

18th 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

Another busy week here at St John's. On Monday Year One had their first trip of the year to the library where they were read a story by one of the librarians and had a chance to explore the range of books on offer.

Year Two put into practice their geography skills in their recent trip to Midsomer Norton. They visited different landmarks in the town and found grid references on a local map.

On Monday we introduced our Pupil Leaders including School Council, House Captains, Digital Leaders, Wellbeing Ambassadors and Ethos Group. Our House Captains had their first assignment on Tuesday showing our prospective parents around at Open Day. They did us proud, with all the parents leaving very impressed with their knowledge and compassion.

Next week is our final week of term, with the children's last day being Thursday - on Friday, the school is closed for teacher training. Parents' Evenings are taking place on Wednesday and Thursday so if you haven't already please arrange a slot to speak to your child's class teacher. Interim reports are coming home with your children today with some discussion points ready for your appointment, please bring these with you along with anything else you wish to discuss.

Thursday will be a non-uniform day and we have the PTA discos after school.

Have a lovely weekend!
Mrs West-Gaul

Dates for Your Diary

OCTOBER

- 22nd & 23rd Parents' Evenings
- 24th PTA Disco and Non-Uniform Day
- 25th INSET Day

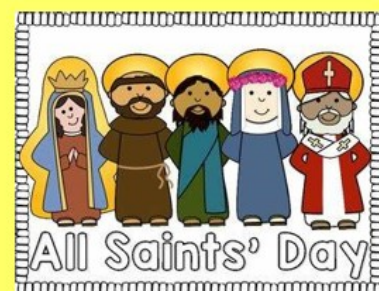
NOVEMBER

- 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
- 23rd PTA Christmas Fete, 11am – 2pm
- 27th INSET Day

All are invited to come and join us as we celebrate the heroes of the Christian Church at our

All Saints Family Service on Sunday 3rd November at 10am

at John's Church, Midsomer Norton.



All are welcome!

If any our young friends from St John's School would like to help out and read some prayers please come early so we can give you a job!

REMINDER:

We are a nut-free school.



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	Ruby R Finley	-
Ash	Serena	Taylor
Birch	Oscar	Hugo
Chestnut	Harvey	Daisy
Elm	Aubrie	James
Hazel	Loula	Riley
Holly	Matilda	Jennifer
Maple	Millie	Oscar
Oak	Lola	Josh
Pine	Henry	Eden
Rowan	Finley	Ralphy
Sycamore	Jake	Eva
Willow	Molly-May	Poppie

Top Doodling Class



Acorns

Well done!



PE Stars of the Week:

Year 6 Sycamore - Frankie
 Year 6 Willow - Teddy
 Year 5 Rowan - Maizie and Ellis
 Year 5 Pine - Josh B
 Year 4 Oak - Jack H
 Year 4 Maple - Flynn
 Year 3 Holly - Sophie
 Year 2 Elm - Aubrey and Casey
 Year 2 Chestnut - Poppy-Rose
 Year 1 Ash - Taylor
 Year 1 Birch - Miley and Hugo

Well done!

Term 2 Clubs

Please see the list of after school clubs available from the Bristol Sport Foundation coaches in Term 2:

Mondays

Years 1 & 2 Dodgeball
 Years 3 - 6 Girl's Football

Tuesdays

Years 1 & 2 Football
 Years 3 - 6 Gymnastics

Wednesdays

Years 1 & 2 Multi Sports
 Years 3 - 6 Handball

[Click here to book your child's place](#)

Hot Chocolate Friday



Reading in Acorns

In Acorns this week we have been exploring Autumn. We have been looking out for signs of Autumn and collecting lots of leaves, conkers and acorns which we have put in our investigation area to explore. We have enjoyed looking at lots of books about Autumn and we really like some of the beautiful pictures of Autumn trees!



Out of School Achievements

Hugo and Leo in Birch Class took part in their first Taekwondo grading and were promoted to Purple belts last Sunday.



REMINDERS

After-School Clubs:

Due to the Parents' Evenings, **all after-school clubs are cancelled next week** (with the exception of Bristol Sport Foundation Clubs, Midsomer Norton Primary After School Club and Nursery).

Secondary School Applications:

Parents of Year Six pupils are reminded that the closing date for Secondary School applications 2025 is 31st October 2024

An advertisement for My Hametags. It features a hametags logo at the top, followed by the text 'REDUCING YOUR CHILD'S LOST PROPERTY IN SCHOOLS/PTAS'. Below this is an image of a school uniform (white shirt, tie, and shoes) and a hametags calendar. At the bottom, there is a small text box that says '24% of every order will be donated to our PTA/School! Just use our school ID on the checkout.' and a red button with the text 'School ID: 31825'. The My Hametags website URL is also visible at the bottom left.





Operation Shoebox!

Happy Friday from the Rota Kids! We are nearly at the end of term 1 and the Rota kids have been extremely busy organising many events including our wonderful cake sale this week. Thank you to all those who volunteered, baked and bought our wonderful cakes! Keep a look out for an update soon!

Our next event will be Operation Shoebox! Operation Shoebox is a project run by Samaritan's Purse that collects shoebox gifts filled with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items which are then shipped to countries in need.



As a club, we would like to get involved and would like you to get involved too!

We have been busy collecting shoeboxes and would like to donate them to those who want to help towards this wonderful cause. There will also be a box held at the front office for any donations. Please look out for a parent email with all the information of how you can get involved.

Have a great weekend,

Miss Moody

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.



SEND Updates

EHCP's Explained – Parent Information Session

Thursday 24th October 2024 - 5:00pm- 6:30pm -
Conference Room - Writhlington School.

The application and obtainment of an EHCP is a long and complicated process involving many professionals. This session is aimed at parents whose children are attending mainstream settings who are in the process of or considering applying for an EHCP. If your child has additional needs, they will be reliant on receiving effective additional provision and support. Understanding the EHCP process is key to ensuring that children receive all they need to make progress and thrive.

This session will cover the following topics:

1. What is an EHCP
 2. Understanding the EHCP application process
 3. What support an EHCP entitles your child to
 4. How to challenge the Local Authorities decisions
- If you are interested in booking a place, please email sen@msnpartnership.com by 20th October 2024

The session will be held at Writhlington School – Conference Room



UNIVERSITY OF BATH
Team Bath Rhythmic Gymnastics presents
HALLOWEEN GYM FUN CAMP
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TUESDAY 29TH & WEDNESDAY 30TH OCTOBER
9.30-11.30 AM
OPEN TO MEMBERS & NON MEMBERS

Fun, games, gymnastics, dance, rope, ball, hoop, ribbons and more...

All abilities welcome
Reception age plus

£14 per day per child
Pre booking essential

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Event for parents and carers

Coffee mornings

for parents and carers of those diagnosed with autism



Led by Hayley Brimble from SASS and Michelle Lander from Bright Start Children's Centres



9am to 11.30am

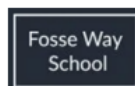
Wednesday 11th September, 2024
Wednesday, 13th November, 2024
Wednesday 15th January, 2025
Wednesday 5th March, 2025
Wednesday 30th April, 2025
Wednesday 11th June 2025

Longfellows Café,
Fosse Way School,
Longfellow Road,
Radstock BA3 3AL



No need to book

Free tea and coffee available



Bath & North East Somerset Council

Children's Occupational Therapy

We have been advised of an advice line which will be starting from **November 5th**.

Children's Occupational Therapy

NHS
Royal United Hospitals Bath
NHS Foundation Trust

Advice Line

Do you have any questions about a child or young person's ability to carry out daily tasks and activities?

01225 82 6659
The first and second
Tuesday of each month.
2pm – 4pm

Our Advice Line is open to Parents / Carers, Schools, Nursery and Healthcare professionals of children who have a **BANES GP**



The RUH, where you matter

If the child is already on our Waiting List or is known to BANES OT Service, and you would like to speak to a member of the Occupational Therapy team, please contact 01225 82 4220.



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

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)



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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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



01761 412019

WWW.STJOHNSMSN.CO.UK

Get more active Improve your mental health



Visit Sustrans and The Active Way team to explore local walking, cycling and wheeling activities and opportunities in the Somer Valley

29th October 24
10.30am-3pm

The Hollies, Midsomer Norton

Dr Bike

Bring your cycle for a free safety check and minor repairs*

*Places are limited and allocated on a first come first served basis

Find out more - theactivewaybathnes.co.uk

Helping you go walking, cycling, and wheeling

Call: 07926 074181 Email: active.steps@sustrans.org.uk or

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Bath Taps into Science

Bath Taps into Science, a free, two-day science extravaganza, makes a welcome return this month, celebrating the 200th anniversary of the Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution (BRLSI). This joint venture between the University of Bath and BRLSI aims to make science fun, engaging and accessible to everyone.

On October 19th, families from around Bath will be invited to BRLSI's home in Queen Square to explore the wonders of science through an array of hands-on activities and experiments. Exhibitors will include scientists, volunteers from the BRLSI's new Academy of Imagination, students from the University of Bath, local schools, societies and industry.

Participants will be invited to break codes, create magic potions, craft origami darts and build artificial hands, all in the name of scientific discovery.

Other unmissable activities (among many others) include:

Amazing mazes. Crack some fiendish mazes and learn how computers solve problems, such as telling the difference between a cat and a dog.

Foods of tomorrow. Would you eat an insect burgers, lab-mad chicken nuggets or 'bacon' made from fungi for the sake of the planet?

The 1,000m bubbles. Cutting-edge research on optical fibres (used, for instance, in telecommunications and medicine) rely on the science of soap bubbles – here is how.

Are we more united than divided? Play a digital 'values' game to explore whether girls and boys (or Tory and Labour voters) hail from different planets or are in fact more similar than many believe. The team running the stall will compare players' assumptions with findings from large datasets.

Event details

Where: Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution (BRLSI), 16-18 Queen Square, Bath, BA1 2HN

When: October 18-19, 10am-4pm

Who: People of all ages, no need to book

Find out more at: <https://www.brlsi.org/bathtaps/>

The B&NES Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP) are pleased to announce we have added three extra dates for our Parental Knife Crime Awareness events. **The next one will be on Monday.** Please book now if you wish to attend.

Please note these events will now take place on:

Monday 21st October 2024 at [St Mark's School](#)

Thursday 5th December 2024 at [Bath College](#)

Wednesday 22nd January 2025 at [Newbridge Primary School](#)

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>

