

Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development at St Benedict's 2015-16

Spiritual Development ...is about exploring beliefs and experience; respecting faiths, feelings and values; enjoying learning about oneself, others and the surrounding world; using imagination and creativity; reflecting.

At St Benedict's

We have a warm, inclusive Christian ethos that influences everything we do. We have strong links with both St Benedict's Church and the Church of St John the Baptist. We celebrate Christian festivals in assemblies and at our town's churches

We encourage the study of other beliefs, for example, various year groups study Islam, Judaism, Hinduism and Buddhism. We also welcome visitors from other faiths and denominations.

We take part in religious/spiritual events, such as the cutting of the Holy Thorn which is presented to the Queen.

The school garden offers a place for reflection. Most pupils have been involved in designing our quiet area.

The whole school climbed Glastonbury Tor for an act of worship

We use St Benedict's Church and Glastonbury Abbey in many activities covering a variety of subjects.

Moral Development ...is recognising right and wrong; respecting the law; understanding consequences; investigating moral and ethical issues; offering reasoned views.

At St Benedict's

We practise restorative justice.

Our Year 6 pupils act as Peer Supporters and help younger pupils with any problems. They also take other responsibilities around the school such as being lost property monitors.

Year 6 children use our Change for Life resources to organise and lead games for younger children.

Anyone feeling lonely knows that sitting at the Buddy Bench will soon bring someone to play.

Year 6 children run a multi-skills after school club for Year 3 and 4.

Our pupils fundraise wholeheartedly for causes that matter to them. In the first term of 2015-16 they raised a staggering £4,500

We are proud of the sportsmanship of all our teams

Social Development ...is investigating and exploring moral issues; appreciating diverse viewpoints; participating, volunteering and co-operating; resolving conflict; engaging with the fundamental values of British democracy.

At St Benedict's

We are proud of the work of our school council and the work that it does.

We celebrate our pupils' achievements in and out of school by achievement assemblies and displays.

Our Year 5 pupils organise and run Sports Day for the local infant school.

We have an active choir which performs for the residents of local nursing and residential homes.

We run residential trips for pupils.

We have run forest school sessions that develop teamwork and other life skills.

We use some of our PE grant on a lifestyles PE group and also have healthy eating lessons for targeted children.

Our pupils fundraise for an annual London trip that takes them to the Houses of Parliament in which they learn about parliamentary democracy. This year, for the first time, it will be a residential trip

Cultural Development ... is appreciating cultural influences; appreciating the role of Britain's parliamentary system; participating in culture opportunities; understanding, accepting, respecting and celebrating diversity.

At St Benedict's

We explore other cultures in and out of the classroom. We have a growing link with Mano School in Zambia.

We regularly put on plays and concerts and have drama and art clubs for anyone to join.

We work with different artists and are proud of the murals that decorate our school.

We have sports clubs and teams for pupils of all abilities. We celebrate the sporting success of pupils when representing the school and local teams.

We have hosted visits from Bath Rugby and from Olympic athletes.

We take part in annual multi-generational dance projects. Our latest project was based on the Babylonian story of Ishtar and Tammuz.

We have a varied menu of after-school clubs, including Chess, Big Art, sports, street dance, a choir and even a performance club.

Our curriculum has a local focus and we take the opportunity to visit local farms, Avalon Marshes, Glastonbury Abbey and other local places of interest frequently