ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 25th September 2026

Please see our PTFA Facebook Page

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

COMING SOON…

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.
A letter has gone out today…

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.

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 may be able to help, or know someone



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.

Please note that, other than exceptional circumstances, we cannot authorise term time absence. We expect your child to be in school every day they are well enough to be in and fines may be issued for unauthorised term-time absence.

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

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.

ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

Class:	Headteacher's Award	Teacher's Award
Cats:	Ezra: for always presenting his writing beautifully!	Amelia: for always being ready to learn!
Unicorns:	Robyn-Ziggy: for writing a fantastic golden write about the Stone Age.	Rowen: for great focused work.
Chameleons:	Jasmine: for always being kind by encouraging others in the classroom.	Alex: for showing improved resilience when out of his comfort zone.
Owls:	Brody: super determination and focus in lessons with excellent questioning.	Samy: for determination in reading and writing.
Spiders:	Leah-Bluebell: 100 % effort in all she does. Great care in her learning!	Juno: for a superbly written paragraph on explorers of the Alps.
Tortoises:	Zara: for a beautifully written forgiveness letter in RE.	Holly: for showing great resilience with her writing.
Leopards:	Chiyewo: for always having a positive attitude towards her learning.	Mia: for always putting 100% effort into her learning.
Peacocks:	Florence: for all of her hard work to improve her handwriting.	Ruby: for her hard work and resilience in maths this week.

Class Dojo Champs	This week's champions are Tortoise Class with 23.9 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done Tortoises!
Attendance Champs	This week's champions are Unicorn Class, with 98.7% attendance. Well done Unicorns, 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 – 88%, Unicorn - 91 %, Owl - 67%, Chameleon - 85%, Spider 96 %, Tortoise 100 %, Leopard 86 %, Peacock 97% Meaning that this week's champs are Tortoise class with 100%
Values' Awards	Florence: supporting and helping class mates when they find some work tricky. Ashley: for considering others when working in a group.
Other Awards	Certificate of Merit, Part One of John Thompson's Easiest Piano Course: Molly (Yr6) AR Target: Lauralie (Y6)

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.

ABBEY PARK DESIGN – HAVE YOUR SAY

Glastonbury Town Council is currently looking to refurbish Abbey Park (Fishers Hill) for the benefit of Glastonbury residents and visitors to the town.



The Town Council is really keen for members of the community have the opportunity to share their views and have their say, so please click on the link below to ensure your voice is heard…

There are different designs to choose from so show your children as we'd love to hear their voices…

Abbey Park Play Area Community Consultation- Playground Design Feedback – Collaboration



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.



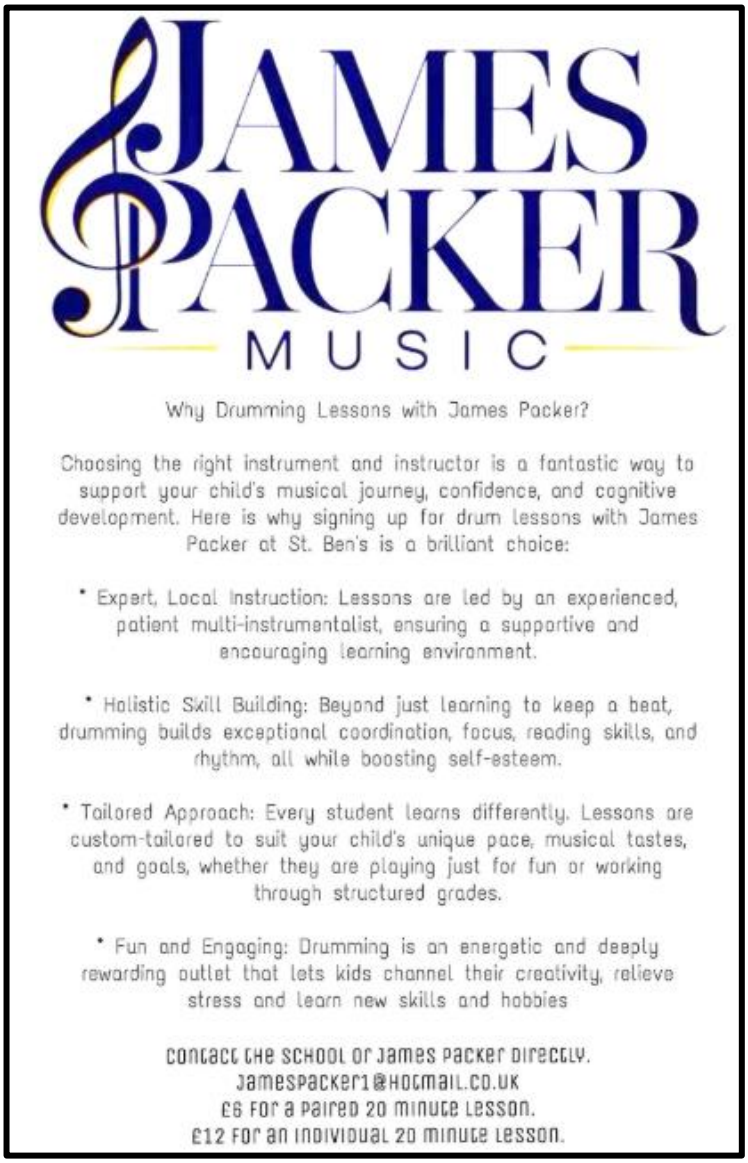
Could you be our next:

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

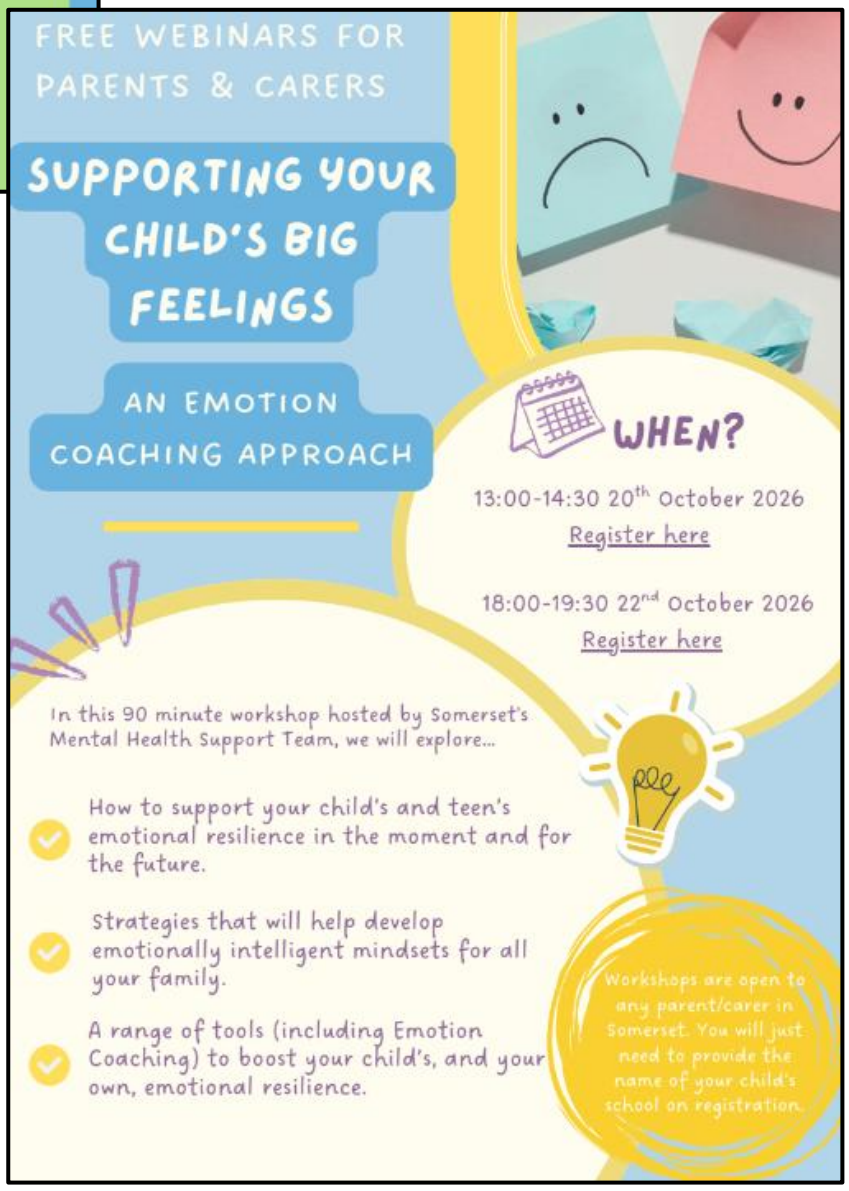
If you are interested in finding out more, why not contact the office or Mr Ranger – either via Class Dojo, or on (01458) 831811.








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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
SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S BIG FEELINGS
AN EMOTION COACHING APPROACH
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.