ST. BEN'S BULLETIN: 6th November 2026

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

ASTRO FINISHED…AT LAST!

We are delighted to announce that, after significant delays, our all-weather pitch and climbing ladder (monkey bars) are finished. Having seen every stage of the project as it unfolded, pupils couldn't wait to use the new equipment. Thank you to James and his team for their work – we love our new surface which will mean that the children can access outdoor spaces all year round.

This project was only possible due to an incredible fund-raising effort, including significant donations from parents, fund-raising by our PTFA, a grant from a local organisation and some contributions from our school capital funding. Thank you all, we are so grateful!





PUPILS FIND THEIR VOICE

On alternate Thursdays this year, we are holding sharing Collective Worships in which pupils get to present their work, share book reviews, recommendations and poetry and discuss what's on their mind. This week's 'VoiceBox' session, run by Mr Kelland and hosted by Year 6 School Councillors, Darron and Kara, saw pupils raise issues in a passionate and articulate way. Year 6's Aliza and Leilani wanted to talk 'school dinners', saying they felt there should be more choices and better quality at lunchtimes, while Bethany in Year 5 spoke about playground activities on offer at lunchtimes. Mr Ranger was on hand to respond and has promised to look at a lunchtime activities rota and also explore options for lunchtime caterers. VoiceBox ended with a superb rap by Archie in Y4. Well done to all pupils who shared their views and thank you to Darron and Kara for their confident and impressive presentation skills.



ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS

Class:	Headteacher's Award	Teacher's Award
Cats:	Rosabella: for taking care of the presentation of her work!	Imani: for reading an astounding 18 times over the holiday! Well done!
Unicorns:	Luna: for being focused and creative in art.	Phoebe: for improved concentration in maths.
Chameleons:	Jesse: for working so hard to improve his handwriting.	Cayden: for a good focus in class this week and contributing in maths.
Owls:	Pixie: trying really hard in all her work with lots of effort.	Jessica O: for super hard work especially in presentation in her books.
Spiders:	Florence: for improved learning behaviour and attitude in class.	Liam: improving handwriting and effort.
Tortoises:	Loki: for fantastic effort with his handwriting all week.	Lillie: for fantastic inference skills in English.
Leopards:	Roman: for setting a gold standard for neatness and presentation.	Aliza: for commanding the room with a confident, engaging and authentic voice.
Peacocks:	Ruby: for always presenting her work beautifully.	James: for excellent contributions in our science lesson.

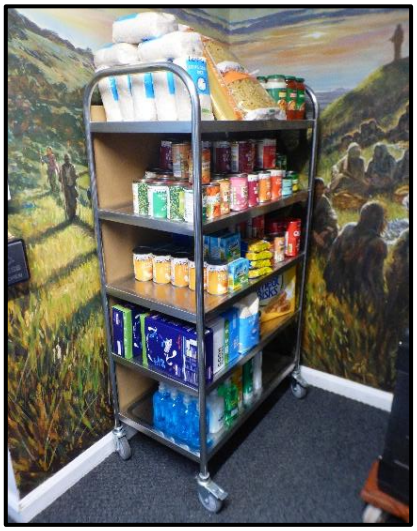
Class Dojo Champs	This week's champions are Tortoise Class with 13.1 points per child and they get an extra break next week. Well done, Tortoises!
Attendance Champs	This week's champions are Spider Class, with 97.6% attendance. Well done, Spiders, you get an extra break next week!
Book Battle Champs	This week the following % of children managed to read 4 x a week at home: Cat – 86 %, Unicorn - 75 %, Owl - 64%, Chameleon - 93%, Spider 86 %, Tortoise 94 %, Leopard 85 %, Peacock 97% Meaning that this week's champs are Peacock class with 97%.
Values' Awards	Ember: for being a kind and caring member of our community. Jamie: for wanting to be part of the school community and join in with collective worship in the hall and the church!
Reading and Learning Behaviour Awards	AR Target: Oliver, Joshua, Sophia (Yr3), Lauralie and Cassie (Yr6). Learning Behaviour: Bronze: Cayden (Y4) and Cassie (Yr6).

Dates for your diary

Date:	Event/activity
09/11/26	Boys' football team league matches at Strode (1 – 3pm)
11/11/26	Remembrance Day: members of groups (e.g. brownies, guides, cubs, scouts, cadets) may wear their uniform.
16/11/26	Girls' football team league matches at Strode (1 -3pm)
19 and 20/11/26	Bikeability – Y6 group
Thurs 19/11/26	Y4 to the Newt, Somerset
Fri 11/12/26	Christmas Carol Concert at St. John's Church: 1:45pm
Wed 16/12/26	Y3 Nativity in the School Hall (parents and friends' show at 4pm)
Fri 18/12/26	Break up for Christmas Break
Mon 04/01/26	INSET Day: Teacher training – school closed to pupils
Tues 05/01/26	Pupils return to school to start Spring Term

SCHOOL FOOD PANTRY

The message at our recent Harvest Festival was that there is enough food to go around, so please don't be hungry. Our Food Pantry is located in our front-door foyer and it is always brimming with stock cupboard items like pasta, rice, sauces and tins. You are all welcome to help yourselves and there is no referral necessary. If you require a bag, please ask the friendly office team. Please let us know if there are items you would like to see in the Food Pantry.



Our food pantry: located in the school foyer - please help yourself!

PTFA Meeting

Next Tuesday (10th November) from 4:15pm is our first PTFA meeting of the year. We'll be discussing our fundraisers for the year and we'd love to see as many parents as possible.

You can book your child into Ben's Den for free until 5pm if you wish to attend and childcare is an issue. See you there!

JOIN OUR CLUB DISPLAY

Brownies **Martial Arts** **Cubs**

Football Gymnastics Swimming

Rugby Singing Trampolining

We are creating a 'Join our Club' display in school and we would love to promote out of school clubs. Does your child attend a club or group that you would like to promote? Why not give us a flyer to add to our display.

