



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 15th May 2026

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

LAST WEEK OF HALF TERM

Next week is the last week of this very short half term. Clubs are on, as usual. After half term, clubs will resume from Monday 1st June.

PARENT AND CARER SURVEY

It's last chance saloon for those parents and carers who wish to have their say in our annual survey. It closes at 5pm today! 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](#)

CAN YOU JOIN OUR QUIET AREA WORKING PARTY?

Are you handy in the garden? A DIY expert? We are looking for any volunteers to help us kickstart our Quiet Area renovation project. Next Thursday (21st May), we will be putting together raised beds and planting them up and any help would be much appreciated, any time between 9:30 – 3pm. Even if you can only commit to an hour or so, why not join us to make a difference to the quality of our children's outside spaces. If you've got a drill – bring it with you!

Huge thanks to Gary Pople and the Bradfords team who have once again been very supportive and are donating many of the sleepers for the project.

Please let Mr Ranger know via Dojo if you are up for joining us.

YEAR 6 SATs SUPERSTARS

This week has seen Year 6 take on the national SATs tests, with exams in Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling, Reading and Maths. Their attitude throughout the week has been fantastic and they have shown tremendous resilience in the face of some very challenging papers. They celebrated this milestone with a special SATs breakfast BBQ today. Huge thanks to our fabulous team of helpers this week, including volunteers, governors and staff who all came together to support our Year 6's. Also to all the pupils in other year groups who have been so respectful and thoughtful towards Year 6. Special thanks to Miss Dyer and Mr Kelland for all their timetabling and organisation, to chefs Kelland and Lintell for their BBQ magic and Miss Lock for her daily 'Tower of Toast'! Also, a massive thank you to Morrisons for their generous donation of a voucher towards Year 6's SATs breakfasts (thank you to Grant and Stella!).

Well done Year 6, we're so proud of your hard work in your time at St. Ben's and for your superb attitude this week!



ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Teddie: brilliant attitude to his learning recently and lovely neat handwriting!	Reuben: for trying really hard to improve his handwriting.
Unicorns:	Effie: for working hard during fractions learning.	Albi: for persevering and making progress in swimming. Honey: for great poetry this week.
Chameleons	Holly: great focus on improving her times tables and gaining Rock Star status.	Lissie: for making a huge effort to join her handwriting!
Owls:	Liam: super determined effort in times tables tests, getting better and better!	Florence: for super progress in phonics and spellings!
Spiders:	Tania: for an amazing golden write including similes and personification.	Cave: for creating an ancient Greek vase design based on his own Greek Myth!
Tortoises:	Amber: for writing her own back!	Charlie A: for doing extra, voluntary homework!
Leopards:	Mia: for always showing kindness to others.	Mila: showing courage and bravery throughout SATs Week.
Peacocks:	Marshall: for showing resilience and determination during SATs week.	Aiden for amazing resilience during SATs week.
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Chameleon Class with 20.2 points per child. Well done, Chameleons, you get an extra break next week!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	This week's champions are Cat Class, with 96.1% attendance. Well done Cats, 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: <div style="text-align: center;"> Cat – 65 %, Unicorn - 79 %, Owl - 88%, Chameleon - 100%, Spider 86 %, Tortoise 70% </div> Meaning that this week's champs are Chameleon class with 100%!	
<u>Values' Award</u>	All of Year 6 for demonstrating our three school values, Community, Kindness and Resilience during SATs Week. Well done all of you!	
<u>Learning, Reading and ELSA</u>	Learning Behaviour: Bronze: Effie, Coral, Noah, Kai, Logan EM (Yr3), Cave (Yr5). Silver: Amy, Poppy, Effie, Evie (Yr3), Silvia, Emilia, Ted, Joseph S, Zara, Rupert (Yr5), Willow (Yr6). Gold: Oliver (Yr3), Oliver (Yr6). Bikeability: Kara, Reggie, Aiden, Jaxon D, Logan B, Sophia, Hamish, Jack C, Harriet, Ralph, and Eden.	

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 it's reached the end of its life and is deteriorating!

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.

Theatre Show Thank You

Today, our wonderful pupils were rewarded for their fantastic behaviour and efforts this week with an Image Musical Theatre Show of Dr Doolittle. Actors Alice and Locryn entertained a delighted audience that included not just St. Ben's pupils and staff, but also their Mums – Rachel and Liz, aka Mrs Coton. It was the perfect end to SATs Week and sent everyone home with a big smile and singing the tunes they had learned! Thanks Locryn and Alice!



What are you up to?

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

This week, we salute Y3 Siena who has made her debut for Street Sea Dragons cricket team. We also feature Y4 Ronnie who has earned himself a medal for his participation for Tor Rugby this year. We also shine a light on Y5 Cave who has bagged his Level 7 award for his hard work swimming at Strode. Finally, well done to Y4 Harrison who has earned himself the Clubman of the season at Tor Rugby for his excellent attitude and support of others. 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!



ABBEY PARK PLAY AREA

Have your say!

Everyone's voice matters, whether you're a child who plays here, a parent or carer, or someone who enjoys Abbey Park.

Please take part in our questionnaire. Paper copies are available from the Glastonbury Information Centre

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE QUESTIONNAIRE](#)

Message from the Mayor's Office:

Following the Mayor's visit with Amanda Marshall earlier this year to discuss developing Glastonbury's parks, here's a chance to have your say about improving Abbey Park...

Parents, carers and children, please complete a survey to give your feedback.

Your views could shape the future...

Click on the link in the poster on the left.



Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
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).
Thurs 25 th and Fri 26 th June	St. Benedict's World Cup football tournament
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.
w/b 13 th July	Year 6 production performances
Fri 17 th July	Summer Musical Showcase at St. John's Church (2pm)
Mon 20 th July	Glee Club Summer Show (2pm on the playground). 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 8318811

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

SOMERSTAGE

Musical Theatre School

SHOWTIME

MAY 2026

Somerstage is back to bring Broadway brilliance to the May half term holiday. Starring our amazing Afternoon school and Monday Somertots, this show promises to be a Magnificent melting pot of music, dance and drama! With an incredible line up, our students will whisk you off to The West End while wowing you with the best of Broadway. You won't want to miss our triple threat stars shining so brightly on stage at The McMillan.

FRI 29TH MAY 2026 - 7PM

SAT 30TH MAY 2026 - 2PM & 7PM

The McMillan Theatre, Bridgwater

TICKETS : £16
UNDER 16's : £14

THE
MCMILLAN
THEATRE

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

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
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