

6th December 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, our Year One pupils stole the show with their performance of 'Bethlehem Bake Off'! Their enthusiasm, confidence and hard work brought the timeless story of Christmas to life.

A huge thank you to the Year One team for their dedication, and to our families for your support and encouragement. Your smiles and applause made the occasion even more special. We are so proud of our talented young stars!

Yesterday we also had a visit from author Chris Wheeler and illustrator Steve Gunning who brought their book 'Santa's Secret Agents' to life with their retelling and interactive sessions across the school.

Don't forget next week we have Year Two's Carols by Candlelight at St. John's Church on Tuesday at 3:15pm and Reception's Nativity on Wednesday at 2pm in school. On Thursday we also have our Christingle service at St. John's Church at 3:30pm which the whole school community are invited to join us for. A lovely week full of Christmas magic!

Have a great weekend.

*Mrs West-Gaul*



### Dates for Your Diary

#### December

- 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  
Last Day of Term

#### January

Please note, Monday 6th January is an INSET DAY. Children will return to school on Tuesday 7th.

**Please note, there will be  
NO NURSERY AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB  
on WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER.**



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



Please bring your collection candle to the service.

## Awards of the Week

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

	Star of the Week	Star Readers
<b>Acorns</b>	Alex Lo Phoebe	Woody Arthur
<b>Ash</b>	Albert Sammy	Elsie
<b>Birch</b>	Eva Stanley	Riley
<b>Chestnut</b>	Amelia	Harvey
<b>Elm</b>	Maeva	Remy
<b>Hazel</b>	Grace	Aoife
<b>Holly</b>	Betsy	Kara
<b>Maple</b>	Caiden	Xander
<b>Oak</b>	Aoife	Charlie
<b>Pine</b>	Nate	Eden
<b>Rowan</b>	Harper	Ellis
<b>Sycamore</b>	Albie	Frankie
<b>Willow</b>	Nola	Isabelle H



### Top Doodling Class:

**Acorns  
Well done!**



### PE Stars of the Week:

Year 6 Sycamore - Teddy  
 Year 6 Willow - Rocco  
 Year 5 Rowan - Elsie  
 Year 5 Pine - Henry  
 Year 4 Maple - Caiden and Charlie  
 Year 4 Oak - Jack. B and Fleur  
 Year 3 Holly - Betsy and Cory  
 Year 3 Hazel - Mason and Aoife  
 Year 2 Elm - Maeva and Hugh  
 Year 2 Chestnut - Charlie  
 Year 1 Ash - Dexter  
 Year 1 Birch - Bella and Fred

**Well done!**

### Citizenship and Character Award

This weekend is forecast to be rather stormy and many of us might find ourselves stuck inside for a while! Why not use this as an opportunity for doing some exciting research!

Children could work towards their 'Investigative Me' strand by researching the International Space Station. Alternatively, they could work towards their 'Physical Me' strand by investigating an inspirational sports personality.

All of the grown-ups at St. John's would be delighted to hear about what the children have discovered when we return to school on Monday!

### 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](mailto: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.

### **IMPORTANT REMINDER**

**We are a nut-free school. Please do not provide any nut products for snack or lunch.**



## Learning in Year Two

This week in Year Two we have been really busy! In Maths we have been learning all about lines of symmetry (we made our own butterfly painting to help us understand) and sides, faces and vertices in 2 and 3 D shape.

In English we have been developing our use of vocabulary in our writing by learning how to use synonyms and onomatopoeic words to good effect. We have even had a visit from two local authors!

On top of all of this we have been practising hard for our Carol Concert at the Church next Thursday.



## Christmas Dinner

**Christmas dinner will be served on  
Wednesday 18th 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





**Mini Mojos**

- ✓ 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









**CHRISTMAS FAYRE**  
**Saturday 7th December**  
**St John the Baptist Church**  
**10am - 1pm**  
**Coffee and Refreshments**

**Stalls and Music**



**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**





**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).



**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	

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