



# ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 1st May 2026

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

## DON'T FORGET BANK HOLIDAY!

A reminder that Monday is a Bank Holiday, so school will be closed. Have a lovely long weekend and we will see you back at school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

## PUPIL POWER AS ASHLEY PRESENTS BIG QUESTION

Last week, Mr Ranger set a BIG Question challenge as he encouraged pupils to come up with their own BIG Question. There were some great ideas, but Mr Ranger's favourite was Ashley's from Year 3.

### ASHLEY'S BIG QUESTION



If you had a Time Machine, when and where would you go in it?

On Monday, Ashley got to present his question to the school as he delivered Collective Worship alongside Mr Ranger. The audience were all incredibly impressed with Ashley's confidence as well as his brilliant BIG Question.



## PUPILS ENJOY PIZZA EXPRESS TRIP

On Wednesday, a group of lucky pupils got to visit Pizza Express for a pizza-making session. Pizzaiolo

Tom gave a dough-making exhibition and the children got to make their own pizzas. A HUGE thank you to Caitlin, Thea and Tom for hosting us and to Ms Bradshaw for booking the trip.



## ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Florence: for always doing her best in everything she does!! Such a superstar!!	Lily: for impressing the teacher with her fantastic "push and glides" at swimming!
Unicorns:	Neala: for working really hard during poetry lessons.	Elsie: for always following the school rules.
Chameleons	Polly: encouraging others and showing an excellent level of detail in her writing.	Keira: for taking such amazing care of her tomato plant and always being positive!
Owls:	Jacob: for working really hard in all his maths and times tables work.	Saoirse: for always working hard to do even better.
Spiders:	Amelia: for superb effort and writing in English this week.	Louie: for superb improvement in his reading!
Tortoises:	Barnaby: for always being Ready, Respectful and Safe.	Holly: for always giving her best effort.
Leopards:	John: for excellent levels of effort and concentration in class.	Lola: for always giving 100% effort in all that she does.
Peacocks:	Jack R: for working so hard during our mock SATs test this week.	Pasha-Rose: for excellent resilience during difficult maths lessons.
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Peacock Class, Unicorn Class and Owl Class, all with 10.2 points per child and they all get an extra break next week. Well done to all of them!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	This week's champions are Owl Class, with 99.3% 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: <b>Cat – 81 %, Unicorn - 70 %, Owl - 93%, Chameleon - 97%, Spider 86 %, Tortoise 63%, Leopard - 91%, Peacock - 97%</b> Meaning that this week's champs are <b>Peacock</b> and <b>Chameleon</b> classes with 100%.	
<u>Values' Award</u>	Courtney: for kind caring towards all her class, helping them to feel happy. Emilia W: for showing kindness and empathy to others.	
<u>Learning, Reading and ELSA</u>	Learning Behaviour: Bronze: Mia-Rose (Yr3), George, Lissy, Finn (Yr4), Flo, Amelia S, Bowie, Leilani, Eleana, Reggie G, Felix, Olive, Sinead (Yr5), Reggie N and Mark (Yr6) Silver: Rayyan, Isobel, Elsie, Neala (Yr3), Holly, Tabitha, Artaius, (Yr4), Freddie and Louie (Yr5) AR Target: Oliver, Elsie (Yr3), and Tinayeshe (Yr6); Millionaires Club: Archie (Yr3) – 2 million ELSA Awards: Logan C (Yr3): on completing his ELSA sessions. Mia-Rose (Yr3): for coming to every session with a smile! Poppy (Yr3): For coming to every session with a smile! Part One of John Thompson's Easiest Piano Course: Tallula (Yr6)	

## PARENT AND CARER SURVEY – NOW LIVE

We posted a link to our annual Parent and Carer survey on Class Dojo this week and this will be available until Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May. As well as the usual range of questions, for the first time this year's survey includes questions on hot dinners at St. Ben's. We hope to see as many responses as possible; as an incentive, we have an annual pass to the Chalice Well for a family drawn at random from those parents who complete a survey. Many thanks.

The link is as follows: [St Benedict's Church of England VA Junior School - Parent and Carer Survey - Spring 2026 – Fill in form](#)

# What are you up to?

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

This week, we focus on two super swimmers. First up, Year 4 Bethany who has achieved her Level 4 award, and, not far behind, Year 3 Bronwyn, who has bagged her Level 3 award. Great work, girls, and well done to both of you!



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!



Don't forget our **Bags of Help clothes bank** by the front gates: our PTFA get a donation every time it's emptied.

They **don't** accept pillows, duvets, cushions or quilts and items should be in a tied bag. Shoes should be tied together.

# 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.

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## THE DRAMA SOCIAL

### FAMILY FUN SESSION

FOR KIDS AND THEIR ADULTS

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**SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> OF MAY 10.30AM -12PM**

**GLASTONBURY URC**

**PAY WHAT YOU CAN**

**TO BOOK A SPACE OR FIND OUT MORE**

**CALL MAXINE 07850445540**

**EMAIL [TAKINGTHESPACE@HOTMAIL.CO.UK](mailto:TAKINGTHESPACE@HOTMAIL.CO.UK)**

## Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
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 events (incl Reunion evening).
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!
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Production Club performance of Alice in Wonderland
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> July	St. Ben's Sports Day: Upper School am, Lower School pm.
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Annual reports go home to parents and carers
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
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> and Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	INSET days – School closed to pupils
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	School open to pupils – first day of Autumn Term

## 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)

*Calling All Alumni!*

# SCHOOL REUNION CELEBRATION

ST BENEDICT'S JUNIOR SCHOOL  
150<sup>th</sup> 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 831881

St Benedict's Church would also like  
to welcome you across the road,  
to see their fantastic refurbishment.



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# THE DRAMA SOCIAL

**A FUN AND FRIENDLY WEEKLY TERM TIME DRAMA CLUB**

**FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 7 -13YRS**

**TAKING PLACE IN GLASTONBURY URC**

**WEDNESDAYS 5.30 PM - 6.30PM**

**RE-STARTS MAY 13<sup>TH</sup>**

**FOR MORE DETAILS GO TO**

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