

7th February 2025

**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



### Weekly Message

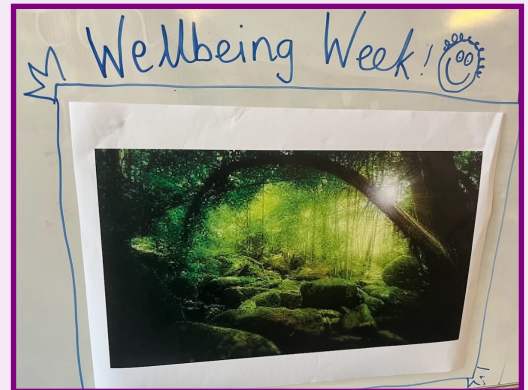
This week has been Children's Mental Health Week, focussing on 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'. We wanted to encourage the children to embrace self-awareness and explore what it means to them.

Our Wellbeing Champions have been running a range of lunchtime clubs to support the theme and the whole school has taken part in a community art project which will be displayed along our art corridor, showcasing the children's ideas for personal growth.

Have a wonderful weekend,

*Mrs Stone*

Assistant Headteacher



### School Crossing Patrol - Wednesday 12th February

We have been informed by B&NES Council that there will be no school crossing patrol on duty at the corner of Redfield Road (by the Crossways pub) on the afternoon of **Wednesday, 12th February**.

Please be extra careful when crossing, and if your child walks home alone, please ensure that they are aware and able to cross safely, or make arrangements for them to be accompanied.

### School Uniform.

Please be reminded that hair accessories should be discreet, i.e. not large bows etc., and hair should be tied up if long enough to do so. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Dates for Your Diary

#### February

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| 10th | Rotakids Cake Competition                 |
| 13th | PTA Disco                                 |
| 14th | PTA Non-Uniform Day<br>Last Day of Term 3 |
| 24th | Start of Term 4                           |

#### March

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| 6th         | World Book Day |
| 11th - 18th | Book Fair      |
| 13th        | STEM Fair      |

## Awards & Achievements

### 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>	Izzie Stephen	Freya Sophia
<b>Ash</b>	Aden	Albert
<b>Birch</b>	Katie	Ted
<b>Chestnut</b>	Harlow-Rose	Jesse
<b>Elm</b>	Mila Ayda	Lexi
<b>Hazel</b>	Mason	Bella
<b>Holly</b>	Kara	Samantha
<b>Maple</b>	Bethany	Reuben
<b>Oak</b>	Jack H	Maisie
<b>Pine</b>	Henry	Ella
<b>Rowan</b>	William	Eva
<b>Sycamore</b>	Frankie	Finley W
<b>Willow</b>	Noah Jacob	Corben



### Top Doodling Class:

**Acorns**

**Well done!**



### PE Stars of the Week:

Year 6 Sycamore - Frankie  
 Year 6 Willow - Mollie and Ralphy  
 Year 5 Pine - Rudi  
 Year 5 Rowan - Jack S  
 Year 4 Maple - Zena and Jayden  
 Year 4 Oak - Jesse and Aoife  
 Year 3 Holly - Evie and Betsy  
 Year 3 Hazel - Riley and Bella  
 Year 2 Elm - Daisy  
 Year 2 Chestnut - Jesse  
 Year 1 Ash - Milo  
 Year 1 Birch - Albie

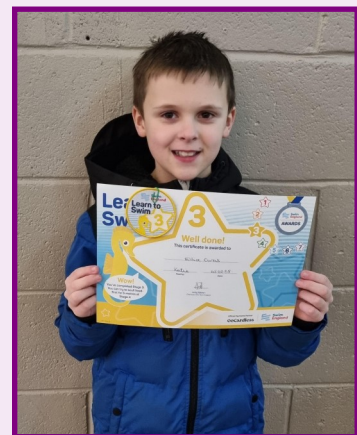
**Well done!**

### Hot Chocolate Friday



**Well done!**

### Out of School Achievement



Well done to Elliot who has achieved his stage 3 & 10 metres in swimming!





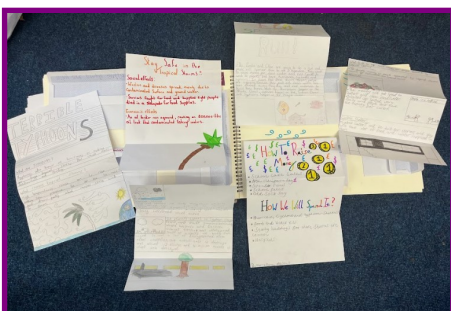
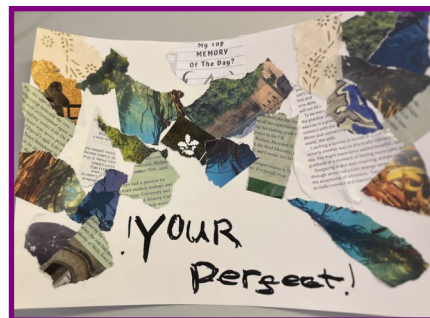
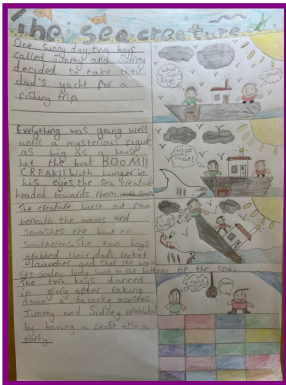
## Children's Mental Health Week

This week marks the 10th annual Children's Mental Health Week, launched by Place2Be, with this year's theme being "Know Yourself, Grow Yourself." We started the week using Disney's 'Inside Out' characters in collective worship to help us explore the importance of self-awareness and expressing our different emotions.



We proudly embraced Children's Mental Health Week with a variety of activities aimed at promoting emotional well-being across all year groups. Each year group was presented with a landscape photograph as a stimulus to learning. On Wednesday we welcomed Holly, a wellbeing coach, back to St John's to run workshops with Years 2 - 5. She provided children with lots of opportunities to use creativity, stillness and music to support personal growth.

Drama, music and practical maths lessons shaped our technology-free Thursday. It was lovely to see children engaging so positively in hands-on, practical learning experiences.



Well-being is at the heart of everything we do at St John's, ensuring that every child feels nurtured, supported, and empowered. We run a number of wellbeing support groups at school. If you have any concerns regarding your child's mental health, please pop in to talk to Mrs Stone.





## Year Five Humanities Day

On Tuesday, our Year Five pupils enjoyed a trip to Downside School for a fun-filled humanities day! Pupils were split into three groups, each completing an interactive session themed around a different topic or period in History.

Pupils explored the life of Alphonse the camel, and acted as detectives to decipher whether it truly was 'the straw that broke the camel's back?', or were there other long-term causes. Pupils presented their findings to the 'judge', who was super impressed by our pupils' articulations and balancing of evidence.

We also learnt about the industrial revolution and played a game to see if we would have survived a year, some of us did very well... and some of us lost all our shillings! The day also involved some dress up as we investigated the mysterious deaths of citizens on Broad Street Square during London's 'Great Stink'.

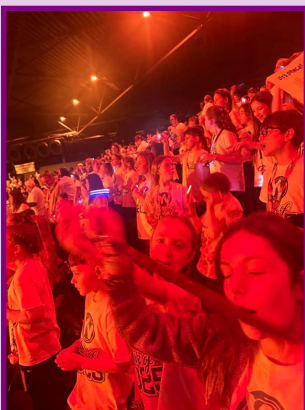
It was a fantastic day, and both classes were excellent representatives of our school values. We'd like to say a big thank you to the staff at Downside, and the pupils for their wonderful enthusiasm and behaviour.



## Young Voices

Our Young Voices Choir represented us well at the performance in Birmingham last Friday.

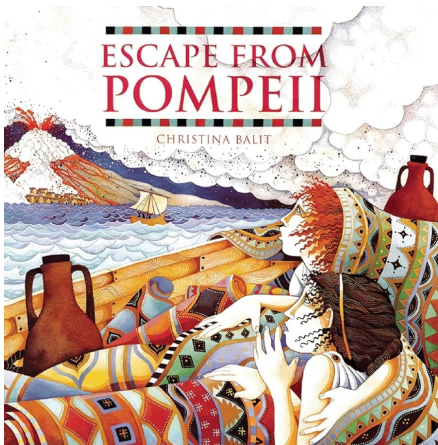
Well done to everyone!



## Reading in Year Four

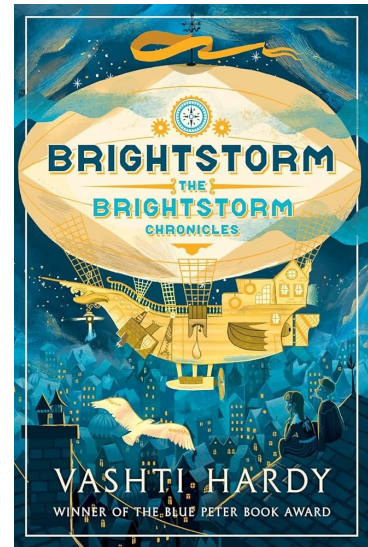
This week has been filled with lots of reading in Year Four!

We started the week off with a buddy read where our children partnered with those in Year Two to share their reading.



Within guided reading lessons, we have been extending our knowledge of the Mediterranean by learning about the disaster of Pompeii in a narrative titled 'Escape from Pompeii'.

In Maple Class, we have also just finished our class text 'Brightstorm', which we loved, and have enjoyed discussing future books within the series.





# It's Competition Time!



Happy Friday from the Rota Kids! Last week, you may have noticed we shared some exciting news regarding another cake sale! This will go ahead on Monday 10th February at 3:00 pm - 4:15pm outside of the pottery room (Look out for the Rotary gazebo!) If the weather decides to take a turn, the location will be changed to the studio. Remember, this is a competition so it would be great to see some amazing designs and cakes being produced. There will be prizes for the winners (KS1 and KS2) and cakes will be judged by the volunteers of the Rotary Club. If you do not wish to enter the competition, we would greatly appreciate your support through any donations of cakes/treats to be sold on the day. A google form has been sent via parentmail for any entries you may wish to enter! Don't forget! The theme is Spring! Thanks everyone and have a great weekend! Get baking!!

Miss Moody



## 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%**.

<b>100% EXCELLENT</b>		
<b>98% Good</b>	4 - 7.5 days absent = 22-41 hours of lost learning	We are here to support you!
<b>95% REQUIRES IMPROVEMENT</b>	9.5 - 17 Days absent = 52 - 93.5 hours of lost learning	
<b>90% PERSISTENT ABSENTER</b>	19 - 27 days absent = 104.5 - 148.5 hours of lost learning	If you need support getting your child to school, please speak to a member of staff who will be willing to help.
<b>85% CRITICAL CONCERN</b>	28.5 - 38 days absent = 155.5 - 209 hours of lost learning	

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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.

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A CELEBRATION OF STEM  
1ST - 4TH MARCH 2025



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TECHNOLOGY DEMOS FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN  
FREE FUN STEM WORKSHOPS & CHALLENGES

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Midsomer Norton Library

# World Book Day Bedtime Stories

Join us for hot chocolate, biscuits and a  
World Book Day special Storytime!  
PJs, onesies encouraged!  
Please bring along your  
own mug for us to fill.



**Date:** Thursday 6 March

**Time:** 6 – 7.30pm

**Location:** Midsomer Norton Library

You can sign up for library membership and borrow books.  
We'll be on hand to help with any queries.

Bath & North East  
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Improving People's Lives

Suitable for parents and carers with  
children aged 10 and under.

WORLD  
BOOK  
DAY  
6 MARCH 2025

TIMSBURY THEATRE GROUP  
JUNIORS Presents  
The WIZARDS of AUDITIONS  
25th & 27th February  
6:30PM  
St Johns School, MSN  
Ages 8+  
Contact: Jo Jewell  
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