



Internet Safety Day

On Tuesday, Internet Safety Day was marked in school with an assembly and lessons about being safe online. Classes explored the risks online such as scams and phishing as well as the importance of being careful about sharing information online. Please continue to talk to your children about online safety; the resources found on the [NSPCC website](#) are very helpful for starting these conversations.

Shark Class visit to Radstock Museum

On Wednesday morning, Shark Class visited Radstock Museum as part of their History topic, The Victorians. The children had the opportunity to handle Victorian artefacts, such as ice skates and boots, as well as experience life in a Victorian classroom, shop and cottage.



Book Fair

It has been great to see the excitement of the children as they have visited the Fair and explored the books on offer. Many thanks to Mrs Glover for organising the event and all the staff who have helped it to run smoothly over the week.



Shark Class Instructions

Shark Class have also been busy making some delicious jam sandwiches this week. They then used this experience to help write some instructions on how to make the perfect jam sandwich. They used adverbial openers, imperative verbs, adjectives, and much, much more!



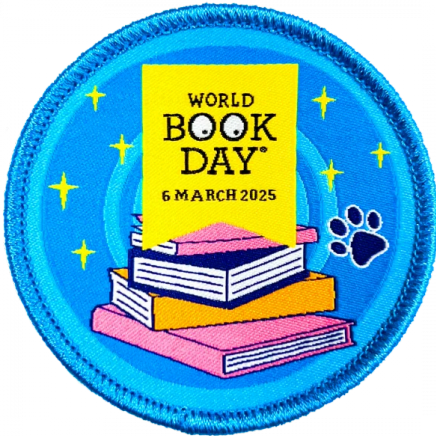
We hope you have an enjoyable half-term. We will welcome the children back on February 24th.

Mrs Geeson and Mr Turull



World Book Week

World Book Week is just around the corner and we have lots of exciting things planned! We will be writing a whole school poem, having an online author visit, sharing our favourite books, and much, much more! We are also asking the children to dress up (if they would like to!) as their favourite book, book character or something linked to their favourite book on Thursday 6th March. If your child has PE on this day, they can bring their PE kit in a named carrier bag and change at lunchtime. Your child will also come home today with a World Book Day Token today, which they can use to buy any World Book Day book (more details are on the back of the vouchers).



Notices

- **Clubs** - all clubs are on in the week after the break. Please contact the office if your child would like to join Times Table Rockstars (Mon) or Board Games (Thurs) for Years 3 - 6 as there are still spaces.
- **Dance Umbrella Tickets** - KS1 Dance Club & Dolphin Class - Please see earlier emails sent home and remember to pay for your tickets on ParentPay as soon as possible. Thank you to those who have done this.
- **Free School Meal half term break vouchers** - correspondence was emailed home on Tuesday relating to this.
- **Reception Year National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) and Vision & Hearing Screening** - Parents of Reception pupils please see the email correspondence sent via school from the Nursing Team yesterday. This takes place on February 28th.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.

Reminder - Parking

Please do not stop and allow your children to alight in front of the school when dropping off in the morning. Please either use the car park opposite the school or ideally park next to the village hall (not the road to the hall) as this has a more level surface.

Parent Pay Issues (Browser Clearing)

If you ever experience issues placing an order, paying or ordering your child's lunch it is likely to be because the browser on your laptop needs clearing (the cookies/cache). Alternatively you should run ParentPay via Chrome on your smart phones and NOT safari. Instructions on how to clear your browser can be found via this [link](#).



Diary Dates

February

Mon 24th	Term 4 begins
Tue 25th	Year 4 Residential Meeting (3:30pm)
Wed 26th	Year 6 Lifeskills Trip (pm - packed lunch required - return approx. 3:45pm)
Fri 28th	Reception Screening (NCMP)

March

Tue 4th	Year 1 Phonics Workshop 3:30-4:30pm
Wed 5th	Local Governing Body meeting
Thur 6th	World Book Day (Children can dress up)
Fri 7th	Celebration Assembly
Mon 10th	Year 3 and 4 Football Tournament (Norton Hill 4:00pm - 6:00pm)
Wed 19th	Year 6 Cross Country Event (Somervale 4:00pm - 5:00pm)
Fri 21st	Celebration Assembly
Tue 25th	Dance Umbrella in Bath
Mon 31st	Year 6 Residential Trip

Friends update

Huge thanks to those who applied to volunteer their time at Glastonbury this year. We are extremely pleased that all who applied within the school community have a space to join the team going to steward at the festival. Angharad Barber, Amie Johnstone, Jack Penny, Amber Chivers and Tim Barber will all be part of the team. We thank them all in advance, including others in the team from outside the school community, for their time and hard work, which will lead to a donation from Glastonbury to our PTA.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 26th February at 8pm in the Farrington Inn; it would be lovely to see new faces if you are able to make it.

Community News



Please be aware that 'a wide-ranging transport project benefitting much of Bath & North East Somerset, which aims to improve travel choices, has launched its public consultation.' The news article can be seen here:

The consultation link here: <https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/somer-valley-links> for all staff, parents, guardians who live in the area, so you can voice their thoughts and opinions.

The news article can be seen here:

<https://newsroom.bathnes.gov.uk/news/major-transport-scheme-across-bnes-launches-consultation>

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Newsletter 21 - February 14th 2025



Free Webinar on Emotional Health and Well-being for Parents/Carers

We are pleased to offer a FREE webinar on emotional health and well-being, hosted by the school nursing team. The session will take place on 05 March 2025 at 11am and is specifically designed for parents and carers.

If you would like to attend, please use the links or QR code below to sign up. We encourage you to join us for this valuable session!

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/406d0c0a-aa6b-4543-819b-160de70aa67b@2c2b1ee0-a8a1-49e6-a820-5ce4890cf466>

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Every Other Week From
Thursday 6th February
Odd Down Sports Centre
Meet From 10am
Exercise From 10:30 - 11:30

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JOIN NOW <https://forms.gle/5KWUj3SNBUTkLqGS8>

BATH FESTIVALS & MUSIC FOR MINIATURES PRESENT

MUSICAL DISCOVERY: INSTRUMENTS UP CLOSE!

2.30pm St Swithin's Church, Bath, BA1 5LY

- SAT 15th Feb • Woodwind Quartet - Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon
- SAT 5th April • String Trio - Violin, Viola, Cello
- SAT 24th May • Brass Trio - Trumpet, Horn, Trombone

Suitable for children aged 4-11
Tickets available online or on the door
www.musicforminatures.co.uk

Tickets £7 Adult £6 Child

Family Cookery Sessions
For families that would like to learn new skills, especially those with SEND children.

Come to enjoy cooking healthy, nutritious meals from scratch

- Boost your confidence in the kitchen
- Improve your cookery skills
- Learn about the benefits of healthy eating

Weekly sessions, will be run SWALLOW members and cafe staff, each Monday for six weeks starting on 24th February 2025.

15.30 - 17.30pm
At the Hive Café Peasedown St John

If you are interested please contact Justin on 01761 414034 or justinricards@swallowcharity.org for more information and to book a place for your family.

These sessions have been kindly funded by HCRG
www.swallowcharity.org
The Old Engine House Old Pit Road Westfield BA3 4BQ 01761 4140334
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Thought for the Week

“Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.” (John 2:10 NIV)



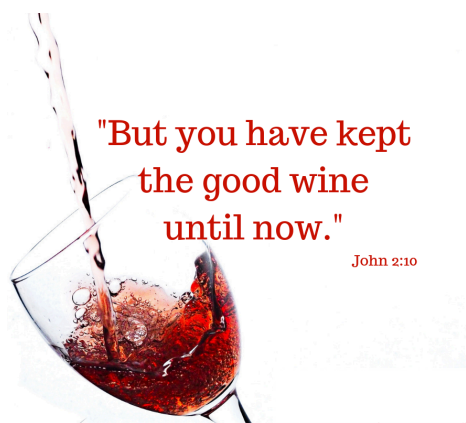
For the next few weeks, we're going to look at The Gospel of John.

Soon after John begins his book, we are told about an event, not mentioned in the other gospels, known as the Wedding at Cana.

I think it's appropriate that we are looking at a wedding on Valentine's Day (I hadn't planned this - honestly!). It's likely that this isn't included elsewhere, because the other writers weren't aware of this event. Maybe the people they spoke to didn't mention it, or maybe they didn't even know it had happened. It seems it was early in the "ministry" of Jesus, that's the short period where he taught and performed miracles. Jesus himself says 'my hour has not yet come'. But for many people, what happens here is often seen as not only miraculous, but also generous, kind and compassionate.

The problem was that the wine had run out at the wedding festival. This was a real problem for the families of the bride and groom. Wine was at the centre of the celebrations, poured out freely for the invited guests. To run out was more than a little embarrassing! There was no reason for Jesus to step in and solve this problem. It wasn't a life and death situation, no one needed healing from some terrible disease. But I think this episode shows just how much Jesus does care.

In the Bible, it says Jesus told the servants to fill six huge water jars to the brim with water. Each jar's capacity was about 95 litres (between 75 and 115), so there's now about 550 litres of water in them. When one of the servants draws out some of the "water", the Bible says that the water had been turned into wine ([John 2: 1-12](#)). Now, if all the water was now wine, it would fill approximately 734 bottles of wine by today's standards! That's a lot of wine. I'm not sure how many guests there were, but it looked like there would be an abundance of wine.



So often when we look at the Christian faith, it can seem like a place where people deny themselves. Maybe this has to do with lent, where many Christians give up something to remind them of the time Jesus was fasting in the wilderness.

Denial is obviously not what is happening here. This is a place of celebration and abundance. Jesus provides them with over 700 bottles of wine. He's not just meeting a need, he is lavishing them with a gift. And not just any gift. As our verse for today states, this wine was better than anything that had come before. What the master of the banquet says makes sense; give the people cheaper wine when they have already had too much to drink and won't notice. But not Jesus. He serves up the best!

Is this how you see Jesus? Showing care and providing abundantly? Or do you see him as someone who says 'no' and spoils your fun? Maybe you need to take a longer look at what he says and does through the Gospel of John? Here's your chance!