

15th November 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: PEACE



Message from the Headteacher

I think it's fair to say winter has arrived. With this in mind can you please ensure your children come to school appropriately dressed, with all items named. On Monday 25th November we will be clearing our lost property so please ensure you have had a good look through it for any lost items before this date.

Last Friday, we had a visit from the MNSP School Improvement Partner, Kerrie Courtier. In her report she comments on the exemplary behaviour and presentation she saw across the school. She was impressed with the outcomes in the maths books and how confidently the children were able to talk about their learning journeys. It was great to be able to showcase all of the amazing work taking place at St. John's.

Next week the children will begin to prepare for the 'St. John's Christmas Market'. Each child will be making a Christmas decoration of their choice which will be on sale at the PTA fete next Saturday.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs West-Gaul

REMINDER

Could we please remind everyone again to be considerate when parking near the school.

Thank you.

Dates for Your Diary

November

23rd PTA Christmas Fete, 11am–2pm

27th INSET Day

December

4th Year One Nativity, 5pm

10th Year Two 'Carols by Candle-light', 3.15pm, St. John's Church

11th Reception Nativity, 1.30pm

12th Christingle Service, 3.30pm, St. John's Church

13th PTA Elfridges

18th Christmas Services at St. John's Church,

9am: Seedlings, Acorns, Ash, Chestnut, Hazel, Maple, Pine, Sycamore.

2pm: Birch, Elm, Holly, Oak, Rowan, Willow

20th PTA Non-uniform Day



Awards & Achievements

Awards of the Week

Well done to all of our pupils who have achieved an award.

	Star of the Week	Star Readers
Acorns	Leo P Mila	Rebecca Alex L
Ash	Leo G	Milo
Birch	Hugo	Oscar
Chestnut	Charlie	Amelia
Elm	Ayda	Maeva
Hazel	Sophia S	Myka
Holly	Freddie	Shakai
Maple	Oscar	Brie
Oak	Indigo and Charlie	Reggie
Pine	Anna	Poppy-Mae
Rowan	Mabel	Lottie
Sycamore	Olive	Dylan
Willow	Seth	Jake

Top Doodling Class



Acorns

Well done!



PE Stars of the Week:

Year 6 Sycamore - Harry and Poppy
 Year 6 Willow - Ashley and Zachary
 Year 5 Rowan - Jude and Isla C
 Year 5 Pine - Lyra and Oliver
 Year 4 Oak - Reggie and Mollie
 Year 4 Maple - Dolly
 Year 3 Holly - Jake
 Year 3 Hazel - Emily and Mason
 Year 2 Elm - Melania and Ted
 Year 2 Chestnut - Sofia and Dylan
 Year 1 Ash - Sammy and Ruby
 Year 1 Birch - Beya and Leo

Well done!

Hot Chocolate Friday



BRISTOL SPORT FOUNDATION

ACTIVE. HEALTHY. HAPPY.

We deliver fun and inclusive sport and physical activity sessions in Greater Bristol to provide children with opportunities to enjoy being active and fall in love with sport.

Find out what Clubs, Hubs & Camps we have available at your school and in the local area at www.bristol sport foundation.org.



School Dinners

Please could we remind you to choose your child's meals along with them, and remind them of their choice each morning before school. The kitchen staff are unable to change what the child is eating when they reach the servery because each meal is made to order. This can cause upset and disruption in the dinner hall, and on occasion children refusing to eat what has been chosen on their behalf. Involving your child in making the choices should minimise this - thank you for your support.

Christmas dinner will be served at St John's on Wednesday 18 December

This is available to book via ParentPay as usual:

- Roast Turkey Parcel (includes stuffing and is wrapped in bacon)
or Roasted Vegetable Parcel (v)
- Chipolata
- Carrots
- Sprouts
- Roast potatoes
- Gravy
- Chocolate Christmas tree filled with strawberry ice cream



✓ Years 1-6
✓ Ofsted registered
✓ Tax Free childcare
✓ HHH Funded spaces

★★★★★

Christmas Holiday Clubs

Happy Healthy Holiday funded spaces
plus paid for spaces!

📍 St Johns Primary School,
Midsomer Norton
9-3pm
(HHH, 9-1pm extend play to 3.
Look out for your unique code to book)

Monday 23rd December
Thursday 2nd January
Friday 3rd January

EVERY CHILD WELCOME

CLUB CERTIFICATES AWARDED



"All 3 of my children came home full of joy."

Happy, Active, Confident

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HANDY QR CODE
TO BOOK PAID
FOR SPACES

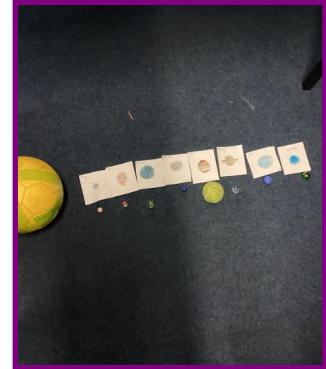


Reading in Year Five

This term in Year Five, pupils have enjoyed exploring non-fiction texts all about the moon and planets in the solar system!

Pine and Rowan class have loved learning some new facts and sharing those they already know. We've had some fantastic discussions about gravity, orbital paths and Pluto being reclassified!

These texts have also linked with our unit on space in science, where this week we were tasked with making a model of the solar system - considering the diameter of each planet and representing these with different balls.



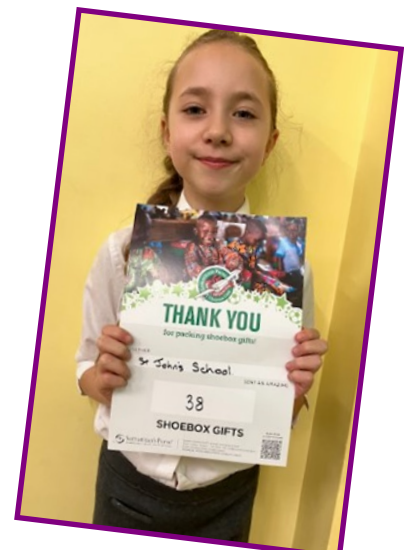
Operation Shoebox

Happy Friday from the Rota Kids! We have been very busy this week collecting our shoeboxes to take to our nearest collection point, - Midsomer Norton Methodist Church.

We wanted to thank you all for your amazing generosity and donations! We were able to donate 38 boxes in total and have been presented with a certificate for all our hard work.

The children even got to enjoy a drink and some treats whilst we were down there.

Have a great weekend,
Miss Moody



THE UNIFORM CUPBOARD

Giving away good quality second hand school uniform & winter coats



FREE UNIFORM & WINTER COATS

SUNDAY 27TH OCTOBER
2PM - 4PM

SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER
2PM - 4PM

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Lower Bristol Road,
Bath, BA2 1EP

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SASS Community Choir

for all autistic young people and their families in B&NES





Led by Tim Parker
The SASS team are excited to be working with Tim and WEMA for our new community choir!

Dates (Wednesdays)
December 18th
January 29th
March 12th
April 30th
June 11th
July 2nd

Venue
Fosse Way School
Longfellow Road
Radstock BA3 3AL
(Parking available)

Time
4pm - 5pm
All ages

Come for as much or as little of the session as you would like!

The SASS team are starting a choir for autistic young people and their families including siblings, parents/carers and grandparents..
All are welcome!

Music provides a unique way to connect with others with singing having many health and wellbeing benefits. Let's enjoy some singing together within a fun, friendly and supportive environment!

Parents/carers will also have the opportunity to meet with members of the SASS team for general advice and support during the session.
A £1 voluntary donation per family is invited.

For more information contact: sass@fossewayschool.com - 01761 412198 Ext 1

INSPIRED TO TRY...

Swimming!

Team Bath AS, a Performance Swimming Club, is running a **FREE** taster session for swimmers aged 7+ who are interested in starting a competitive swimming journey!

When: Wednesday, 27th November

Time: 6 – 6.30pm

Where: Dragonfly Leisure, Midsomer Norton, Gullock Tynning, Midsomer Norton, Radstock BA3 2SY

Eligibility:
Swimmers aged 7+ who can swim 25m and have achieved Learn to Swim Level 7 (or the equivalent standard).

How to Register:
Spaces are limited, so sign up by 22nd November to secure your place. To register, email: pathway.programme@teambathas.co.uk.





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%**.

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.



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

01761 412019
WWW.STJOHNSMSN.CO.UK



Christmas Holidays - Inspired Camps Radstock

30th, 31st December & - 2nd, 3rd January

- St Benedict's Primary School
- Active Camps (Multi-sports)

Medals for all
Presentation ceremony on the final day

£20 Per day
10% Whole week discount
15% Sibling discount

Inspired Schools
01278 550945
hello@inspiredschools.co.uk
inspiredschools.co.uk/parents

<https://inspiredschools.schoolipal.co.uk/>

Happy Healthy Holidays FREE Places

- Limited free places available for children on benefit related free school meals
- Bookable on **18th November**
- Register for our community now

SCAN ME

For paid places

MENTORINGPLUS Inspiring young lives

CHARITY CHRISTMAS EVENTS

www.mentoringplus.net
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01225 429 694

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

Saturday 7 + Saturday 14 Dec - 10am-4pm, Sunday 8 Dec 2pm-4pm
Sustainably UK farmed high quality Nordmann firs. ★
Pre-order for collection / buy on the day.
Visit our website to find out more / pre-order (see below)

CHRISTMAS FAIR + SANTA'S GROTTO

Saturday 7 Dec - 10am-2pm
Magical stalls, fantastic prizes, beautiful Christmas trees and Santa's Garden Grotto.
Santa's Grotto £5pp incl. a small gift
Tickets can be booked via our website (see below)

WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

Sunday 8 Dec - 2pm-4pm
Learn how to make a stunning natural wreath with expert wreath maker, Marina Beere.
Tickets £35pp incl. refreshments + materials.
Book via our website (see below)

Where?
Riverside Youth Hub (behind Richer Sounds, London Rd) BA1 6AE

Find out more / book
www.mentoringplus.net/events
Mentoring Plus is a local youth charity, helping young people feel safe, heard and hopeful for their future.

WELLS CATHEDRAL SONG SQUAD

Christmas Sing-Along

at Wells Cathedral

FREE event for 4-11 yrs and their families, with hot chocolate and shortbread afterwards!

Enjoy a festive sing-along, meet the Cathedral team, and see if you would like to join Song Squad!

Saturday 21 December
10.00am-11.00am

Reserve your FREE place online at wells cathedral.org.uk/events

WELLS CATHEDRAL SONG SQUAD

Love singing? Aged 4-11?

Then we're the choir for you!

We meet on Tuesdays during term time from 4.45 - 5.15 pm (for the 4-6 year olds) and 5.15 - 6.15pm (for the 7-11s) in the Cathedral Education Room

No audition necessary - just a love of singing and an eagerness to learn!

For more information contact Jill Edmonds via songsquad@wells cathedral.org.uk



10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO CHOOSE RESPECT

Sometimes, differences between children can escalate into bullying, potentially impacting their mental health in a way that can persist into adulthood. While it's natural to disagree sometimes, teaching children the importance of respect is essential – especially in difficult situations. This guide provides strategies for encouraging considerate behaviour, even during a dispute, to foster a kinder, more inclusive environment for everyone.

1 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

As adults, we play a crucial role in modelling respectful behaviour for children: they observe and learn from our actions every day. Be mindful of the way you interact with others in front of children. Keep in mind that you should always approach others with an attitude of mutual respect, even if you disagree with them. Demonstrating this behaviour can influence young people and help them to handle their own conflicts in a healthy way.

2 AGREE TO DISAGREE

Make sure children know that it's fine to have differing opinions – and that disagreeing with someone doesn't mean you can't get along or respect each other's point of view. Help them understand that sometimes we can 'agree to disagree'. Using active listening skills when doing this can also help to build empathy and understanding of others.

3 PROMOTE ACTIVE LISTENING

Teach children about the importance of active listening: that is, making a genuine effort to listen to the other person's perspective without interrupting, before responding in a way that shows you understand their viewpoint, even (or perhaps especially) if you disagree with it. This makes people feel respected and allows for a better comprehension of their point of view, which in turn can make it easier for you to communicate your own opinions to them.

4 ENCOURAGE THE USE OF "I" STATEMENTS

If a child finds themselves in a disagreement with someone, it can be useful to encourage them to use "I" statements during the discussion. Framing their thoughts and feelings using statements like "I feel ..." or "I think ..." can help them avoid an accusatory tone and encourages them to take responsibility for their own emotions.

5 FOCUS ON BEHAVIOUR, NOT CHARACTER

When disagreements happen, encourage children to focus on criticising and addressing the specific actions or behaviours that caused this upset, rather than attacking the person's character. For example, "I didn't like how you interrupted me" is better than "You're so rude". This can help children avoid hurting someone's feelings, which is likely to inflame the situation.

6 STAY CALM AND TAKE BREAKS

It's perfectly normal to feel upset during a disagreement – especially if it's getting heated. Remind children that if they feel overwhelmed, they should try to take deep breaths or even go for a short break to help them stay composed. If a conversation becomes too intense, remind them it's OK to suggest continuing it later or in a different setting. This can prevent things getting out of hand, allowing cooler heads to prevail.

7 START CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RESPECT

Talk openly to children about what respect means – to you and to them. Discuss how they might show respect to each other, to friends, to strangers and even to people we might disagree with. You could use examples of considerate or inconsiderate behaviour in books, films or TV to open discussions about the importance of giving others due regard.

8 SEEK COMMON GROUND

When a disagreement has occurred between children, they may find it hard to move past it. You can support them in finding a more positive way forward by helping identify areas of agreement or common ground with the other party. This can help to build bridges between differing opinions and foster a more cooperative atmosphere, as well as preventing those involved from demonising each other.

9 AVOID MAKING THINGS PERSONAL

It's important that we make it clear to children they must avoid name-calling, swearing or derogatory remarks in a disagreement with others. Respectful language sets a positive tone and helps keep the conversation productive. Reminding children to stay calm and take breaks – as mentioned previously – can help them avoid getting too emotional and saying or doing something hurtful.

10 REFLECT AND LEARN

After a child has had a disagreement, encourage them to reflect on the experience and think about what they can learn from it. What did they handle well? How might they improve their communication skills to handle conflicts more effectively in the future? You could use role play, writing and drawing pictures, or hypothetical examples to further develop their skills in showing respect during a disagreement.

Meet Our Expert

The Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA) co-ordinate Anti-Bullying Week each year. ABA is a unique coalition of organisations and individuals, working together to achieve their vision to stop bullying and create safer environments in which children and young people can live, grow, play and learn. They welcome membership from any organisation or individual that supports this vision and support a free network of thousands of schools and colleges.

ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE

#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

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