ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 11th September 2026

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

WELCOME BACK!

A very warm welcome back to school. It has been a really positive start to our school year with Year 3 doing brilliantly in their first week at St. Benedict's. As the year starts to take shape, a reminder for every parent to sign up for Class Dojo, so that you can get school news and information, and also for Parent Pay, to make payments and giving consent for trips etc. easier.

MOBILE PHONES AND SMART WATCHES

For safeguarding reasons, children are not allowed mobile phones or smart watches in school, so if they need to bring them in for after-school purposes, they MUST check them into the office before school and collect them at the end of the school day. Thank you for your support with this.

HOMEWORK/READING RECORD CHECKS

Our school approach to homework is that we prioritise reading. We believe that the ability to read unlocks so many things in life and allows children to access all other areas of the curriculum.

A reminder of our expectations regarding reading – we expect every child to read at least 4x a week at home and for an adult to sign their reading record. Every child who hands in a signed reading record that shows they have done this will get an extra break on a Friday afternoon. Those who have not will have the opportunity for an extra read at this time.

There is also an ongoing BOOK BATTLE between all classes, with the winning class each half term getting to come in in mufti for a day! This will start next week.

Please help to support your child with this.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

We are very passionate about good attendance and punctuality; it is so important for your child to be in school every day, on time, so that they can access all the wonderful learning, events and activities we have to offer.

Mr Ranger and Mrs Newbury meet every week to discuss attendance and punctuality and they will contact the parents of any pupils we have concerns about, especially those whose attendance falls below 90%, making them persistently absent.

If you have any barriers affecting your child's attendance, please let us know by messaging Mr Ranger or Mrs Newbury so that we can support you.

CLUBS START ON 21/09

We have a fabulous range of clubs this term, including Netball, Glee, Football, Singing Club, Line Dancing, Coding, Sewing and Textiles and Drama Club.

Please remind your child that if they cannot attend their club for any reason, they let the club leader know.

A polite reminder to collect children promptly after clubs from the back gate (adjacent to Proper Job).

All clubs end at 4pm, except Drama which finishes at 4:30pm.

ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

Class:	Headteacher's Award	Teacher's Award
Cats:	Imani: for presenting her work beautifully!	All of Cat Class: for a fantastic first week at St Ben's.
Unicorns:	The Whole of Unicorn Class: for a great first week.	Poppy: for working really hard on her handwriting.
Chameleons:	Isabelle: for superb focus and attention to detail when handwriting!	Alicia: for beautiful artwork when sketching!
Owls:	Neala: for superb presentation and handwriting.	Bobby: for superb writing the story of the Three Little Pigs.
Spiders:	Karter: for superb effort with his handwriting and presentation.	Eleanor: for superb contributions in RE!
Tortoises:	Lexi: for taking her time to present every piece of work with great care.	Silvia: for fantastic contribution during class discussions.
Leopards:	Amber: showing a real hunger to learn and have a go at difficult challenges.	Paisley: excellent effort with her learning and for always looking out for others.
Peacocks:	Daronn: brilliant resilience and during handwriting sessions.	Kobi: for amazing effort in maths this week.

Class Dojo Champs	This week's champions are Peacock Class with 15.8 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done Peacocks!
Attendance Champs	This week's champions are Peacock Class, with 98.8% attendance. Well done Peacocks, you get an extra break next week!
Book Battle Champs	We will start the official Book Battle next week… Please ensure your child reads at home at least 4 x every week. Please sign their Reading Log and remind them to bring their Reading Log to school on Wednesday so that they can help their class to win the Book Battle!
Values' Awards	Roman: for showing excellent resilience this week and for not letting an injury get in his way. Sage: for showing amazing resilience so far in Year 6.

FIDDLE TOYS AND SQUISHIES

We have had five squishies/fiddle toys go missing this week that were brought in from home. Please keep to our school protocol and **DO NOT** bring them in from home. If we think your child requires a fiddle toy, we will assess this at school and ensure they have the relevant aid. Our Nurture Team will be responsible for this, so please contact Mrs Newbury if you think this is the case and we will make the necessary arrangements if we deem it necessary.

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.

Drop-off and Collection Arrangements

A reminder that ALL children should come into school each morning via the Proper Job entrance. There is no access via the front of school.

After school, Year 6 leave via the front of school (onto Benedict Street), with other year groups leaving via the back entrance (by Proper Job). The gate will open at 3:10pm – can any parents of Year 3 and Year 4 pupils **please come down onto the playground to collect their child.**

I appreciate that there is often a bottle-neck at the gate (hence Year 6 leaving via the front), so we appreciate your patience to ensure that every child gets out safely.

If you have arranged for someone else to collect your child, it is essential that you let the school know. We will not allow children to go with other adults unless we have been informed.

Please ensure you collect your child promptly after school/after their club. If pupils are not collected on time, we may place them into 'Ben's Den' Wraparound Club and parents will be charged for the time.

HIGH DRAMA!

This week, we were visited by fabulous Maxine Ridout. Maxine has been running Drama Club at St. Ben's for many years and on Thursday she came in to deliver a session for each class, which the children relished. Clubs start on 21st Sept and Drama Club is on Tuesdays after school until 4:30pm. Please note there is a cost for Drama; please contact Maxine on 07850 445540 for more details. Maxine also runs sessions out of school – see the advert below for more info on her amazing 'Taking the Space' club for budding performers.



ST. BEN'S NEEDS YOU!

Can you help us? We are always looking for volunteers to support the school in different ways.



Could you be our next:

- **Parent Governor?**
- **Member of the PTFA?**
- **Volunteer reader?**
- **Volunteer TA?**

If you are interested in finding out more, why not contact the office or Mr Ranger – either via Class Dojo, or on (01458) 831811.



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FREE WEBINARS FOR PARENTS & CARERS

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WHEN?

13:00-14:30 20th October 2026
Register here

18:00-19:30 22nd October 2026
Register here

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

- How to support your child's and teen's emotional resilience in the moment and for the future.
- Strategies that will help develop emotionally intelligent mindsets for all your family.
- A range of tools (including Emotion Coaching) to boost your child's, and your own, emotional resilience.

Workshops are open to any parent/carer in Somerset. You will just need to provide the name of your child's school on registration.



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HI THERE!

We are the Mental Health Support Team (also known as the MHST!) based in Somerset, UK. We are a partnership of Somerset NHS Foundation Trust and Young Somerset. Our mission is to support and improve children and young people's mental health and wellbeing.

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HELPING YOUR CHILD & TEEN SLEEP:

TOOLS, TIPS & TECHNIQUES



WHEN?

9:30-11:00 6th November 2026
Register here

18:00-19:30 12th November 2026
Register here

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

- Learn why sleep is so important for wellbeing, mood and learning.
- Understand common sleep challenges and what gets in the way.
- Discover simple, evidence-based tips to improve sleep habits.
- Help your child feel happier, healthier and ready to reach their potential.

Workshops are open to any parent/carer in Somerset. You will just need to provide the name of your child's school on registration.