



# ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 24th April 2026

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

## WELCOME BACK!

We've been bathed in sunshine this week and it's been wonderful to see the children enjoying being outside. I hope you all had a restful Easter break and we look forward to an action-packed, eventful Summer Term.

## GROUP DELIVER ROCKS TO CHALICE WELL

On Thursday, a group of pupils visited the Chalice Well to deliver some decorated rocks which will brighten up their flower beds and mark out the copper rings that keep their slugs at bay. The children, along with Amanda, Mrs Tidball and Mr Ranger, were warmly welcomed by Joanna and Dave and enjoyed a tour of the grounds before placing their stones.



## YEAR 4 ENJOY FARM TO FOOD DAY

On Wednesday, Year 4 visited the Bath and West showground to learn all about farming and where our food comes from. Huge thanks to the incredible team at Shepton Mallett and also to governor Chris Bennetts, who generously volunteered her time to join Year 4 for the day.



## ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Archie: for his excellent contributions during English!	Cat Class: for a fantastic first week at swimming!
Unicorns:	Bobby: for overcoming his fears and having a lovely time swimming.	Diego: for a positive attitude to swimming.
Chameleons	Freyja: super attitude on our trip to the trip and being willing to try everything!	Chameleon Class: such enthusiasm during our Field to Food trip.
Owls:	Elias: for determination and resilience completing all his work this week.	Owl Class: for fantastic behaviour and enquiry questions on our Field to Food trip.
Spiders:	Bowie: for showing a cheerful attitude and compassion to those in his class.	Eleana: for superb defending skills in PE.
Tortoises:	Florence: for using fabulous similes for description.	Mia: for always being positive and cheerful.
Leopards:	Saimum: for always being ready to learn and willing to have a go.	Leo: for excellent effort in English.
Peacocks:	Thomas: for always being willing to help others in the classroom.	Harriet: for brilliant creativity during English this week.
		Jack R from Ms Bradshaw: for amazing knowledge of our history timeline.
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Peacock Class with 19.3 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done Peacocks!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	This week's champions are Chameleon Class, with <b>100%</b> 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 – 76 %, Unicorn - 80 %, Owl - 89 %, Chameleon - 100 %, Spider 85 %, Tortoise 79 %, Leopard - 91% Peacock - 97 %</b> Meaning that this week's champs are <b>Chameleon</b> class with <b>100%</b> .	
<u>Values' Award</u>	Paisley: for showing kindness to a friend when they were upset. Roman: for being resilient and hard-working in all subjects.	
<u>Learning, Reading and ELSA</u>	Learning Behaviour: Bronze: Eli, Kara, Aliza (Yr5), Luna-Lily (Yr6) Silver: Alex, Charlie, Arthur, Albi (Yr3), Courtney, Aurora, Ronnie, Harry J, Toby (Yr4). Gold: Bethany (Yr4) AR Target: Blossom (Y6). ELSA Awards: Ayan (Yr3): for completing ELSA. Ashley (Yr3): for excellent participation in ELSA sessions. Leo (Yr6): for excellent participation in ELSA sessions.	

## BIKEABILITY GOES WHEELY WELL

On Thursday and Friday this week, a group of intrepid Year 6 pupils completed their Bikeability training. As ever, it's a huge thank you to instructors Mark and Becky, who were brilliant and also a big thank you to Miss Chouings who supported on Friday.

Well done to all children who participated – your attitude and behaviour were exemplary for the two days.



# SCHOOL COUNCIL DISCUSS DESIGN FOR NEW LIBRARY

On Thursday this week, School Councillors met with Headteacher, Mr Ranger and English Lead, Miss Murphy, to discuss plans for the new school library. Earlier in the year, pupils in every class had the opportunity to design their dream library and the School Councillors looked through all these designs to see what the common themes are. They agreed on the following:

Reading den,

Rugs/soft furnishings,

Beanbags/comfy chairs,

Reading table/s, Book sections with clear signs, A mural/artwork linked to reading/books.

We will now hand these ideas over to our creative team, who will come up with a working design. We plan to make a start on this this half term. **Thank you to the fabulous School Council for their valuable input.**



## What are you up to?

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

This week, we focus on three Upper School girls. First up, it's Year 6's Lola and Sophia who have received recognition for their achievement in Aerial Skills. We also celebrate Year 5 Bryony, whose football team, Street F.C. won their cup final over the Easter Holidays. Well done to all of them!

**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!**



## PARENT AND CARER SURVEY – COMING SOON

Please note that we will be sending out our annual Parent and Carer survey next week; we would warmly invite you all to complete this – we love hearing great feedback, but we're always up for improving our practice where we can and that relies on feedback from our whole school community. Your children will also have the chance to share their thoughts in our pupil survey.

## 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, right) 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 work 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)



## 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.

## Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
w/b 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer Term Clubs begin
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 5 Cake Sale (in aid of Osmington Bay)
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday Monday – NO SCHOOL
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 trip to Rural Life Museum
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 to Rural Life Museum
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Break up for half term
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Start of new half term
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.
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	BenFest!
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



# GLASTONBURY CRICKET CLUB REGISTRATION EVENING & BBQ

FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

Cricket matches and Registration.

Juniors and Adults welcome to launch the 2026 Season

Matches from 5pm training for U10s and younger from 6:20pm

U9S – U10S - U11s - U12s – U13s – U14s – U15s

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

Please come along and support the club/register for the season

Buy new/resale kit (Donations welcome of preloved kit)