

22nd 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

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas!

We arrived in school on Monday to Christmas trees around the school and a studio full of Christmas crafts. The children have been busy making their Christmas decorations and the PTA have been busy preparing the school for the Christmas fete tomorrow. Please come along and support - there are some great raffle prizes to be had!

Don't forget next Wednesday is an INSET day, so is closed to all children, and on Thursday we have our Kolve Court meeting for Year 4 parents straight after school.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

*Mrs West-Gaul*



St John's CofE Primary  
Redfield Road  
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# Christmas Fete

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)

### 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 Candlelight',  
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



**Mini Mojios**

- ✓ 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



## Awards of the Week

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

|          | Star of the Week | Star Readers  |
|----------|------------------|---------------|
| Acorns   | Arthur Chester   | Dougie Ruby R |
| Ash      | Jenna            | Leo G         |
| Birch    | Lilah            | Stanley       |
| Chestnut | Oliver           | Sofia         |
| Elm      | Frankie          | Edward        |
| Hazel    | Harry            | Emily         |
| Holly    | Emilee           | Theo          |
| Maple    | Sophie           | Amelia S      |
| Oak      | Todd             | Indigo        |
| Pine     | Owen             | Avery         |
| Rowan    | Olivia & Jack D  | Teddy         |
| Sycamore | Finlay &         | Phoebe        |
| Willow   | Isabelle H       | Ashley        |

### Top Doodling Class:



Ash Class  
Well done!



### PE Stars of the Week:

- ★ Year 6 Sycamore- Poppy and Mason R
- ★ Year 6 Willow- Ralphy
- ★ Year 5 Roman- Texa and Jack Simcox
- ★ Year 5 Pine- Avery
- ★ Year 4 Maple- Xander and Sophie
- ★ Year 4 Oak- Jayden and Darcy
- ★ Year 3 Hollie- Theo and Auriella
- ★ Year 3 Hazel- Sonny and Evelyn
- ★ Year 2 Elm- Remy and Eva
- ★ Year 2 Chesnut- Poppy rose and Oliver
- ★ Year 1 Ash- Ruby and Oliver
- ★ Year 1 Birch- Lilah and Oliver

Well done!



## 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.bristolsportfoundation.org](http://www.bristolsportfoundation.org).



### Out of School Achievement

Chloe from Sycamore Class entertained the crowds at four of the Somerset carnivals with Dragonfly dance. They picked up 3 second places and a joint first place with their drop dead gorgeous theme.



Well done Chloe and well done to everyone who took part in the carnivals!



## Citizenship & Character Award

Let's turn this weekend's gloomy weather forecast into a positive by using it to work towards our Citizenship and Character Award! Children could perhaps build their own rain gauge using an empty plastic bottle, some tape, some rocks and a ruler.

The National Trust for Scotland website provides some clear instructions on how to construct this:

<https://www.nts.org.uk/stories/how-to-make-your-own-rain-gauge>

Perhaps children could take recordings from their rain gauge every day for one week. We teachers would be delighted to hear about how the children get on with their investigation. I wonder which day will prove to be the rainiest!



## Cross Country

This week, nearly 50 St John's children from Years Four and Five represented the school at the Large Schools Cross Country Competition.

The children did incredibly well, tackling a lengthy and challenging course. It was fantastic to see so many children getting involved and with such an amazing enthusiasm towards the event.



## 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



**St John's PTA  
Elfridges**

WHERE CHILDREN PICK A PRESENT FOR A SPECIAL PERSON

BOOKING FORM DEADLINE 29TH NOVEMBER

CHILDREN PICK ON 13TH DECEMBER

£3.00 PER PRESENT

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

**MNSP**  
MOMENTS MATTER.  
ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

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# CHRISTMAS FAYRE

**Saturday 7th December**

**St John the Baptist Church**

**10am - 1pm**

**Coffee and Refreshments**

**Stalls and Music**



# LANTERN LIT ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

You are all warmly invited to our  
Lantern lit Advent Carol Service  
**Sunday 1st December at 4pm.**  
There will be light refreshments  
served afterwards.

We would love you to come  
and celebrate this special  
season with us.



  
TIMSBURY  
THEATRE GROUP  
2024



# Snow White & The Seven Dwarfs

A Pantomime by Limelight Scripts

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December - 7:30pm

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December - 7:30pm

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December - 7:30pm

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December - 2:00pm & 6:00pm

Tickets: Adult £12 Child £8 Family (2+2) £35

Conygre Hall, North Road, Timsbury BA2 0JQ

Box office: [www.timsburytheatre.co.uk](http://www.timsburytheatre.co.uk)



# St John the Baptist Church CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christingle Service 3.30pm  
Thursday 12th December

Christmas Carol Service  
Sunday 22nd December 4pm

Christmas Eve  
Crib Service 4pm  
Midnight Mass 11.30pm

Christmas Day.  
8am Holy Eucharist  
10am Parish Eucharist

Holy Eucharist 10am  
Saturday 28th December  
Holy Innocents Day



## B&NES VRP Knife Crime Awareness Events for Parents and Carers

The B&NES Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP) have 3 upcoming Parental Knife Crime Awareness events.

Please note these events will now take place on:

- o Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at [Bath College](#)
- o Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025 at [Newbridge Primary School](#)
- o Monday 10<sup>th</sup> 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. There will also be an opportunity to hear about the support available for children and families in B&NES and view a partnership film on county lines from a B&NES' perspective.

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](mailto:VRP_Events@bathnes.gov.uk).

### **Or book your ticket now on Eventbrite:**

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

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

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

