



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 19th June 2026

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

HAPPY 150th BIRTHDAY ST. BEN'S!

2026 sees the 150th Anniversary of St. Benedict's C of E VA Junior School and we celebrated in style on Wednesday 17th June. In the afternoon, there was a playground party during which Year 5 children entertained the audience with country dancing, Glee Club performed a song and then the whole school sang a very special anniversary song penned by our very own Becky Greuter. Special guests (including the new mayor, former staff, residents and staff from St. Benedict's Nursing Home and school governors), staff and children then got to eat a delicious cake - courtesy of an incredible donation from the wonderful Burns the Bread team - before enjoying an extended play.



After school, the festivities continued as St. Ben's played host to a special reunion event which saw over 90 former pupils and staff return to the school for a cream tea (courtesy of a very generous donation from Tesco). Visitors got to walk around their former school sharing memories and admiring pupils' work which focused on the 150 year history of St. Benedict's. Such was the success of the event, the staff team are already talking about future possibilities.



Thank you so much to Burns and Tesco for supporting St. Benedict's and thank you to all our guests for joining us to mark a special occasion for our beloved school. Also a special thank you to all the staff who worked hard to prepare for the day, including a special mention to Mr and Mrs Daniels who came in last weekend to clean windows and blitz the grounds – according to our returning guests, the school has never looked better!

ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

Class:	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
	No Celebration Praise this week due to Talent Show Grand Final	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	This week's champions are Spider Class and Unicorn Class, with 97.3% attendance. Well done Spiders and Unicorns, 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 – 70 %, Unicorn - 79 %, Owl - 87%, Chameleon - 100%, Spider 100 %, Tortoise 59 %, Leopard 96 %, Peacock 82 % Meaning that this week's champs are Chameleon and Spider classes with 100%	

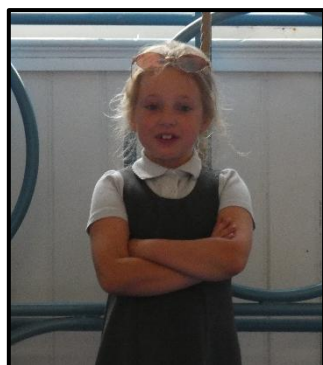
ST. BENEDICT'S GOT TALENT

Today saw the Grand Final of our Talent Show. There have been class heats throughout the week, with each class voting for their favourite act to then represent their class in the final. The Grand Final did not disappoint with a variety of acts proving that St. Ben's has some very hard-working, talented pupils. The final saw a pianist, gymnasts, dancers, a violinist, a singer and a Michael Jackson impersonator. Judges Mrs Coton, Ms Switzer and Miss Chouings were incredibly impressed with the calibre of the finalists and the audience were mesmerised as every act turned on the talent!

After much deliberation, the judges agreed on their top 3:

1. A-R J from Year 5 performing beautifully on the piano,
2. HP, PG and KH from Year 4 performing a fabulous gymnastic routine,
3. NS from Year 6; the audience favourite as a Michael Jackson impersonator.

A HUGE well done to all acts and a reminder that every class champion is invited to perform live at BenFest on Friday 3rd July. Ms Greuter will be arranging a running order next week.



KIND ACT SAVES BIRD

On Thursday last week, a group of girls including Y4 Freyja and Y5 Leilani saw a bird in distress by the Abbey Park and leapt to its aid. The bird, a jackdaw was taken to the vets who then transported it to the RSPCA centre at West Hatch, where it's recovery is going well

The girls were commended for being so kind, gentle and concerned – all values that we love to see at St. Benedict's and in the wider world.

Well done, girls – you're our heroes of the week!

PLEASE TURN ENGINES OFF!

A number of parents have commented on the fact that some parents and carers are leaving their engines running during collection/drop off. Can we please ensure engines are turned off. Our children's lungs are small and still forming and we must ensure they are not breathing in more pollution than necessary. Please turn off your engine while waiting. Better still, if you're able to collect on foot, please do so and help to minimise local pollution and traffic.

Many thanks for your support.

BENFEST COMING SOON...

Don't forget to save the date – Friday 3rd July

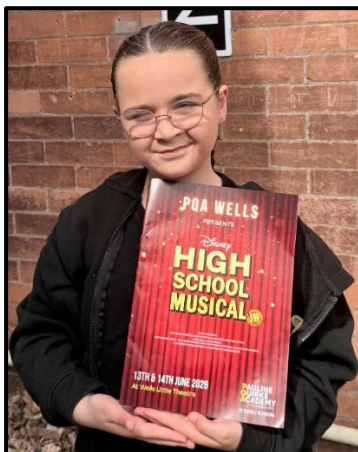
**Cake auction Entertainment BBQ and pizzas Bar
Staff and Governors vs Parents football match stalls**

What are you up to?

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

This week, we salute FJ in Y3 who has earned her Level 4 swimming award and is now moving onto Level 5. We also put a spotlight on KW-P in Y4 who has performed in her performing arts group's production of High School Musical Jr at the Little Theatre in Wells. Next, we feature CD from Y6 who has been growing his own veg at his allotment; this week he's produced a lovely crop of cucumbers and peppers! Finally, congratulations to CL from Y3 who has won gold in her inter-club jiu-jitsu championships.

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!



Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
Thurs 25th June	St. Benedict's Lower School World Cup football tournament
Fri 26th June	St. Benedict's Upper School World Cup football tournament
Mon 29th June	INSET Day. Please note that Friday 26 th June IS NOT an INSET Day.
Wed 1st July	Transition Day – all children spend the day with their next teacher.
Fri 3rd July	BenFest!
Wed 8th July	Production Club performance of Alice in Wonderland
Fri 10th July	St. Ben's Sports Day: Upper School am, Lower School pm.
w/b 13th July	Year 6 production performances
Fri 17th July	Summer Musical Showcase at St. John's Church (2pm)
Mon 20th July	Glee Club Summer Show (2pm on the playground). Annual reports go home to parents and carers
Tues 21st July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (in the afternoon)
Wed 22nd July	Last day of Summer Term – break up for Summer Holidays
Thurs 3rd and Fri 4th Sept	INSET days – School closed to pupils
Mon 7th Sept	School open to pupils – first day of Autumn Term

Party at the Palace 2026

3rd, 4th & 5th July

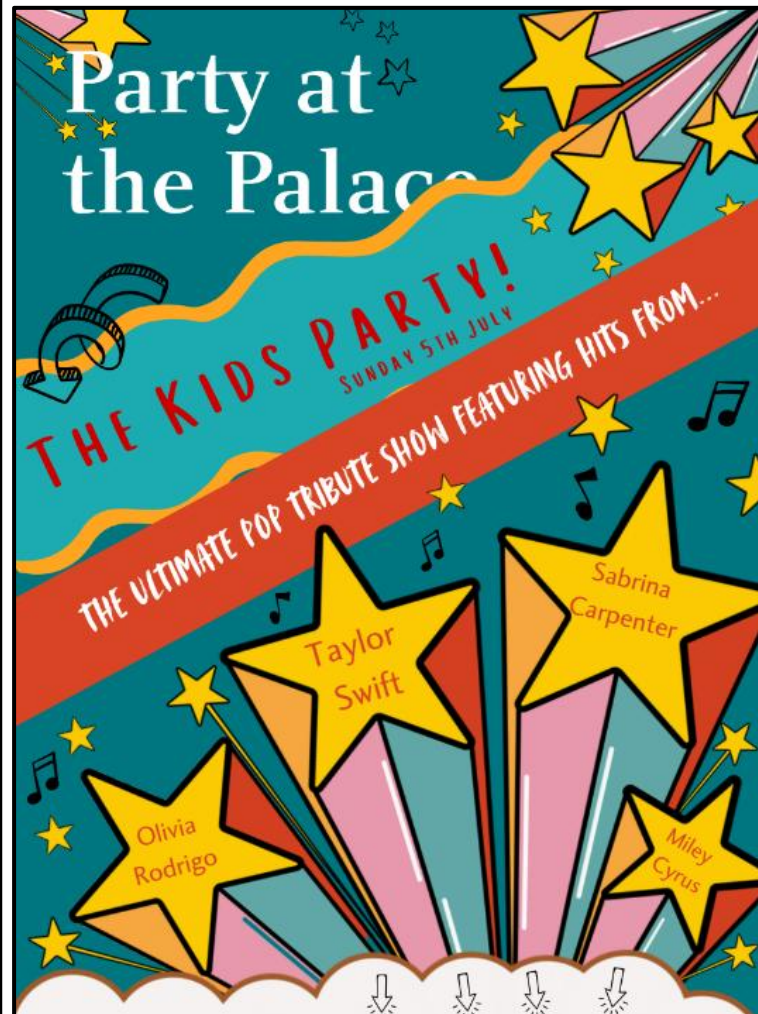


Three days. Three events.
One great summer weekend.

Friday:
Country
Tribute
Show

Saturday:
Party like the 90s with
East 17, Dave
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Commitments and
Sonia!

Sunday:
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Family Fun Day

Saturday 27th June
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