



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 10th July 2026

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

BENFEST A HUGE SUCCESS

Last Friday's BenFest was a wonderful evening packed with entertainment and fun. As well as Talent Show acts and Glee Club, we enjoyed a set by former pupil Molly-Boo, and Becky Greuter headlined after MC-ing the evening. There was also time for Lee's Legends to take on Ranger's Rangers in the parents vs staff and governors football match (both teams are still in recovery as we go to print!). With delicious pizzas and Stephens' the butchers burgers on offer, as well as our brilliant bar, there was something for everyone and a brilliant evening was had by all. Thank you so much for supporting this event – thanks to you we managed to raise **£3956.33!**

HUGE thanks to our wonderful PTFA and especially to Jane Daniels who worked tirelessly to co-ordinate BenFest.



BOOK BATTLE BRILLIANCE

This week the following % of children managed to read 4 x a week at home:

**Cat – 57 %, Unicorn - 83 %, Owl - 86%,
Chameleon - 100%, Spider 83 %, Tortoise 47
%, Leopard 76 %, Peacock 71%**
Meaning that this week's champs
are **Chameleon** class with 100%.

Chameleon Class have truly smashed this term's Book Battle, managing 100% almost every week. They are our champions and get to come in non-uniform on Tuesday 21st July. Well done!!

WATER DAY FOR YEAR 3

On Monday, Year 3 visited Ashford Waterworks to carry out Geography field studies. Activities included learning about water turbidity, river dipping and a walk around Hawkridge Reservoir. Huge thanks to Sue and Emma who hosted us.



ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Headteacher's Award</u>	<u>Teacher's Award</u>
Cats:	Alex: dedication to improving his reading – which has shown in his assessments!	Samy: for his stand-out performance in our cricket session in P.E.
Unicorns:	Ashley: for fantastic learning behaviour and engagement in our school trip.	Isobel: for fantastic questions and showing great respect to nature on our trip.
Chameleons	Savannah: for showing resilience during test situations.	Rupert: for demonstrating some superb skills when reading a sports commentary!
Owls:	Saoirse: impressive performance being Alice, learning lots of songs and lines.	Eleanor: always putting incredible effort into everything she does, including Alice.
Spiders:	Evie: an improved confidence in her assessments – well done!	Elodie: for superb effort with her assessments.
Tortoises:	Mia: for always being Ready, Respectful and Safe.	Kamil: for a mature attitude and asking great questions in PSHE.
Leopards:	Leo: for fantastic encouragement shown during St John's Sports Day.	Courtney: for excellent effort with her class work.
Peacocks:	Eden: for always showing kindness to the people around her.	Sophia: being so organised and committed to learning her lines for the show.
<u>Class Dojo Champs</u>	This week's champions are Leopard Class with 11.2 points per child. Well done, Leopards, you get an extra break next week!	
<u>Attendance Champs</u>	This week's champions are Leopard Class, with 98.8% attendance. Well done Leopards, you get an extra break next week!	
<u>Values' Award</u>	Kara: for always demonstrating all of our school values in all that she does. Logan B: for being an amazing event leader for St John's Sports Day.	
<u>Learning, and Reading</u>	Learning Behaviour: Bronze: Silver: Finn, Freyja, Jago, Lille, Keira, Lissie, Freddie, Liam (Yr4), Charlie R (Yr5), Jaxon W, and Hamish (Yr6); Gold: Harry (Yr3), Aurora, Harry J, Leah-Bluebell, Saoirse, Juno, Imogen (Yr4), Logan B, and Yuliia (Yr6) AR Target: Tinayeshe, Kara, and Saimum (Yr6) Star Pointer: Archie, and Alex (Yr3)	

YEAR 5 PRODUCE HOT POETRY

Year 5 have been working with a group called the 'Hot Poets' to produce poetry on the theme of the environment and last Friday parents joined the whole school as the Year 5's got to share their work. Our Hot Poet in residence, Jonny Flufflipunk, was on hand to introduce the event and share some Hot Poet poems before the pupils took to the stage and confidently shared their work, which was of a superb standard.

Massive thanks to Jonny and the Hot Poets for inspiring Year 5 and a huge well done to every child who shared their work – your work was incredible! Finally, a big thank you to our English Lead, Miss Murphy, who organised the residency – it was a fantastic project!



PRODUCTION LEAVES AUDIENCES IN **WONDERLAND!**

On Wednesday this week, audiences at St. Benedict's were treated to performances of Production Club's Alice in Wonderland. The cast had been working hard on the show and been practising at their after-school club and their performances did not disappoint! The props and costumes were magnificent, courtesy of some great work by Mrs Budd and Ms Branton. It was a poignant moment for Production Club leader, Mrs Coton, whose last production at St. Ben's this will be, as she is leaving at the end of this year. Mr Ranger, the cast and the audience joined in thanking Mrs Coton for all the music she has brought to our school over the years.



SIZZLING UPPER SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

On Friday 10th July, the Upper School braved the rising temperatures to take part in their annual Sports Day. The events were organised by Year 5 Sports Leaders and then run by staff and included the parent participation event of Volleyball. A great time was had by all and we were inside and out of the heat of the day by 11:30am. Huge thanks to the fabulous staff team who ran the morning and to our PTFA for running refreshments. Well done to every child who took part and thanks to all parents and carers who attended. The top three teams were:

1st: Great Britain (1180 points), 2nd: China (1151 points), 3rd: India (1144 points).



Glastonbury in Bloom Poster Competition Winners

On Thursday, we were joined by two very special visitors, Mayor Zoe and Sarah Marks from the Glastonbury in Bloom Committee. They came to award prizes to four talented pupils who are prize-winners for the Glastonbury in Bloom poster competition 2026. The pupils, pictured, were chosen as age group winners (1st, 2nd and 3rd), with JB in Y4 being the clerk's pick out of all the entries. Thank you to everyone who entered; it was the highest standard ever!



SOUTH WEST IN BLOOM JUDGE WOWED BY ST BEN'S

On Thursday this week, Glastonbury was visited by South West in Bloom judge Melissa Poole (along with friend of the school, Sarah Marks) and St. Benedict's School was part of the team representing our wonderful town. SENDCo and Gardening Lead, Mrs Caston, along with four pupils from Year 3,4 and 6 spoke to Melissa about all the wonderful things happening at St. Ben's and how much we value growing flowers as well as our own produce. Sarah told us that Melissa was really impressed with what she saw and heard. Well done, all!



Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event/Activity:
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