



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 22nd May 2026

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

HAPPY HALF TERM

Thank you all for your support this half term. Have a wonderful break and enjoy the sunshine and we'll see you back at school on Monday 1st June.

Congratulations to Mayor Zoe, sworn in today, and well done to the St. John's Infant School team for a magnificent summer fete! Happy half term!

QUIET AREA WORK BEGINS

Huge thanks to parent Kayleigh Lock, Chair of PTFA Rich Daniels and staff member Elliott Lintell who answered our call to arms and came in on Thursday to help with the renovation of our Quiet Area. We managed to make a start and get some raised beds completed.

There is still more to be done and the children have requested a 'den' or covered area in which to read. Are you a carpenter or builder or do you know any who may be able to help us with this?



YEAR 4 TRAVEL BACK IN TIME

On Tuesday this week, Year 4 enjoyed an afternoon with actor and Anglo-Saxon expert, Leela Bunce as she entertained and educated them with her Kith and Kin show. The children learned about runes, perfected some Anglo-Saxon language and found out about what homes were like in ancient Britain. Huge thanks to Leela for her inspirational show.



OLYMPIANS OF THE FUTURE!

On Monday, a group of pupils represented St. Ben's at Millfield in the Quadkids Athletics event. Events included sprints, long distance running, long jump and howler throw. The team were magnificent and came 3rd overall, winning the Howler Throw team event. Individually Ralph got the best 400m time (1.59 mins) and was the overall top point scoring boy in the whole event!



ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Arwen: for her wonderful presentation and descriptive list poem!	Belle: for writing a lovely poem about our world and presenting it beautifully.
Unicorns:	Jago: for improved focus in swimming.	Toby: for being independent in learning.
Chameleons	Imogen: always having a positive attitude and using beautiful description in her writing.	Ruben: for great participation and confidence in maths.
Owls:	Bethany: for super focus and attention to detail in all lessons. Always smiling!	Jovial: for super focus and determination in times tables.
Spiders:	Evie: for trying really hard in English and maths this week – well done!	Kara: for superb attitude and participation in class. Always trying her best!
Tortoises:	Felix: for a lovely effort with his handwriting this week.	All Tortoise Class: preparing and presenting on wonderful collective worship this week.
Leopards:	Kara: for always trying her best in all that she does.	Reggie N: for always looking out for others.
Peacocks:	Logan GL: for working so hard in everything he has done this term.	Isaac: for excellent behaviour and manners on our trip this week.
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Spider Class with 17.9 points per child. Well done, Spiders, you get an extra break after half term!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	This week's champions are Chameleon Class, with 97.7% attendance. Well done Chameleons, you get an extra break after half term!	
<u>Book Battle Champs</u>	This week the following % of children managed to read 4 x a week at home: Cat – 86 % , Unicorn - 82 % , Owl - 88% , Chameleon - 100% , Spider 93 % , Tortoise 67 % , Leopard 74 % , Peacock 83 % Meaning that this week's champs are once again Chameleon class with 100%!	
<u>Values' Award</u>	Freddie: for being kind to his friends and resilient in his work. Aliza: for helping others when they are hurt. She checks on people when they are crying to make sure they are ok.	
<u>Learning, Reading and ELSA</u>	Learning Behaviour: Bronze: Olivia (Yr3), Harrison S, Jacob O (Yr4) Silver: Florence (Yr3), Alfie, Polly, Karla, Rupert, Tui, Harrison C, Ruben, Savannah (Yr4) ELSA Awards: Flynn (Yr4): for completing his ELSA sessions. Netball: Harriet, Aiden, Raphael, Kara, Blossom, Reggie T, and Logan B (Yr6)	

NETBALL TEAM EXCEL

On Thursday, St. Ben's netball maestros took on Walton School on a scorching evening. The passing, shooting and interplay on the pitch was as red-hot as the burning sun and the relentless St. Ben's team ran out 12-3 winners.

The St. Ben's team have remained unbeaten all season And have displayed an excellent attitude throughout! Coaches Dyer and Murphy can reflect on a job well done!



Year 6 learn about celebration Somerset Style

On Wednesday this week, Year 6 got to visit the wonderful Rural Life Museum where they learned all about local seasonal celebrations. During their sessions, the children learned to Maypole Dance, all about cider-making and Wassailing and also created their own Friendly Society art work. Huge thanks to Nick and the team for hosting us.



TORTOISE CLASS LEAD COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This year, Rev Alice has been working with different classes linking their ELLi animal learning traits to stories from the Bible. This week saw Tortoise Class take to the stage as a group of pupils shared the thoughts and ideas of the class on Wednesday.

Tortoises represent Resilience, and the children spoke of some inspirational characters who have faced adversity and overcome it; these included Helen Keller, Louis Braille and Billie Eilish. Alice then reflected on different people and groups in the Bible who had to be resilient, including Moses and the Israelites.

The children love being centre stage and are really enjoying Alice's new format. Huge thanks to Alice and well done to all of Tortoise Class.



What are you up to?

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

This week, we salute (literally) Eli and Coral who have been put through their paces by the drill cadets at Sandhurst – home of the British Army. We also shine a light on Charlie who starred in a football tournament at Wells, picking up medals for participation and for scoring a great goal.

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:
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 831881

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.



Swim England Strode SWIMMING & FITNESS

SWIM SCHOOL CRASH COURSES



A perfect introduction for beginners or a chance to build confidence and skills in the water!

Whether you're completely new to swimming or just want to improve what you already know, our Crash Courses are a fantastic opportunity to get started in a fun and supportive environment.

NEW SKILLS COURSE

Help improve your skills in this specialised course in:

- Diving and starts
- Tumble turns
- Butterfly
- Breaststroke



COURSE DATES & DETAILS:

STAGE 1 Stage 1
26th May - 29th May 2026
8:30-9:00am

Skills
26th May - 29th May 2026
8:30-9:00am

STAGE 2 Stage 2
26th May - 29th May 2026
9:00-9:30am

STAGE 4 Stage 4
26th May - 29th May 2026
9:00-9:30am

HOW IT WORKS:

- Each course runs for 4 days (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday).
- Each session is 30 minutes long - perfect for building skills without overwhelm.



FOR CHILDREN AGED 8 AND OVER:

If you're 8+ and a non-swimmer, our 8+ sessions are ideal for helping you get started in a group that's just right for your age and level.

SPACES ARE LIMITED -
BOOK NOW
TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!

BUILD
SKILLS,
GAIN
CONFIDENCE,
HAVE FUN!

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Half Term Guide

23rd - 31st May

Check out what's happening at your local centre this May half term

