th</sup> April

All Round Cricketer School Yrs 2, 3, 4

All Round Cricketer School Yrs 5, 6

Blast Batting School Yrs 7, 8, 9

16<sup>th</sup> April

Specialist Bowling - PACE, School Yrs 7, 8, 9, 10

All Stars Mini Cricket, School Yrs R, 1, 2

Book via our website

<https://somensetcricketfoundation.org/commercial-cricket-programmes/childrens-coaching>

# JAMES PACKER MUSIC

James Packer has opened additional slots for drum lessons at St. Ben's on Wednesdays!

Join us for 20-minute paired lessons for just £6 or opt for individual sessions at £12.

It's a fantastic opportunity to enhance your drumming skills in a friendly environment or to start a new hobby.

To reserve your spot, please contact [jamespacker1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jamespacker1@hotmail.co.uk).

Don't miss out on this chance to learn with James!

## Children's Clothing Jumble Sale



Saturday 18th April,  
2pm at  
Glastonbury  
Methodist Church

Come and find out  
more over a cup of  
tea or coffee.

### Free entry

Donations accepted for any items wanted, with all proceeds go to Baby Bank Glastonbury and Street

SOUTH WEST THEATRE ARTS  
PRODUCTION OF



# ROALD DAHL'S Matilda THE MUSICAL JR.

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



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THEATRE

FRIDAY 17TH APRIL 2026

[TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/MATILDAJR](https://ticketsource.co.uk/matildajr)

PERFORMANCES AT 4PM & 7PM

Millfield School, Street, Somerset, BA16 0YD