

24th May 2024

Our School Christian Vision: 'Working together to build a firm foundation for learning and caring.'

Rooted in Matthew 7 24 – 25: 'Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.'



CHRISTIAN VALUE OF THE TERM: FRIENDSHIP

Christians believe that they can call God their friend because of the relationship made possible through Jesus.

Message from the Headteacher

Just like that, Term Five is over and we are approaching our final term this year. The children have worked incredibly hard this term; Year Six have been creating 3D models in computing, Year Five have enjoyed learning about mountain formations and the water cycle and Year Four have enjoyed learning about Gladiators in the Roman times. In Year Three they have been exploring the Stone Age Boy book in English and have enjoyed writing character descriptions and more independent writes. In Year Two the children have been creating aboriginal art and in Year One they have been comparing Midsomer Norton to Hong Kong in Geography. Reception have been transported to the rainforest investigating habitats and the animals that live there.

Term Six is always a busy one so please make sure you check the dates for your diary section each week. In the first week back we are packing our Year Six's off on their residential to Mendip Outdoor Pursuits, the rest of the school will be completing their end of year assessments and on the Thursday we have our EYFS learning celebration.

I hope you all have a lovely half term!

Mrs West-Gaul

Dates for Your Diary

JUNE	
3rd	Start of Term Six
3rd - 7th	Year Six Residential
19th	Sports Day

Hot Chocolate Friday



'Keep off the Tracks'

The heritage railway at Midsomer Norton South Station have recently sighted young people trespassing on the railway and potentially putting themselves in harm's way. They would like to remind everyone of the multiple dangers on the railway.

**RAILWAYS CAN BE DANGEROUS PLACES
AND CERTAINLY NOT PLACES TO PLAY
OR TAKE SHORTCUTS**

Clubs

Please be reminded that the teacher-led after-school clubs will continue the same for next term.

PE/Forest School

Please check the updated list for any changes to PE or Forest School days.

PTA Non-Uniform Day

The PTA would like to thank everyone for all the donations for today's non-uniform day.



Awards of the Week

Well done to all of our pupils who have achieved an award this week!

	Star of the Week	Star Readers
Acorns	Lily Sammy	Zac Riley
Ash	Casey	Hugh
Birch	Alfie	Harlowe-Rose
Chestnut	Bella	Sonny
Elm	Jake	Jennifer
Hazel	Harry	Jessica
Holly	Amelia S	Sophie
Maple	Leo	Taylor
Oak	Josh	Elsie
Pine	Ella	Harry
Rowan	Noah	Poppie
Sycamore	Jayden-Lee	James
Willow	Eddie	Amelie

Top Doodling Class



5A

Well done!



Forever Sport Stars of the Day:

Year 6 Sycamore - Teddy
 Year 6 Willow - Wilson
 Year 5 Pine - Eva and Harry
 Year 5 Rowan - Zachary and Nola
 Year 4 Maple - Amber and James
 Year 4 Oak - Jacob
 Year 3 Hazel - Louie and Aoife
 Year 3 Holly - Isaac
 Year 2 Elm - Jaxon and Arriana
 Year 2 Chestnut - Albie and Bella
 Year 1 Birch - Oliver and Poppy-Rose
 Year 1 Ash - Ayda

Year 5 and Year 3 both had their Jailbreak end of term tournaments. Below are the winning teams:

Year 5 Pine - Pheobe, Albie, Amelia, Ella, Finley, and Frank

Year 5 Rowan - Alfie, Rocco, Noah, Lucy, Nola, and Colby

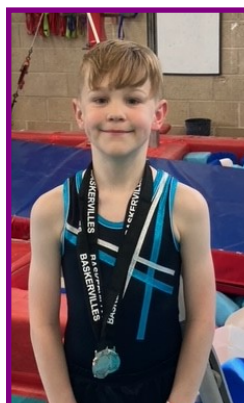
Year 3 Hazel - Jayden, Max, Louie, Elise, Aoife, Reggie, and Bella

Year 3 Hollie - Oscar, Amelia S, Jayden, Isaac, and Soraya

Great Work!

Out of School Achievements

Harry (Hazel class) took part in a gymnastic competition at Baskervilles on Sunday, with Writhlington Boys Gymnastics. He was pleased to earn a bronze for floor routine, silver for trampette and 4th place overall in his group.



Well done to Josh (Maple Class) who has gained his bronze medal in Indoor Climbing, completing the yellow stage and moving onto the red stage.



Learning in Next Steps Nursery



This week, the children at Next Steps Nursery have flown into outer space!

As our theme 'Here, There and Everywhere' has evolved over the term, the children have shown an interest in rocket ships and flying to the moon.

We have enjoyed sharing the story 'Aliens Love Underpants' and have used this to base our learning upon. The children have been creating repeating patterns on pants, as well as using their fine motor skills to design their very own playdough aliens.



The children have also learnt some new facts about space and the solar system, using a small world set up to introduce new vocabulary and interesting information.

They also used a bubble wrap printing technique to create planet Earth pictures and talk about where we live. The children decided that it wouldn't be a good idea to live in the ocean, as they can only hold their breath for a little while when they are in their swimming lessons, and that this is a very tricky skill! Plus...sharks!



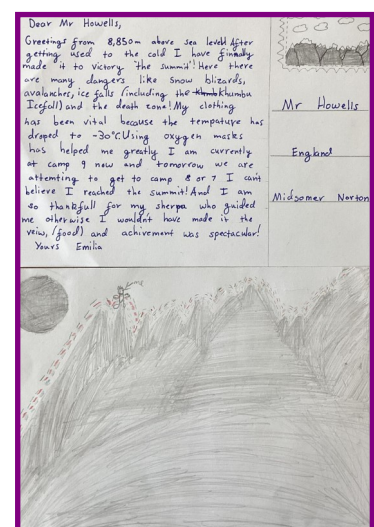
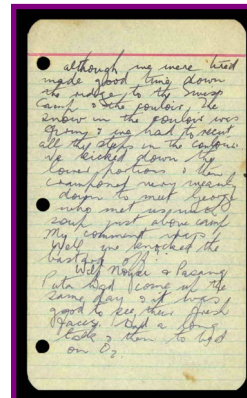
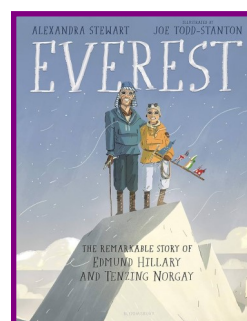
The sensory room has been transformed into a fantastic space themed room with twinkling star lights. And of course, a trip to space wouldn't be complete without an opportunity to practice moonwalking whilst dancing to 'Rocket Man' by Elton John!

Reading in Year Five

In Year Five this term, Rowan and Pine classes have been reading around our Geography topic: Mountains.

To inspire our own diary entries, we have learned about how Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay summited Mount Everest in 1953, almost exactly 71 years ago. To do this, we followed their route from Base Camp to the summit, read an extract from Hillary's own diary (written at over 8000 metres above sea level) and even wrote postcards to send back down!

Both classes have impressed us with their superb recounts that showed us how much they had learned about the remarkable ascent to the world's highest (not tallest!) peak.



SUMMER FETE

Friday 5th July
3PM Onwards

ST JOHN'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

FREE ENTRY

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- BBQ •
- Bar •
- ice creams •
- fun alley •
- soak a teacher •
- entertainment •
- raffle •
- Football Tournament •
- and much more!

SO MUCH FUN!

For more information email stjohnsmsnpta@outlook.com

ST JOHN'S PTA
DONATIONS NEEDED

For our Summer Fete

IF YOU HAVE ANY SURPLUS

- **TEDDIES FOR TOMBOLA**
- **BOTTLES FOR TOMBOLA**
- **OLD CROCKERY**

WE WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE THEM.

THERE WILL BE A BLUE BIN OUTSIDE THE OFFICE FROM 20TH MAY

ST JOHN'S FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

DATE **JULY 5TH 2024**

TIME **KICK OFF: 3:30PM**

MORE INFO:
6 a side (Teams of 7)
£20 per team
Submit entry form by 14th June

PTA Sumer Fete - Friday 5th July

Planning is in full swing and if you would like to volunteer please use this link to sign up for a task listed: volunteersignup.org/YLYX3

Football tournament entry forms can be found in the school office and these need to be handed in by 14th June (sorry no late entries will be accepted).

The PTA blue bin will appear outside the office from 20th May for any teddy, bottle or old crockery donations.

We would also welcome any donations of prizes for the school raffle if you or anyone you know would like to donate please contact the PTA on stjohnsmsnpta@outlook.com

Children will be coming home with raffle tickets to try and sell towards the end of the month. These can be handed back in and posted into the PTA (white) Postbox outside the school office.

A big thank you for all your continued support.
Regards
St John's PTA



LIBRARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c
27 May

Keynsham Library

Creativity Corner

Mon - Sat During opening hours 25 May - 1 June

Sensory Space, for families with children and young adults with sensory needs

Mon - Sat, Book a Session via Eventbrite

Board Game Saturdays

Saturday 12.30 - 4.00pm 1 June

Midsomer Norton Library

Knit Two, Share One - Drop in. Knitting, Crochet and Fibre Arts group for any age or ability.

Thursday 10.00 - 12.00pm 30 May

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For any ticketed events, the link will be online via the blog.
Visit baneslibraries.co.uk/events



Family Holiday Activities

EXPLORE • CREATE • DISCOVER

Seasonal fun for all the family in school holidays!

Peace and Harmony

Tuesday 28 to Thursday 30 May 2024

in the Wells Cathedral Education Room
10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. / 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Get stuck in with our creative workshops for children inspired by Peter Walker's stunning Peace Doves installation:

Build a Dove Tuesday 28 May

Construct a dove toy with moveable wings, and create a painting with fingerprints

Birds on the Wing Wednesday 29 May

Create bird art inspired by local artist, Caroline Byrne

Sensory Play and Mindful Crafts Thursday 30 May

Make a windmill to take home – and breathe!

Before your craft session, pick up a free Activity Sheet and explore what peace means to you as you wander beneath thousands of paper doves in the Cathedral Nave.

Write a message to hang on our Peace Tree and go 'bird spotting' in Caroline Byrne's exhibition, 'Birds on the Wing'.



Find out more at wellscathedral.org.uk/holidays

Admission: FREE*

No need to book—just turn up on the day!

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult, and only assistance dogs are allowed at our family activities.

*Included with a valid Cathedral ticket or admission pass—all under 18s go free.

PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING MAY HALF TERM 2024

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



LAS IGUANAS

Join 'My Las Iguanas' via the App & Niños eat free with every adult main

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase an adult's main meal (App needed)

PUREZZA

Children under the age of 10 get free pizza at Purezza with every adult meal purchased

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

YO! SUSHI

From Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024, kids eat free all day at YO! Sushi (minimum adult spend £10).

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

BILLS

Two kids can eat free ALL DAY (Weekdays) from Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024, with one adult main dish.

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

At Dobbies, for every adult breakfast or lunch purchase, kids eat for FREE. Every Day!

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.



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Knife Crime Awareness Event for Parents and Carers

The B&NES Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP) has now rearranged the knife crime awareness event at Hayesfield School for 6th June 2024, starting at 6pm. Tickets are selling fast, so if you are taking the opportunity to attend, please book through our Eventbrite Link below.

The event is aimed at parents and carers who would like to know more about the dangers of knife crime or are concerned that their children are at risk. They aim to increase awareness of key issues surrounding knife crime, empowering you and your children to make informed and positive decisions to stay safe.

You will have the opportunity to hear from guest speakers with lived experience, who have been personally affected by knife crime. There will also be a presentation by Street Doctors, followed by a panel discussion with the opportunity to ask questions.

The Bath & North East Somerset Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP) is a multi-agency partnership that aims to prevent and reduce violence in the area. We work to understand and address the root causes of violence, to prevent further violent crimes from occurring in the future. We provide resources and support the work of professionals and community groups who help children at risk or involved in serious violence.

For queries, please email VRP_Events@bathnes.gov.uk.

Or book your ticket now on Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/copy-of-bnes-vrp-knife-crime-awareness-event-for-parents-carers-tickets-902336010297?aff=oddtcreator>

Ofsted - The Big Listen – we want to hear your views!

The National Centre for Social Research (NatCen) is carrying out a short survey on behalf of Ofsted. We want to hear from parents/carers of children who are under 18 years old. It should only take around 10 minutes to complete. We are interested in views of, and any experiences with, Ofsted, including Ofsted's inspection, regulation and reporting practices. We really want to hear from a wide range of parents and carers, even if you don't have strong opinions about Ofsted, or haven't had any experience of Ofsted. The survey findings will be used to help Ofsted improve the way it works in the future.

Please click on the following link to find out more or take part in the survey:

survey.natcen.ac.uk/TheBigListen

You can look at our [Taking Part webpage](#) for more information about the research, and our [Privacy Notice](#) for what will happen to any information you give. Links to these webpages are also included in the survey.

