ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 2nd October 2026

Please see our PTFA Facebook Page

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

DON'T FORGET!

Harvest Festival:

14th October at 2pm at St. John's Church

Autumn Term Parents' Evenings:

Wed 14th October: 5:30 – 7:30pm,
Mon 19th October: 3:30 – 5:30pm,
Wed 21st October: 3:30 – 5:30pm.

SKIPPING NINJA IN NEXT MONDAY

Next Monday, 5th October, we are joined by World record holder Pete Thompson, aka the Skipping Ninja. The Ninja will wow the whole school with his famous show before running workshops with each year group. Skipping Ninja merch will be available after school – see poster below!



CAN YOU HELP?

We are keen to erect two 'lean-to's' and we need your help. We don't have the budget to buy in labour, so we wondered if any enthusiastic and skilled parents may be able to volunteer or do it for mates' rates? We can order resources!

Please contact Mr Ranger if you or someone you know can help!



INSPIRE WORKSHOPS

This year's Inspire workshops started this week, with Year 4 parents coming in to join their children to learn about the curriculum and help their child make a Celt figurine. Inspire Workshops continue next week – please try to attend if you can – it's a great opportunity to meet your child's teaching team and find out about the year ahead.



ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

Class:	Headteacher's Award	Teacher's Award
Cats:	Edith: always being ready to learn and having a great attitude to her learning!	Robert: for trying really hard in maths this week!
Unicorns:	Jamie: for writing a great story about the Stone Age.	Ember: for always showing great enthusiasm in her work.
Chameleons:	Diego: for super detail in his writing and appealing to the audience!	Jemima: for being so positive and contributing in class!
Owls:	Reyed: for super effort improving his handwriting.	Archie: for super improvement in handwriting, writing beautifully in English.
Spiders:	Tristan: a happy attitude, smiley outlook and being Ready, Respectful and Safe.	Aivah: for being a chameleon and adapting to new challenges.
Tortoises:	Andy: his commitment to writing and the enthusiasm he brings to every task.	Ted: for showing kindness, teamwork and a positive attitude in class.
Leopards:	Lauralie: for always making the most of all learning opportunities.	Bowie: for working hard and showcasing his talents.
Peacocks:	Reggie: for showing amazing resilience and courage with his reading this week.	Lily Pai: for always giving 100% effort to everything she does.

Class Dojo Champs	This week's champions are Spider Class with 18.7 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done, Spiders!
Attendance Champs	This week's champions are Cat Class, with 98.8% attendance. Well done, Cats, you get an extra break next week!
Book Battle Champs	This week the following % of children managed to read 4 x a week at home: Cat – 60 %, Unicorn - 68 %, Owl - 90%, Chameleon - 83%, Spider 100 %, Tortoise 100 %, Leopard 96 %, Peacock 97% Meaning that this week's champs are Tortoise and Spider classes with 100%.
Values' Awards	Archer: for being a kind friend and thinking of others! Freddie: for being an excellent role model and friend.

NUT FREE

A reminder that we are a nut free school – we've got enough nuts in school already – and that's just the staff! **Please check your lunchboxes for anything containing nuts as we do have pupils with allergies.**

Also, fruit and veg only for snacks, please and we love re-useable pots rather than plastic packs, please!

PUPIL PREMIUM – HELPING US TO HELP OUR PUPILS

The Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) is a means tested per pupil payment that helps schools to meet the needs of disadvantaged pupils. In the last few years, we have averaged over 70 pupils per year in receipt of the PPG. We have spent this money on interventions, pastoral staffing, subsidising trips and uniform and giving children cultural and social opportunities.

If you think you may be eligible, why not apply for the PPG. It is a really quick and simple process and will give your child access to trips, visits and more support. Please Mr Ranger or the Office Team on 01458 831811 or via Class Dojo.

SHARING ASSEMBLY A HUGE SUCCESS

Every other Thursday, we will be holding a Whole School Sharing Assembly to give our pupils a platform to share their work and out of school achievements. There may be a focus on poetry, book reviews or recommendations and even the odd special visitor to hear from. The assembly will be hosted by members of the School Council – this week, Darron and Kara led proceedings and our pupils shared some incredible poetry. Well done to everyone who took part.









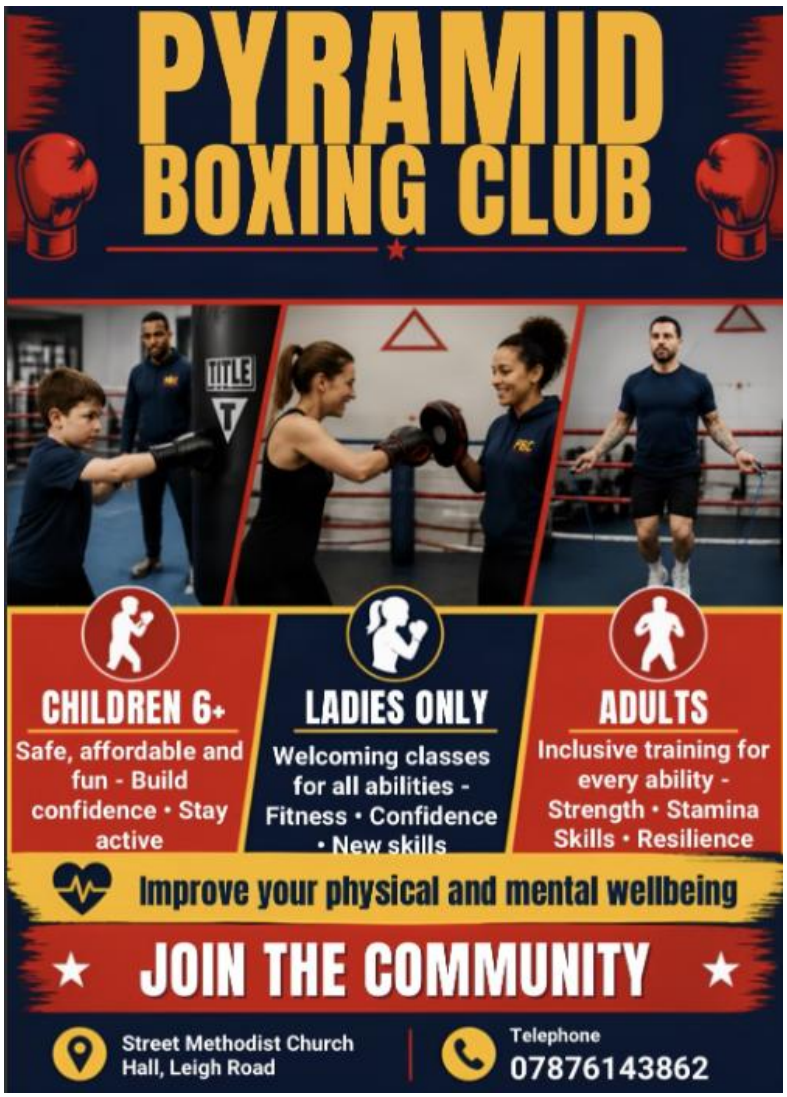
We have LOTS of lost property without name labels. Why not use this QR code to buy some of these fantastic personalised stickers to label your child's clothes…



CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS

We have noticed a growing trend of parents using AI to generate complaints. As a school, we try to be as approachable as possible, so we would urge you to send us a Dojo message or request a meeting or a chat if you have an issue; we will do our best to resolve any concerns you have. When done via AI, your messages are generally very long and your concerns come across as far more formal and take us much longer to address, which is time we could be spending with your child, or you. Please reach out to us and help us to resolve your issues quickly and in a collaborative way.





JAMES PACKER MUSIC

Why Drumming Lessons with James Packer?

Choosing the right instrument and instructor is a fantastic way to support your child's musical journey, confidence, and cognitive development. Here is why signing up for drum lessons with James Packer at St. Ben's is a brilliant choice:

* Expert, Local Instruction: Lessons are led by an experienced, patient multi-instrumentalist, ensuring a supportive and encouraging learning environment.

* Holistic Skill Building: Beyond just learning to keep a beat, drumming builds exceptional coordination, focus, reading skills, and rhythm, all while boosting self-esteem.

* Tailored Approach: Every student learns differently. Lessons are custom-tailored to suit your child's unique pace, musical tastes, and goals, whether they are playing just for fun or working through structured grades.

* Fun and Engaging: Drumming is an energetic and deeply rewarding outlet that lets kids channel their creativity, relieve stress and learn new skills and hobbies

Contact the school or James Packer directly.
Jamespacker1@Hotmail.co.uk
£6 for a paired 20 minute lesson.
£12 for an individual 20 minute lesson.

Could you tell if your child was being **exploited online?**

Join one of our free online sessions led by Child Exploitation Prevention Officer **Andri Nicolaou**

29 September 19:00 - 20:30pm

06 October 13:00 - 14:30pm

Visit the **Avon and Somerset Police Eventbrite page** or scan the QR codes below

29 Sept

06 Oct

