

4th October 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

This week has seen the start of Black History Month and this has been the theme for Collective Worship. The children were told about how Black History Month started and why it matters. As part of their curriculum this month the children will be given the opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture.

This week we also held our Phonics Parent Workshop, the presentation has now been uploaded to our website for anyone who would like to take a look. Next Wednesday, we are holding our annual Harvest Festival. Parents from Acorn Class are invited to join us at 9am in the School Hall (not in the Church as previously advertised) to see their children receive their Bible and pebble for the Koinonia dish.

As part of our monitoring cycle our writing lead has been looking at writing across the school. She has been really impressed with how hard the children have been working covering topics from penguins in Antarctica to animals in the Amazon. Make sure you take a look at our facebook page to see some great examples of our writing.

Don't forget parents' evening slots go live at 6pm tonight (Friday), so make sure you book an appointment for a chance to discuss your child's learning with their teacher.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs West-Gaul

Dates for Your Diary

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

NOVEMBER

5th	Open Morning, 9.30am
8th	Open Morning, 9.30am
11th	Wear Red, Poppy Appeal
12th	Year Six Information Evening for Parents
13th	Flu Vaccinations
27th	INSET Day

REMINDER:

The Parents' Evenings Bookings will go live at 6pm tonight.
You will receive an e-mail with a link to make your booking.



Awards & Achievements

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	Eden Edie	-
Ash	Jacob	Ava
Birch	Bellatrix	Stanley
Chestnut	Jesse	Harlowe
Elm	Hugh	Frankie
Hazel	Sam	Loula
Holly	Orri	Freddie
Maple	Rhodri	Dorothy
Oak	Freya	Jesse
Pine	Carly	Taylor
Rowan	Elsie	Mabel
Sycamore	Teddy	Kara
Willow	Teddy S	Molly-May

Top Doodling Class



1A

Well done!



PE Stars of the Week:

Year 6 Sycamore: Dougie and Harry
 Year 6 Willow: Reed and Rocco
 Year 5 Pine: Poppy and James
 Year 5 Rowan: Harper and Poppy
 Year 4 Maple: Rhodri and Bethany
 Year 4 Oak: Evie and Jack H
 Year 3 Hollie: Shakai and Emilee
 Year 3 Hazel: Emily and George
 Year 2 Elm: Shontae and Lexi
 Year 2 Chestnut: Nancy and Harlowe
 Year 1 Ash: Jacob and Lyra
 Year 1 Birch: Paisley and Ronan

Tom, the coach from Bristol Sport Foundation, is running from Plymouth to Wells, fundraising for Brain Tumour Research. Should you wish to support him, please visit his [JustGiving](#) page.

Hot Chocolate Friday



Out of School Achievements

Leo won player of the week at tag rugby at the Midsomer Norton Under 6 Team.



Poppy and April both enjoyed a taster session with Team Bath Swimming Club and have both been offered to join the team.



Harvest Festival



This year we will be collecting food donations for the Bath Foodbank.

Any donations can be put in the boxes outside of the main entrance from Monday.

We are looking forward to celebrating our Harvest Festival next Wednesday in school.

Parents of children in Acorns Class (Reception) are invited to join us at 9am as the children will be receiving their official welcome to St. John's, being presented with their Bibles and putting their pebble in our Koinonia dish.

GIVE HELP

DONATE FOOD

Our foodbank relies on your goodwill and support.

Over 90% of the food distributed by foodbanks in [The Trussell Trust](#) network is donated by the public – that's why your food donations are absolutely vital to our ability to give everyone referred to us a balanced and nutritious three day supply of food.

THIS MONTH THE FOOD ITEMS WE ARE CURRENTLY IN NEED OF:

TINNED TOMATOES

INSTANT MASH

JARS PASTA SAUCE

INSTANT COFFEE

TINNED FRUIT

TINNED CUSTARD

LONG LIFE JUICE

CHOCOLATE BARS

TINNED RICE PUDDING

TEA BAGS (40-80 PACK SIZE)

NON-FOOD ITEMS WE ARE CURRENTLY IN NEED OF:

SHOWER GEL/SOAP

SHAMPOO

Reminder: Individual Photo Orders

Individual pupil photo proofs/order forms have been sent home with the children and full instructions of how to place your order is on the form.

Please note that the deadline for orders for free delivery to school is Tuesday 8th October.

Orders may be placed after that date (online only), but you will incur an additional postage cost to your own address.

Reminder: School Meal Bookings

We have been informed by the Trust's central catering team that they will be making changes to the meal booking system during the half term break, and this will remove any forward lunch bookings.

Therefore, please could we ask that you **do not make your meal bookings for after the half-term until after Monday 28th October.**

We will remind you in the weekly reminder email.



Year Two Visit to Midsomer Norton Library

On a very rainy Monday morning, Year Two walked to the Library in Midsomer Norton. It was our first visit of the year and we were looking forward to it. When we arrived, the librarian shared two lovely stories with us. One of them was about aliens and was very funny!

We had a chance to choose a book to borrow and bring back to school to share in class. There was a great range of subjects and genres of books for us to choose from and some of us found it quite tricky to just pick one.

We are looking forward to sharing and reading the books during the rest of the term.



It's Competition Time!



Happy Friday from the Rota Kids! Last week, you may have noticed we shared some fantastic news regarding the installation of a new bench in Silver Street Nature Reserve. As this was such a huge success, the Rota kids have decided they will be hosting another cake competition on Thursday 17th October and this year the theme is going to be Autumn. Keep your eyes peeled for more information and ideas coming your way soon!



Miss Moody



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to announce that we are currently seeking dedicated individuals to join Governing Bodies across the Trust. This is a wonderful opportunity for those who are passionate about education and community involvement to make a meaningful impact on our school and help shape the future for our students.

We would greatly appreciate your support in spreading the word. If you know of anyone – family members, friends, colleagues, or community members – who might be interested in taking on a Governor role, please share the attached advert with them. The more widely we share this opportunity, the greater our chances of finding individuals who are committed to making a difference.

Should you have any questions or need further information please contact Emily Walker, Governance Professional via ewalker@msnpartnership.com



Are you passionate about education? Do you want to help shape the future of young minds?

Becoming a school governor is an incredible opportunity to use your skills, time, and passion to ensure students receive the best education and support. Whether you're a parent, professional, or community member, your voice can make a real impact in the direction and success of our schools.

Make a Lasting Impact in Five Key Ways:

- Attend termly Governing Body meetings, reviewing data and ensuring the best outcomes for students.
- Get tailored, ongoing training to build your skills and understand your role (induction, safeguarding, and more).
- Act as a link governor, focusing on an area of your interest or expertise, and reporting on school progress.
- Represent the school positively in the community – become a proud ambassador!
- Take part in important panels (interviews, exclusions, and more), shaping the school's future.

Who Can Be a School Governor?

No prior experience is needed! All that's required is a commitment to the role and a willingness to learn. We need governors from all walks of life:

- Parent Governors: Provide insights from the parent community.
- Community Governors: Bring your skills and experience, even without a direct connection to the school.
- Foundation Governors: Preserve the school's religious character.
- Staff Governors: Offer the unique perspective of school staff.

What Do You Get Out of It?

Being a school governor is incredibly rewarding! You'll develop valuable skills, make a positive impact in your community, and help prepare students for success in further education and beyond. It's a role that's challenging but never dull, giving you the chance to contribute to something truly meaningful.



For more information, contact Emily Walker (Governance Professional): ewalker@msnpartnership.com
Find a list of local governing bodies on the MNSP website.



ST JOHN'S PTA

INVITES YOU TO THE

SCHOOL DISCO

TICKETS ON SALE FROM 16TH OCTOBER
AFTER SCHOOL IN THE PLAYGROUND

END OF TERM FUN

THURSDAY, 24TH OCTOBER

SNACKS ALSO AVAILABLE TO BUY

SQUASH
INCLUDED

ENTRY
£3

ENTERTAINER
& DJ

YR, Y1, Y2 & Y3 - 5:00PM - 6:00PM
Y4, Y5 & Y6 - 6:30PM - 7:30PM

PTA Disco

Disco tickets will be on sale after school from 14th October.

Non-School Uniform Day - 24th October

We are asking for donations of bottles or chocolates for the upcoming Christmas fete.

NON SCHOOL UNIFORM

Bottle & Chocolate Donations in readiness for the Xmas Fete please

24th
October

Christmas Fete

St John's CofE Primary
Redfield Road
BA3 2JN

Come and join us

NOV | 23 | 11-2PM+

Santa's Grotto
Tombola & Stalls
Hot Turkey or Pigs in Blanket Rolls
Hot Drinks
Fun Games
Choir performing Carols
Raffle

Kids Passport Available £5
(save £1 if purchased)



Knife Crime Awareness Event for Parents and Carers

The B&NES Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP) are pleased to announce that we have now arranged a parental knife crime awareness event at St Mark's School on Monday 21st October 2024, starting at 6pm. 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/bnes-vrp-knife-crime-awareness-event-for-parents-carers-tickets-1022634837327>

LIBRARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES w/c 7 October

Bath Central Library

Storytime

Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am 8 October

Board Game Saturdays

Saturday 12.30 - 4.00pm 12 October

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

Mon - Sat During opening hours 6 September - 3 Oct

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 9 October

Keynsham Library

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Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00am 8 October
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Mon - Sat, Book a Session via Eventbrite

Board Game Saturdays

Saturday 12.30 - 4.00pm 12 October

Storytime

Thursday 10.30 - 11am 10 October

Lace Making Group

Thursday 2.00 - 4pm 10 October

Victoria Art Gallery Storytime & Craft

In celebration of our 10 years, a birthday themed interactive storytime. For children aged 0-5 and their parents/carers.

Thursday 10 October

10.30 - 11.00am

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



ATTENDANCE MATTERS AT ST JOHNS

Every school day counts!

100%
EXCELLENT

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%.

98%
Good

4 - 7.5 days absent =
22-41 hours of lost learning

We are here to support you!

95%
REQUIRES IMPROVEMENT

9.5 - 17 Days absent =
52 - 93.5 hours of lost learning

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

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

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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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