

11th 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

Thank you to everyone for your harvest donations, which will be passed on to Bath Foodbank this week. During our Collective Worship we thought about what and who we had to be thankful for, remembering how fortunate we are to have such easy access to the things we need. Our local food bank has moved to St John's Church Hall, if you ever find yourself in need please do come and speak to us and we can provide you with a voucher to access this service.

This week, I have had the pleasure of meeting with all of the teachers to discuss the children's progress so far this year. We looked at things that were going really well, as well as support that was in place. I was really pleased to hear that children across the school are continuing to be engaged in the curriculum and are building their resilience when things are tricky. Thank you for all of your support with homework so far this year, we are finding that practicing these skills outside of the lessons is having an impact on the children's ability to recall key facts. Don't forget to book your parents' evening slot if you haven't already done so.

With the wet weather set to continue we are asking that children bring in a spare pair of trainers if they wish to access the field at lunchtime. Anyone who does not have a change of shoes will not be able to access the field during this time.

Next week we have an Open Morning on Tuesday 15th October at 9:30am. If you know of anyone looking for a reception place for September 2025 please refer them to our school website for more information.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs West-Gaul

Dates for Your Diary

OCTOBER

- 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



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	Rebecca Evie	-
Ash	Lyra	Emilia
Birch	Riley	Lilah
Chestnut	Arya	Dylan
Elm	Mila	Blake
Hazel	Lucas	Nancy
Holly	Jaxon	Darcy
Maple	Isaac	Soraya
Oak	Louie	Darcey
Pine	Carly	Sophie
Rowan	DeWet	Matthew
Sycamore	Eva	Sidney
Willow	Ralphy	Seth

Top Doodling Class



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Well done!



PE Stars of the Week:

Year 6 Sycamore - Reggie and Kara
 Year 6 Willow - Colby, Ashley and Annabell
 Year 5 Pine - Carly
 Year 5 Rowan - Henry D
 Year 4 Maple - Zena and Tommy
 Year 4 Oak - Olivia and Josh
 Year 3 Hollie - Kara and McKenzie
 Year 3 Hazel - Loula and Lucas
 Year 2 Elm - Frankie and Libby
 Year 2 Chestnut - Eric
 Year 1 Ash - Milo
 Year 1 Birch - Elijah and Betsy

Hot Chocolate Friday



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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SEND Information

English as an additional language (EAL)

The rich diversity of England's culture, society and language, which has evolved over centuries, is reflected in schools. Many pupils arrive at school already speaking more than one language, with English being their second, third or fourth language.

The Department for Education (DfE) records a pupil as using EAL if **'they are exposed to a language at home that is known or believed to be other than English.'** This means that if a child has a parent/carer at home who speaks a language other than English, they should be recorded as EAL. This information allows the adults in school to support your child in the best way possible and celebrate the many languages your children may be hearing and using at home!

This information is gathered on the data collection forms which were recently sent home. If you have not previously recorded your child as EAL, please contact the office so we can update our records.

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.

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



BRISTOL SPORT FOUNDATION

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It's Competition Time!



Happy Friday from the Rota Kids! Last week, you may have noticed we shared some exciting news regarding another cake sale! This will go ahead on Thursday 17th October at 3:00 pm - 4:15pm outside of the pottery room (Look out for the Rotary gazebo!) If the weather decides to take a turn, the location will be changed to the studio. Remember, this is a competition so it would be great to see some amazing designs and cakes being produced. There will be prizes for the winners (KS1 and KS2) and cakes will be judged by the volunteers of the Rotary Club. If you do not wish to enter the competition, we would greatly appreciate your support through any donations of cakes/treats to be sold on the day. A google form will be sent out shortly via parentmail for any entries you may wish to enter! Don't forget! The theme is Autumn! Thanks everyone and have a great weekend! Get baking!!



Miss Moody



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- 2 Choose your primary school.
- 3 Shop in-store across Asda & George, and scan your Asda Rewards app at the checkout.
- 4 Shopping online? Simply log in to Asda.com using the same details as your Asda Rewards account.
- 5 We'll do the rest! We donate ££s to your chosen school every time you shop, so they can spend it on exactly what they need.

With Parentkind



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)



The B&NES Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP) are pleased to announce we have added three extra dates for our Parental Knife Crime Awareness events.

Please note these events will now take place on:

- o Monday 21st October 2024 at [St Mark's School](#)
- o Thursday 5th December 2024 at [Bath College](#)
- o Wednesday 22nd January 2025 at [Newbridge Primary School](#)
- o Monday 10th February 2025 at [Chew Valley School](#)

These events are 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; increasing 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 a guest speaker with lived experience, who has been personally affected by knife crime, 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:

St Mark's School: <https://KnifeCrimeAwarenessStMarks.eventbrite.co.uk>

Bath College: <https://KnifeAwarenessBathCollege.eventbrite.co.uk>

Newbridge Primary School: <https://KnifeAwarenessNewbridge.eventbrite.co.uk>

Chew Valley School: <https://KnifeAwarenessChewValley.eventbrite.co.uk>

