



# ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026

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

## TRANSITION DAY SUCCESS

Wednesday saw the county-wide transition day and all our pupils got to meet next year's teacher and team. We welcomed Year 2 and our Year 6's got to visit their next school. It was a really positive experience all round!

On Thursday it was back to normal and a chance to appreciate current teachers and year groups for the last few weeks of term.

Please see the diary below for all the remaining events and activities this year!

## BENFEST TONIGHT AND SPORTS DAY NEXT FRIDAY

**Please join us for BenFest tonight from 5 – 9pm.** Also don't forget that next Friday will be St. Ben's Sports Day and we'd love you to join us. The timings will be as follows:

**10am: Upper School Sports Day**

**1:30pm: Lower School Sports Day**

## ST. BEN'S WORLD CUP FEVER

This week saw World Cup fever hit St. Ben's with our Upper School group stages on Tuesday and Lower School on Thursday with the finals on Thurs afternoon. A great time was had by all with some excellent football in the sunshine. Ultimately the Upper School final saw Japan beat USA on penalties after an incredible comeback and Mexico triumphed over Scotland to take the Lower School title. The drama was not over, however, as staff team Ranger's Rangers took on Upper School winners, Japan. With injury issues for the staff outfit, Holloway and Rowen stood in and helped Ranger's Rangers to a 1-0 victory, with ref Hamish keeping the adults in order. The awards ceremony recognised the finalists and there were also awards for best team players and golden boots. See photos below... Well done to everyone for this fabulous fiesta of football!



## ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

| <u>Class:</u>               | <u>Headteacher's Award</u>                                                                                                                                                                                | <u>Teacher's Award</u>                                                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Cats:                       | Coral: for always contributing to our class discussions.                                                                                                                                                  | Cayden: for being resilient and completing his reading assessment.                 |
| Unicorns:                   | Ashley: for showing great resilience.                                                                                                                                                                     | Alicia: for great improvement in reading.                                          |
| Chameleons                  | Tabitha: for always showing a positive and mature attitude to her learning.                                                                                                                               | Joseph S: for always being willing to share his amazing ideas in class discussion. |
| Owls:                       | Aivah: for being a superstar settling back into class and working hard with a smile.                                                                                                                      | Tristan: for always being a fantastic team member of the class.                    |
| Spiders:                    | Aliza: for having a superb attitude everything she does.                                                                                                                                                  | Darron: for lovely ideas and contributions during our Hot Poets workshop.          |
| Tortoises:                  | Cassie: for being a fabulous member of 'Ranger's Rangers'!                                                                                                                                                | Lily Pay: for always being Ready, Respectful and Safe.                             |
| Leopards:                   | Ellen: for an excellent attitude towards transition day.                                                                                                                                                  | Charlie D: for an excellent attitude towards his learning.                         |
| Peacocks:                   | Sam: for being extremely kind and helpful during transition day.                                                                                                                                          | Thomas: for being an excellent helper during transition day.                       |
| <u>Class Dojo Champs</u>    | This week's champions are Spider Class with 18.6 points per child. Well done, Spiders, you get an extra break next week!                                                                                  |                                                                                    |
| <u>Attendance Champs</u>    | This week's champions are Owl Class, with 96.2% attendance. Well done Owls, you get an extra break next week!                                                                                             |                                                                                    |
| <u>Values' Award</u>        | Aurora: For caring about the school community and collecting litter outside.<br>Eleanor: For caring about the school community and collecting litter outside.                                             |                                                                                    |
| <u>Learning and Reading</u> | Learning Behaviour: Bronze: Ephraim (Yr5); Silver: Belle (Yr3); Gold: Raul (Yr4)<br>AR Target: Rayyan, Arthur and Isobel (Yr3)<br>Star Pointer: Alicia, Parker, Franklin, Diego, Jemima, and Oliver (Yr3) |                                                                                    |

## Dates for your diary:

| Date:                                              | Event/Activity:                                                                                |
|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> July                           | BenFest!                                                                                       |
| Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> July                           | Year 3 trip to Ashford Water in Cannington                                                     |
| Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> July                          | St. John's Sports Day @ St. Ben's (1:45pm)                                                     |
| 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.                                        |
| w/b 13 <sup>th</sup> July                          | Year 6 production performances                                                                 |
| Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> July                          | Summer Musical Showcase at St. John's Church (2pm)                                             |
| Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> July                          | Glee Club Summer Show (2pm on the playground).<br>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                                               |

## Learning to Lead Celebration

The Learning to Lead programme, funded by the wonderful South Bristol Youth Project held their end of year celebration on Tuesday. The group of Year 5's involved have loved the events and activities this year and are looking forward to continuing in Year 6. Rachel McKellar who has run the programme was delighted with its success this year. Parents were invited along to give their feedback and hear about how the scheme has impacted on their children, improving confidence and self-esteem. Christine Purnell from South Bristol Youth was also present and was excited to see how St. Benedict's have really embraced the opportunity to be part of this fabulous project. St. Benedict's are now in discussions about another year group taking part in the programme. Huge thanks to Rachel and to Miss Chouings who has been the St. Ben's lead for trips and activities.



## What are you up to?

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

This week, we salute LB in Y6 who has won Team Player at his team's awards ceremony. We also celebrate JS in Y3 who has scooped a 'best acting' medal at her PQA drama school for her performance in High School Musical Jr at the Little Theatre in Wells. Well done to you both!



**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!**



# Party at the Palace 2026

3rd, 4th & 5th July

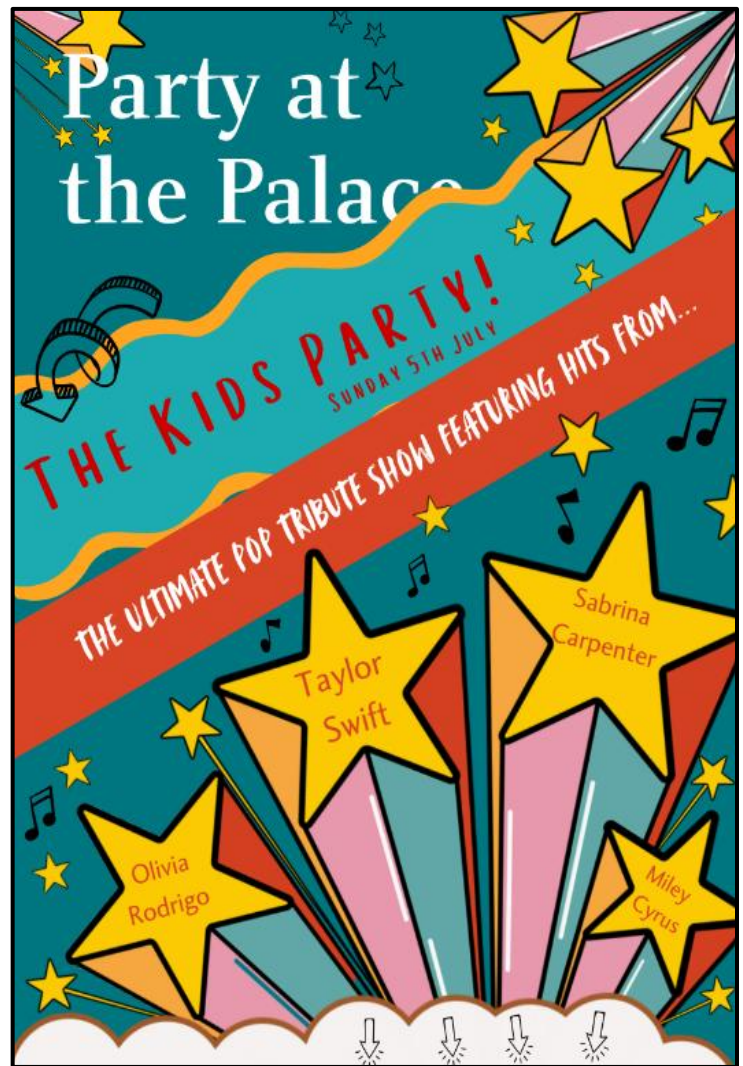


Three days. Three events.  
One great summer weekend.

Friday:  
Country  
Tribute  
Show

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

Sunday:  
Kids  
Pop Queens  
Live!



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FREE WEBINARS FOR  
PARENTS & CARERS

### BACK TO SCHOOL:

SUPPORTING YOUR  
NEURODIVERGENT  
CHILD



In this 90 minute workshop hosted by Somerset's  
Mental Health Support Team, we will explore...

- Why it is more challenging for neurodivergent young people to return to school
- How misunderstanding of needs can impact mental wellbeing now and in the future
- A range of tools to help your child's return to school
- Where and how to get more support if needed

### WHEN?

9:30-11:00 18<sup>th</sup> August 2026  
18:00-19:30 20<sup>th</sup> August 2026  
14:30-16:00 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026

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## SURVIVING & THRIVING OVER THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

📅 WHEN?

10:00-11:30 7<sup>th</sup> July 2026

18:00-19:30 16<sup>th</sup> July 2026

13:30-15:00 28<sup>th</sup> July 2026

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In this 90 minute workshop hosted by Somerset's Mental Health Support Team, we will explore...

- ✓ Creating flexible routines and boundaries that actually work during the holidays
- ✓ Why sleep still matters (even without school) and how to keep it on track
- ✓ Simple ways to stay organised, reduce stress, and enjoy more quality time together
- ✓ Fun activities, local support, and what's happening for families across Somerset

FREE WEBINARS FOR  
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## BOOSTING SELF-ESTEEM & RESILIENCE

HELPING YOUR CHILD TO  
THRIVE



In this 90 minute workshop hosted by Somerset's Mental Health Support Team, we will explore...

- ✓ The everyday moments that build confidence and emotional strength
- ✓ Simple ways to encourage your child's strengths, talents and interests
- ✓ Helping children overcome negative self-talk and build a positive mindset
- ✓ Friendships and feelings: supporting your child to navigate relationships with confidence and resilience

📅 WHEN?

13:00-14:30 30<sup>th</sup> July 2026

9:30-11:00 5<sup>th</sup> August 2026

18:00-19:30 13<sup>th</sup> August 2026

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