

13th September 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: LOVE



Message from the Headteacher

I can't believe we have now completed our first full week back after the Summer break. Everyone seems to be in routine and have settled well back into learning. The Senior Leadership Team have had the pleasure of dropping into learning across the school this week and have been really impressed with the calm atmosphere across the school and the children's attitudes to learning.

Last week was our first week sending out the new homework format and I am pleased to hear that the majority of children completed it by Wednesday and enjoyed the variety of tasks. For those of you unsure of the timescales, every year group will send homework out on a Friday and it needs to be returned on a Wednesday. Thank you for your continued support with homework.

We have another exciting week ahead:

Year Six have a trip to Bristol to investigate the city's role in the Transatlantic Slave Trade. This is part of their current history topic - 'the Georgians'.

Don't forget next Tuesday you are welcome to come into school after pick up, at the end of the day, to explore your child's new classroom with them.

We are looking forward to having our Reception children in full time next week and invite our new parents to a PTA coffee morning on Friday 20th September straight after morning drop off.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs West-Gaul

Dates for Your Diary

SEPTEMBER	
16th & 17th	Individual and sibling photos
17th	Meet the Teacher
20th	PTA EYFS New parents coffee morning, 8.30am
26th	PTA AGM, 3.15pm
OCTOBER	
9th	Harvest Festival in school 9am. Reception parents are invited to attend.
15th	Open Morning, 9.30am
22nd & 23rd	Parents' Evenings
24th	PTA Disco and Non-Uniform Day
25th	INSET Day

Hot Chocolate Friday



Please be reminded that the school grounds is a no-smoking and no-vaping area.
Thank you

Awards of the Week

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

	Star of the Week	Star Readers
Ash	Elsie	Jacob
Birch	Freddie D	Katie
Chestnut	Harlowe-Rose	Toby
Elm	Casey	Harrison
Hazel	George	Albie
Holly	Sophie	Aurelia
Maple	Xander	Ezra
Oak	Albie	Maisie
Pine	Oliver	Amber
Rowan	Josh	Jude
Sycamore	Sid	Ella
Willow	Amelia	Izzy



Top Doodling Class

4A Oak
Well done!



PE Stars of the Week:

Year 6 Sycamore - Jake
 Year 6 Willow - Marcus and Lucy
 Year 5 Rowan - Dilly
 Year 5 Pine - Anna
 Year Maple - Dolly
 Year 4 Oak - Lola
 Year 3 Hazel - Aeris
 Year 3 Hollie - Betsy
 Year 2 Chestnut - Poppy-Rose
 Year 2 Oak - Maeva
 Year 1 Ash - Noah
 Year 1 Birch - Eva

PTA

There are lots of exciting things planned coming up before Christmas so please save the dates:

Event	Date/Time	Location
New parent's coffee	20/09/24 - 8:25am	School Hall
PTA AGM	26/09/24 - 3:15pm	School Hall
Non Uniform & Disco	24/10/24 - Evening	School Hall
PTA Xmas Fete	23/11/24 - 11am-2PM	School
Elfridges	13/12/24 - During School	School

If anyone is interested in helping the PTA or finding out any more information, please email StJohnsmsnpta@outlook.com or visit our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/225019237854017>

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With Parentkind



School photographs

Next week, we have Nigel Coles coming in to do our individual and sibling photos across the school. We are hoping that the majority of classes will have their photographs done on Monday, with siblings photos, Reception and Nursery having theirs on Tuesday. We realise this will impact on whether the children wear PE/Forest school clothes so have tried to outline expectations clearly below:

Monday 16th September

- Reception - come to school in PE kit
- Year 1 - come to school in uniform
- Year 2 - come to school in uniform
- Year 3 - come to school in PE kit and bring uniform to change into later
- Year 4 - come into school in uniform and bring PE kit to change into later
- Year 5 - come to school in uniform
- Year 6 - come to school in uniform

Tuesday 17th September

- Reception - come to school in uniform
- Year 1 - come to school in uniform
- Year 2 - come into school in uniform but bring forest school clothes to change in to later
- Year 3 - come to school in PE kit UNLESS you want them to have a sibling photo. If they are having a sibling photo they need to come into school in their school uniform and they can wear this to swimming for this week only.
- Year 4 - come into school in uniform
- Year 5 - come to school in uniform and bring PE kit to change into later
- Year 6 - come to school in uniform and bring PE kit to change into later

ATTENDANCE MATTERS AT ST JOHNS

Every school day counts!

Children are required, by law, to attend school for 190 days of the year.

The government state that children's attendance should be **at least 95%**.

Attendance Level	Absent Days	Hours of Lost Learning
100% EXCELLENT	0	0
98% Good	4 - 7.5 days absent =	22-41 hours of lost learning
95% REQUIRES IMPROVEMENT	9.5 - 17 Days absent =	52 - 93.5 hours of lost learning
90% PERSISTENT ABSENTER	19 - 27 days absent =	104.5 - 148.5 hours of lost learning
85% CRITICAL CONCERN	28.5 - 38 days absent =	155.5 - 209 hours of lost learning

We are here to support you!

If you need support getting your child to school, please speak to a member of staff who will be willing to help.

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Every week, classes compete to be the Top Doodling Class at St John's (this is celebrating in Purple Pages). Children should aim to remain in the *green zone to help support their class*.

A new baseline assessment has been set up for each child to ensure that work is set at an appropriate level of challenge for them.

How to get started

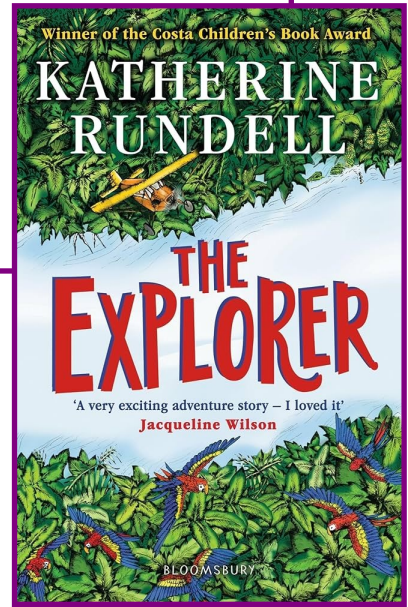
1. Watch this video with your child/ren: <https://vimeo.com/506025113>
2. Download the DoodleMaths app onto an Apple, Android or Amazon device. You can also log in to the Doodle programmes through Doodle's website (doodlelearning.com) on laptops and desktops by clicking 'log in' and choosing a programme. Follow the instructions in the video above to log in.
3. Your class teacher will provide you with your child's new login details for the year.

If you have any questions about Doodle, please visit help.doodlelearning.com/ or click on the green chat icon on the website, Parent Dashboard, or DoodleConnect app to find articles and how-to videos on everything you need to know, or to chat with the helpful Parent Support Team.

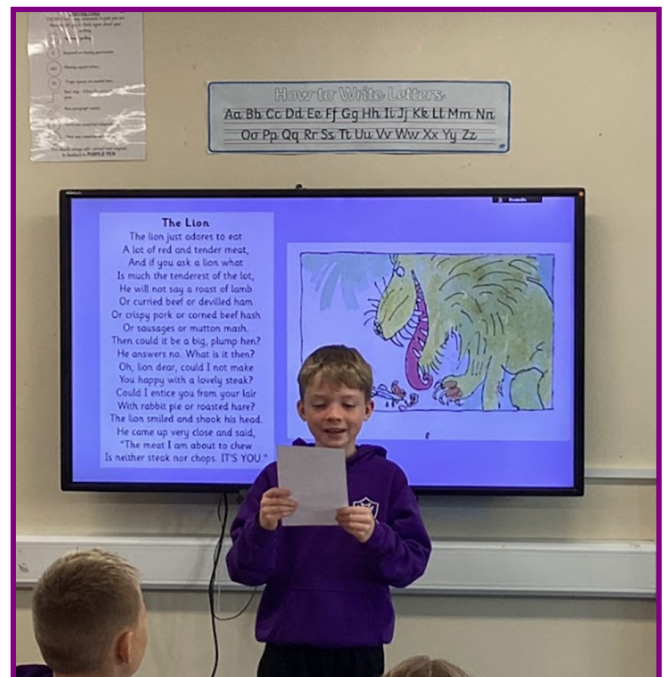
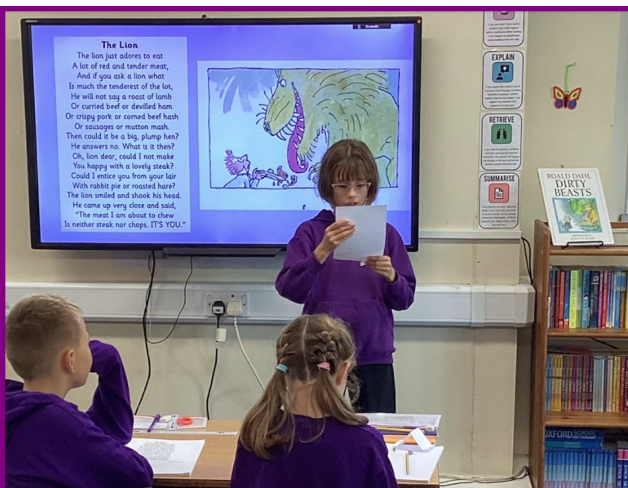


Reading in Year Five

In Year Five this term we have been reading the adventure narrative, 'The Explorer', by Katherine Rundell. So far, the children have enjoyed describing the verdant setting of the Amazon Rainforest and researching the many exotic animals that the characters may encounter. While in our Geography lessons, we have also been learning more about the climate of the rainforest biome.



On Friday the 13th, Pine and Rowan classes celebrated Roald Dahl Day by performing one of his poems, 'The Lion', and by designing their own hero or villain inspired by his characters!



Are you choosing a school for your child for September 2025?

We know that choosing a school for your child is one of the most important decisions you make as parents.

To provide parents with an opportunity to learn more about our school and our ethos, we are inviting you to visit the school for a presentation followed by a tour of the school.



Open Mornings

Tuesday, 15th October, 9.30am
Tuesday, 5th November, 9.30am
Friday, 8th November, 9.30am

Places are limited so must be booked in advance by contacting the School Office on 01761 412019.

We can offer:

- Dedicated teaching rooms for cookery, music and pottery
- Forest school sessions
- Extra-curricular clubs
- Large playing fields and playgrounds with age-appropriate activity areas
- Outdoor classroom



St. John's Primary School is a 'Good' School:

"Pupils behave well in school... Classrooms are calm and pupils work hard. In the playground, pupils socialise happily together."

"Pupils are taught a well-considered curriculum to support their broader development. This is a particular strength of the school."

Ofsted Report, March 2023



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Midsomer Norton
Schools Partnership

September 2024 Open Evenings



Norton Hill School
 Thursday 19th September 2024
 4:45pm - 7:30pm
 Presentations 5:00pm and 6:15pm
 School tours can be booked via our website from September:
www.nortonhill.school.com/about-us/open-evening-and-y6-school-tours.htm
www.nortonhill.school.com




Somervale School
 Thursday 26th September: 5:00pm - 7:30pm
 Presentation and Tours available.
 Please see our website for further information on how to sign up to attend our Open Evening and Tours.
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 WEDNESDAY 25th SEPTEMBER
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LIBRARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES w/c 16 September

Bath Central Library

Storytime

Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am 17 September

Board Game Saturdays

Saturday 12.30 - 4.00pm 21 September

Art in the Library: Usha Pearce, Montse Asensio, Kiran Pearce

Mon - Sat During opening hours 6 September - 3 Oct

Roald Dahl Story Day Celebrations

A Phizz - Whizzing Roald Dahl picture trail to find ten Roald Dahl book covers in our core libraries. Plus, draw and display your own BFG dream jar display.

Mon - Sat During opening hours 9- 21 September

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

Mon - Sat, Book a Session via Eventbrite

Lego Lab, Family Fun Drop In

Mon - Sat During opening hours

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 18 September

Storytime - Jane Austen themed

Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am 17 September

Keynsham Library

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00am 17 September
10.30 - 11.00am

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Mon - Sat, Book a Session via Eventbrite

Board Game Saturdays

Saturday 12.30 - 4.00pm 21 September

Storytime

Thursday 10.30 - 11am 19 September

Lace Making Group

Thursday 2.00 - 4pm 19 September

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Midsomer Norton Library

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Monday 11.00 - 11.30am 16 September

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Saturday 10.00 - 12.30pm 21 September

Storytime

Wednesday 10.30- 11.00pm 11 September

For any ticketed events, the link will be online via the blog.
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