

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: WISDOM



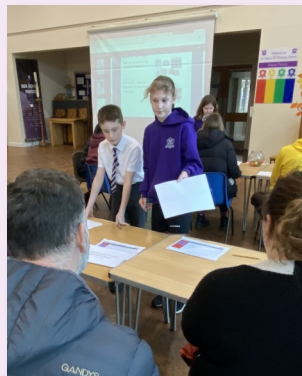
Message from the Headteacher

This week in collective worship the children talked about different ways in which they could be wise, looking at examples from everyday situations. They then listened to the story of King Solomon and discussed how he used his wisdom to lead his people. This week Year 5 have been sharing their wisdom thoughts and prayers.

Thank you to all of those who attended the maths parent information workshop on Tuesday. It was well attended and we hope that you took away some useful information to support your child in their maths learning. The website has been updated with some of the information shared for those of you who weren't able to attend. A huge thank you to Mr Yarlett and his team of mathematicians for their excellent presentation.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs West-Gaul



Dates for Your Diary

January

31st Young Voices

February

7th NSPCC Number Day

13th PTA Disco

14th PTA Non-Uniform Day

For Parents of Children with SEND

Your child's class teacher should have made or will be making contact with you to arrange a time to discuss your child's new Individual Support Plan. If you have not heard from them by Wednesday 22nd January, please do let us know and we will ensure contact is made.

Your child's Individual Support Plan is written in consultation with you, your child and the class teacher so please let them know if you would like to discuss anything in particular.



Next Steps Nursery

Our popular Next Steps Nursery already has limited availability for this September. If you are interested in a child joining us and would like to find out more, please contact either the School Office or the Nursery for more details or to arrange a tour of our new building.

The Nursery is open for 2 - 5 year olds with the children benefitting from a dedicated outdoor play area and a sensory room. Additionally, the children use the field and woodland area for forest school sessions and the school and nursery work closely together to provide a smooth transition to the Reception Class.

Looking further ahead, we are also already accepting applications to join us in September 2026 and we welcome visits from those considering joining us then.



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	Ruby H Ashanti	Phoebe Alfie
Ash	Ruby	Dexter
Birch	Miley	Fred D
Chestnut	Harry	Jasper
Elm	Poppy	Fletcher
Hazel	Finn	Aeris
Holly	Jennifer	Orri
Maple	Daisy	Amelia S
Oak	Jesse	Jack H
Pine	Sophie	Owen
Rowan	Blake	Finley
Sycamore	George	Rex
Willow	Corben	Poppie



Top Doodling Class:

Sycamore (6A)

Well done!

PE Stars of the Week:



Year 6 Sycamore: Harry and Isla
 Year 6 Willow: Murray
 Year 5 Pine: Aoife and Nate
 Year 5 Rowan: Matthew and Maisy
 Year 4 Maple: Brie and Kobe
 Year 4 Oak: Albie and Darcy
 Year 3 Holly: Lola and Freddie
 Year 3 Hazel: Nancy and Harry
 Year 2 Elm: Shontae
 Year 2 Chestnut: Alfie and Sofia
 Year 1 Ash: Serena and Sammy
 Year 1 Birch: Leo

Well done!

Hot Chocolate Friday



Well done to last weeks' Stars of the week, who all enjoyed a hot chocolate in the staff room as their reward.

Well done everyone!

Out of School Achievement

Well done to Elsie in Ash class who was awarded her stage 3 and 10 metres in her swimming lessons—great work Elsie!



Maths Workshop

A huge thank you to all the parents who attended our recent session on the school's Maths Calculation Policy! Your engagement and support mean so much to us.

A special shout-out to the amazing children who helped explain the process of 'Concrete', 'Pictorial' and 'Abstract' learning, and how key skills progress throughout the school. They did an excellent job of demonstrating the process!

Remember, for more information and to continue supporting your child at home, you can visit our school website and head to the Maths section. There you'll find the school's calculation policy, White Rose Maths policies for each year group, and some fantastic practical maths games.

Let's work together to make maths enjoyable and accessible for every student!



Reading in Year Six

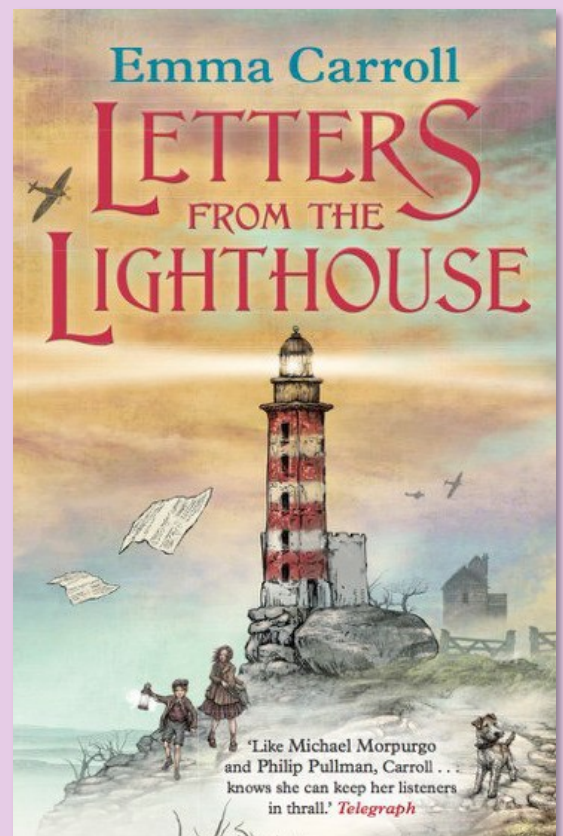
During the first week back after Christmas, our reading focus has been on non-fiction texts, specifically on the topic of WWII, therefore complementing our current learning in history. For example, we looked at an information text about the outbreak of WWII and a mini biography on Winston Churchill.

This week, we have begun our new novel: *Letters from the Lighthouse* by Emma Carroll. This is about a young girl from London, called Olive, who gets evacuated to the Devonshire countryside during the war. Here are some of the children's thoughts on the novel so far:

"I like how the story starts in a mysterious way with Olive's sister being handed a note and then going missing! It's quite tricky to predict what is going to happen next." Mason F.

The chapters so far have ended on a cliff-hanger, which makes me want to continue reading on." Poppy.

I am interested in learning about WWII and I like how the book is set during this time." George.



Come and join us at our next Family Service...

Candlemas

The Feast of the Presentation of Christ
in the Temple.



Sunday 2nd February at 10am

St John the Baptist Church,
Midsomer Norton



All are welcome



MARKET DATES 2025

MIDSOMER NORTON FARMERS' MARKET

1st Saturday of the month

9am-1pm Hollies Gardens
BA3 2D P

February 1st	July 5th
March 1st	August 2nd
April 5th	September 6th
May 3rd	October 4th
June 7th	November 1st
	December 6th



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AT WELLS CATHEDRAL

Saturday 25 January 2025
11.00am-3.00pm
Admission: Included with entry
to the Cathedral

Come and meet a variety of furry friends as the Cathedral hosts Puxton Park's petting farm! Enjoy the opportunity to pet, groom, and learn about these beautiful animals and how we can take care of them.

BRISTOL SPORT FOUNDATION

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AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Our after school clubs are designed with an emphasis on fun. With a variety of sports clubs delivered throughout the academic year, there will be plenty of opportunities for your children to be active and to fall in love with sport.

St. John's, Midsomer Norton- Term 3

Monday (13/01/2025 - 10/02/25)

- Years 1 & 2 Football- 18 Spaces
- Years 3 to 6 Dance- 18 Spaces
- £17.50 in total for 5 weeks (£3.50 per person, per session)

Tuesday (07/01/25 - 11/02/25)

- Years 1 & 2 Invasion games- 18 Spaces
- Years 3 to 6 Jailbreak- 18 Spaces
- £21.00 in total for 6 weeks (£3.50 per person, per session)

Wednesday (08/01/25 - 12/02/25)

- Years 1 & 2 Gymnastics - 18 Spaces
- Years 3 to 6 Football- 18 Spaces
- £21.00 in total for 6 weeks (£3.50 per person, per session)

Time- 15:00-16:00

*If you are booking onto a club after the start date, please note that the price is automatically adjusted on the booking page.

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