

29th 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

This week at St John's there's been a lot of Art and DT projects getting started across school. In Year 6 they are in the design process of making waistcoats, in Year 4 they've set up their own biscuit companies and in Year 3 they are doing some market research on the best seasonal tart.

A huge thankyou to everyone who supported our PTA Christmas Fete last Saturday. We made a profit of £2891.18 which will help towards finishing off the second phase of our trim trail on the school field.

Next week we've got the first of our Christmas nativities, Year 1 will be performing to parents on Wednesday at 5pm.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs West-Gaul



Dates for Your Diary

December

- 4th Year One Nativity, 5pm
- 10th Year Two 'Carols by Candlelight', 3.15pm, St. John's Church
- 11th Reception Nativity, 2pm
- 12th Christingle Service, 3.30pm, St. John's Church.
Please bring your collection candle to the service.
- 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

Change of Email Address

Please be aware that as of Monday 9th December, our contact email address will be changing to:



office@stjohns.mnsp.org.uk

Our current email address will be redirected temporarily, but if you could change the address in your contacts lists where necessary, we would be grateful.

Thank you!
School Office



Mini Mojos

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

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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 OR 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	Oliver Frankie	Evie Talulah
Ash	Tommy	Jenson
Birch	Aidie	Betsy
Chestnut	Nancy-Rose	Jesse
Elm	Izzy	Eva
Hazel	Rosie	Imogen
Holly	Evie	Freddie
Maple	Tommy G & Jayden	Sophie
Oak	Leah	Darcey
Pine	Taylor	Charlie
Rowan	Henry	Blake
Sycamore	Chloe	Harry
Willow	Lucy	Ralphy

Top Doodling Class:



Well done!



PE Stars of the Week:

Year 6 Sycamore - Sidney
 Year 6 Willow - Colby and Bella
 Year 5 Rowan - April and William
 Year 5 Pine - Rudi and Aoife
 Year 4 Maple - Amelia, S and Reuben
 Year 4 Oak - Class star of the day!!
 Year 3 Hollie - Jaxon and Arianna
 Year 3 Hazel - Kallie
 Year 2 Elm - NA
 Year 2 Chesnut - NA
 Year 1 Ash - NA
 Year 1 Birch - NA

Well done!

Hot Chocolate Friday



Christingle Service



You are invited to join us for our

**Christingle Service
at St. John's Church
on 12th December
at 3.30pm.**



This will be a lovely family service and everyone is invite to come along! Your child will be bringing home a Christingle collection candle to fill with your small change in support of The Children's Society.

Please bring these with you to the church service, (and not to school).

As the Church is providing a Christingle orange for every child at the service they would be grateful for an idea of numbers. Please could you indicate on [this form](#) below how many children will be attending **by Friday 8th December**.



THANK YOU

FOR SUPPORTING THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION'S
POPPY APPEAL 2024

Certificate of Appreciation awarded to:
St John's C of E Primary School

Amount raised

£209.26

Alison Wilson

Alison Wilson

Midsomer Norton & Radstock Branch (BR2512)

Your contribution helps us to support the Armed Forces community,
past and present

EVERY POPPY COUNTS

Out of School Achievement

Alfie in Acorns has been learning to swim at Wells Leisure Centre Swim School and he has just achieved Stage 1!

Well done Alfie - what a super achievement!



Football

During a busy week of sport, some of our Year Five children played the opening fixture of the MSN football league.

The children played really well in a very competitive game against Midsomer Norton Primary School. Despite ending in a 1-0 defeat, there were some excellent performances on display. It was fantastic to see many of the children representing the school football team for the first time! Many thanks to the parents who supported in walking the children over to MSN Primary.



Rotakids Update

Happy Friday from the Rota Kids! We wanted to let you know that we have visited the Salvation Army this week and have presented them with a cheque for £177! Once again, we would like to say thank you to all those who supported us in this amazing achievement. Keep your eyes peeled for more updates of what we are getting up to soon!

Have a great weekend!

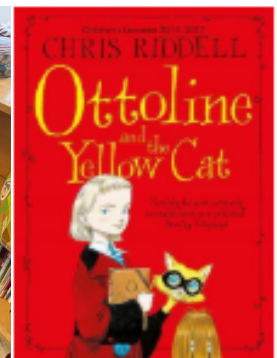
Miss Moody



Reading in Year 3

In Year three this week, we are continuing our reading of *Ottoline and the Yellow Cat*! A fiction novel full of mystery about a girl Ottoline and her friend Mr Munroe who take it upon themselves to solve the crimes of their city! We have been focusing on making predictions about each part of the story to try and get their imaginative, creative minds flowing.

It has been really interesting to hear where some think the story might be heading. Do they solve the crimes? Are they mistaken for criminals? We are eager to find out! The children have also been reading with buddies to try and encourage others to become more confident in their reading as well as introducing each other to genres they may not be familiar with.



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



**THURSDAYS
4PM-5PM
ORCHARD
VALE
HALL
BA32RB**

- Aroma-Yoga for all ages and abilities using therapeutic pure essential oils
- Well-being activities and advice
- Cacao meditation once a month
- Calming breathwork and meditation
- Children welcome

YOGA AND WELL BEING SESSION

**£20 per month for 4 classes!
Drop in £10 per session**

**Children can attend free with a paying adult
Please book in advance**

To book contact Cassie:
cassandrahallowes@gmail.com

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.
98% Good	4 - 7.5 days absent = 22-41 hours of lost learning
95% REQUIRES IMPROVEMENT	9.5 - 17 Days absent = 52 - 93.5 hours of lost learning
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

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.

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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.



Advent Sunday Family Service

St John the Baptist Church
Midsomer Norton.



10 am Sunday 1st December 2024.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

If any of our young friends from St John's
School would like to help us with the
service come early and get a job!

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 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. 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.

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>



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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.

 **BRISTOL**
SPORT FOUNDATION



The autumn Covid-19 booster vaccination is available for children aged 6 months -18 years who are at increased risk of getting seriously ill from Covid-19 because of a health condition or treatment. More information can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/covid-19-vaccine>

There are Covid-19 vaccination clinics for eligible children aged 5-17 years on **7 December 2024** at **Kemphorne House, St Martin's Hospital, Bath BA2 5RP** and at **Chippenham Community Hospital, SN15 2AJ** both from **10.00-15.00**. Walk ins are welcome, appointments are also available via the national booking system (NBS) and by calling 119.



Should I keep my child off school?



Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for **health protection in schools** or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minftec>.

