



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 8th May 2026

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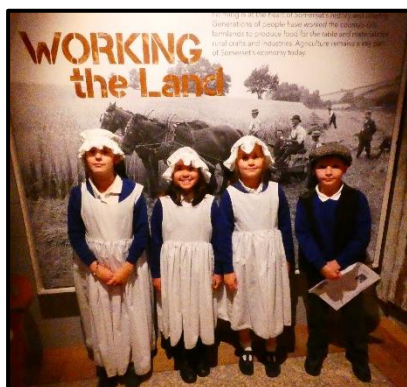
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St. Ben's School Christian Values: **Community, Resilience and Kindness**

YEAR 4 ENJOY RURAL LIFE SAXONS SESSIONS

On Wednesday, Year 4 got to visit the wonderful Rural Life Museum for Anglo-Saxon workshops. During the day, they learned about King Alfred and his defence of Wessex against the Vikings; took part in a drama activity and investigated the Anglo-Saxon rune alphabet and made a burgh from recycled materials, before enjoying a tour of the Museum. Thank you to the excellent team at the Museum for hosting us.



GOOD LUCK WITH SATS, YEAR 6

Next week sees SATS tests for Year 6's across the country. As a school, we always want our pupils to do the best they can in everything, but we recognise that Maths and English tests are a very small part of their learning experience and we celebrate our Year 6's for their successes throughout the curriculum – we have wonderful artists, sports people, scientists, historians and much more.

Year 6, we are incredibly proud of you all, for all your achievements and hard work at St. Ben's. As long as you put your full effort into next week and every week, you will all do really well. You are absolutely ready, so be calm and confident and give it your best shot!

Mr Ranger and the staff team

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

St. Benedict's whole school attendance has improved this half term; thank you for supporting your child/ren to strong attendance. If your child's attendance is below 90%, they are counted by the DfE as 'persistently absent'. In this case, we will discuss the reasons for their absence in our attendance meetings and may contact you for a meeting to discuss how we can support them to better attendance. As a school, we truly value strong attendance as it ensures pupils are accessing the full curriculum and also helps them to sustain friendships and a sense of continuity.

We have also noticed a number of pupils regularly turning up late; this is having a significant impact on their learning and if they arrive after 9:15am, they are counted as absent for that session. Please address this to support your child.

ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

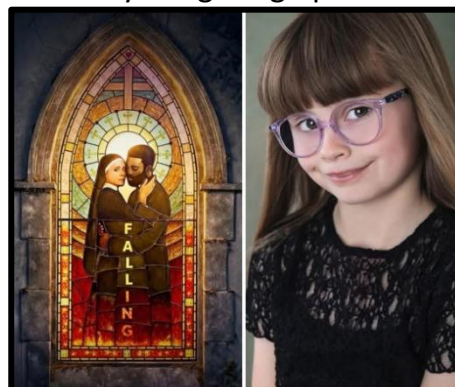
<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Arlo: for being more involved in our maths input and impressing Miss Mills!	Ayan: for trying hard and improving his reading!
Unicorns:	Logan EM: for improved confidence in swimming.	Charlie: for working hard to improve swimming.
Chameleons	Finn: a fantastic attitude to learning during our trip to the Rural Life Museum.	Ben: for showing resilience in improving his handwriting and presentation!
Owls:	Harrison: super observations and descriptions in our lesson on Mead Halls.	Alfie: for always striving to get top marks in times tables tests.
Spiders:	Aliza: for her hard work in Maths this week.	Ephraim: for amazing hard work in Maths.
Tortoises:	Amelia-Rose: for living all our school values at all times.	Eris: for super effort in all subjects.
Leopards:	Tallula: for excellent attention to detail in her work.	Mila: for an outstanding attitude towards her learning.
Peacocks:	Willow: for always putting 100% effort to everything she does!	Jack C: for being resilient in maths this week.
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Spider Class with 9.9 points per child and they all get an extra break next week. Well done, Spiders!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	This week's champions are Owl Class, with 98.3% 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: Cat – 62 %, Unicorn - 83 %, Owl - 89%, Chameleon - 97%, Spider 82 %, Tortoise 57%, Leopard - 79%, Peacock - 97% Meaning that this week's champs are Peacock and Chameleon classes with 97%	
<u>Values' Award</u>	Harry: for always being a kind friend. Theo: for always sharing kindly and including people in their games.	
<u>Learning, Behaviour</u>	Learning Behaviour: Bronze: Arlo (Yr3); Paisley and Elodie (Yr5) Silver: Leah-Bluebell (Yr4), Saimum, and Mila (Yr6)	

PARENT AND CARER SURVEY HAVE YOUR SAY!

We posted a link to our annual Parent and Carer survey on Class Dojo last week and this will be available until Friday 15th 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](#)

SOPHIA'S SCREEN DEBUT

We are all incredibly proud of Sophia in Year 6 who is soon to make her screen debut in the Channel 4 drama, Falling. The series launches on 19th May, but please be aware, it may not be for young eyes! Well done, Sophia, we can't wait to see you lighting up our screens!



Learning to Lead Train Trip

On Wednesday this week, the Learning to Lead Group from Year 5 got to experience the East Somerset Railway along with their parents. The scheme, funded by the South Bristol Youth Project, has offered the group some fabulous opportunities this year and will continue into Year 6. Thanks to all the parents who were able to attend, to Mrs Tidball, who accompanied them and to Rachel McKellar and the team at SBY for creating these incredible memories.



What are you up to?

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

This week, we have a packed feature with Lower School pupils impressing with their out of school exploits. First we have Oliver, Rayyan and Teddie, who have been stars at their Rugby tournament, scooping medals for attendance and, in Teddie's case, a lung-bursting whole pitch run! Next up, we have three cricketers who have started their season with Street; Florence (pictured) and Charlie from Year 3 and Harry from Year 4 (pictured) were all in action last weekend and had a brilliant start to their fixtures, bowling, batting and wicket-keeping in style!

Finally, it's well done to Jemima in Year 3 who has been awarded 'Film-maker of the Week' this week and was 'Performer of the Week' last week at the Pauline Quirke Academy for Performing Arts that she attends every weekend. 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!





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.

TAKING - THE - SPACE

THE DRAMA SOCIAL

FAMILY FUN SESSION

FOR KIDS AND THEIR ADULTS

MAKE FRIENDS

DRESS UP

USE YOUR BODY AND VOICE

USE YOUR BODY AND VOICE AND YOUR IMAGINATION



PLAY PRETEND OR JUST BE YOU!

PLAY TOGETHER!

**SATURDAY 16TH 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**

Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Mon 11 th – Thurs 14 th May	Year 6 SATs
Wed 20 th May	Year 6 to Rural Life Museum
Fri 22 nd May	Break up for half term
Mon 1 st June	Start of new half term
Wed 17 th June	St. Benedict's 150 th Anniversary events (incl Reunion evening).
Mon 29 th June	INSET Day. Please note that Friday 26 th June IS NOT an INSET Day.
Fri 3 rd July	BenFest!
Wed 8 th July	Production Club performance of Alice in Wonderland
Fri 10 th July	St. Ben's Sports Day: Upper School am, Lower School pm.
Fri 17 th July	Musical Summer Showcase at St. John's Church (2pm)
Mon 20 th July	Glee Club Summer Show: Playground at 2pm
Mon 20 th July	Annual reports go home to parents and carers
Tues 21 st July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (in the afternoon)
Wed 22 nd July	Last day of Summer Term – break up for Summer Holidays
Thurs 3 rd and Fri 4 th Sept	INSET days – School closed to pupils
Mon 7 th Sept	School open to pupils – first day of Autumn Term

ST. BEN'S SCHOOL 150th 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 17th 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

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 831881

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

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FAMILY FUN DAY

SATURDAY 9TH MAY FROM 11.30

- BAR OPEN FOR HOT FOOD AND DRINKS
- BOUNCY CASTLE
- GAMES
- KICKING COMPETITION
- TIME TRIAL OBSTACLE COURSE
- RAFFLE

RAISING MONEY FOR OUR OUTDOOR BAR AND TENT



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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 13TH

**FOR MORE DETAILS GO TO TO
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