ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 18th September 2026

Please see our PTFA Facebook Page

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

COMING SOON…

We will be inviting all parents/carers to an Inspire Workshop this term – this is an opportunity to come in and work with your child while getting to learn about their year group's curriculum.

We also warmly invite you to our Autumn Term Parents' Evenings, these will be on Wed 14th October (late), Mon 19th October (after school) and Wed 21st October (after school). A letter will go out soon.

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.

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.

HOMEWORK/READING RECORD CHECKS

THE ST. BEN'S BOOK BATTLE IS ON!

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. This will be checked on Wednesdays. 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.

CLUBS START NEXT WEEK

We are excited about the fabulous range of clubs starting next week, including Netball, Glee, Football, Singing Club, Line Dancing, Coding, Sewing and Textiles and Drama Club.

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:	Fatimah: consistently working hard in all lessons and presenting her work well!	Rosabella: for her great contributions during our maths learning!
Unicorns:	Lola: for amazing resilience and hard work.	Richard: for not giving up when it gets tricky.
Chameleons:	Rayyan: for super listening skills and being helpful in class.	Albi: for putting 100% effort into everything he does!
Owls:	Ayan: for superb presentation in all his work.	Noah: for always trying his very best in all his work.
Spiders:	Alfie: for 100% effort in everything he does.	Bethany: for having a sunny smile and positive attitude every single day.
Tortoises:	Joseph B: great participation in lessons and trying really hard with handwriting.	Finn: for his imaginative vocabulary in shed sentences.
Leopards:	Amelia S: for always demonstrating the school values.	Charlie R: for excellent effort in all his learning.
Peacocks:	Sinead: for always presenting her work beautifully.	Kamil: for amazing spelling skills this week.

Class Dojo Champs	This week's champions are Peacock Class with 24.4 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done Peacocks!
Attendance Champs	This week's champions are Owl Class, with 99.3% attendance. Well done Owls, 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 – no total, Unicorn - 46 %, Owl - 86%, Chameleon - 88%, Spider 78 %, Tortoise 86 %, Leopard 86 %, Peacock 94% Meaning that this week's champs are Chameleon class with 100%. Well done, Chameleons!
Values' Awards	Lillie: for always showing kindness to her friends. Tristan: for always being kind to everyone.

TOYS, FIDDLE TOYS AND SQUISHIES

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.

BIKE SAFETY

We have received a number of reports of our pupils riding bikes and scooters unsafely before and after school. Reports have mentioned children riding around car parks and riding the wrong way down roads.

Please, please monitor your children carefully to avoid any accidents.

If we hear of any future concerns, we will contact individual parents to alert them.

Thank you for your support.



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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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.



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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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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.