

# Purple Pages



Weekly Newsletter: 7th March 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: HOPE



### Message from the Headteacher

This week we have entered the season of Lent.

During Collective Worship this term, we will be following the Church of England's initiative of 'Living hope'. This week we discussed the Bible story of Jesus' time in the desert, the message of hope and what hope means to us.

The GoTeam are launching the 'Lent Cross Challenge' whereby they are encouraging families to spot, find, discover, make, bake or create a cross shape during Lent and we'd love you to email them in. We are hoping to create a whole school cross made up of the pictures you send in.

The guide below suggests where you might find or how to make the crosses, as well as offering a short Bible reading that points towards the cross.  
<https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/lent-cross-challenge-2025/>

Thank you for the effort that went in to dressing the children for World Book Day yesterday. The children were excited to share their favourite books and enjoyed taking part in virtual workshops with various authors.

Don't forget next Tuesday our book fair arrives and on Thursday we are inviting the children back to school to enjoy a bedtime story with their class.

Next Thursday is also our STEM fair and we look forward to seeing the entries this year!

Have a lovely weekend.

*Mrs West-Gaul*

### Dates For Your Diary

#### March

12th-17th	Book Fair
13th	STEM Fair
13th	Bedtime Stories
20th	Year 6 SATS Meeting 3.15pm

#### April

1st & 2nd	Parents Evenings
2nd	Easter Services:

*9am: Seedlings, Birch, Elm, Holly, Oak, Rowan, Willow.*

*1.45pm: Acorns, Ash, Chestnut, Hazel, Maple, Pine, Sycamore.*

4th	PTA Non-Uniform Day
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*Thank you to our friends from St John's School for joining us to celebrate St David's Day on Sunday. The sun was shining and there were daffodils for everyone. We were delighted to raise £120.00 for the charity Marie Curie. Thank you everyone!*


*This Sunday we have a very special visitor at St John's Church. The **Bishop of Bath and Wells** will be leading our 10.00am service and as ever you are all very welcome to join us.*

*Bishop Michael will be with us again on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March. Guy and Philip are looking forward to bringing him to school in the afternoon to meet many of you.*

# Awards and Achievements

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

	Star of the Week	Star Readers
<b>Acorns</b>	Ashanti Sofia	Finley Harper
<b>Ash</b>	Milo	Tommy
<b>Birch</b>	Freddie W	Leo
<b>Chestnut</b>	Harvey	Toby
<b>Elm</b>	James	Hugh
<b>Hazel</b>	Sophia L	Thea
<b>Holly</b>	Matilda	Arianna
<b>Maple</b>	Brie	Kobe
<b>Oak</b>	Charlie	Jack B
<b>Pine</b>	Grayson	Henry
<b>Rowan</b>	Blake	Henry
<b>Sycamore</b>	Mason F	Chloe
<b>Willow</b>	Issy	Lucy



## Top Doodling Class

**2B**

**Well done!**



## PE Stars of the Week

Year 6 Sycamore - Chloe  
 Year 6 Willow - Rocco  
 Year 5 Rowan - Ella  
 Year 5 Pine - James and Carly  
 Year 4 Oak - Albie  
 Year 4 Maple - Amelia S  
 Year 3 Holly - Evie  
 Year 3 Hazel - Evelyn  
 Year 2 Elm - Melania  
 Year 2 Chestnut - Nancy  
 Year 1 Ash - Ava  
 Year 1 Birch - Katie

**Well done!**

## Hot Chocolate Friday



# World Book Day 2025

## Yesterday St John's celebrated World Book Day!

There were some amazingly creative costumes from both the children and adults in school.

The children took part in many different activities. Some of these were author workshops for Years Three and Four, virtual storytimes and different 'draw along' with illustrators, quizzes and competitions within class, creative writing, art and our whole school mixed-year buddy reading to name but a few!

There was a real sense of excitement and lots of very happy faces to be seen.  
We really hope that the children enjoyed their day!



The reading buzz will continue into next week with the much anticipated arrival of our **School Book Fair** which will be open after school from **Wednesday 12th to Monday 17th** next week. Please come and see the fabulous array of books that are available!

There will also be our **Bedtime Stories** for each class on **Thursday 13th March 5.30pm to 6.15pm.**

Our book swap will be happening next Friday (14th) morning.

## Water Survival Box



Happy Friday from the Rota Kids! This week, the Rota kids were fortunate enough to visit Broadway House in



Westfield Industrial Estate to learn more about the fantastic work the volunteers of the Rotary Club do. Here, the children were given an opportunity to pack water survival boxes which consist of essential equipment needed to help and support those



during events such as natural disasters or living in war zones. They were provided with a presentation and learnt all about the importance of helping others in need. A truly wonderful and wholesome experience to be a part of.



If you would like to know more about the incredible work behind this or to simply donate, please visit [www.watersurvivalbox.org](http://www.watersurvivalbox.org).

Have a great weekend

Miss Moody

# Reading in Acorns

Acorns have had a great time this week for Book Week! We have been really lucky to have lots of parents coming in to read stories to us. It was lovely to listen to some new stories and we enjoyed interacting with all the props! Thank you to everyone who has shared stories with us this week!



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**SCHOLASTIC** TRAVELLING BOOKS

AND EARN FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL!

COME TO THE **BOOK FAIR**

**DOG MAN**  
BIG JIM BEGINS  
DAV PILKEY

**BEASTIE BROS**  
CABBAGE JUICE  
David O'Connell

**FINDING BEAR**  
HANNAH GOLD

**DORK diaries**  
Sister Showdown!  
Rachel Rourke Russell

The Book Fair will be at St. John's from Wednesday 12th to Monday 17th March.

## Clapton Road and Redfield Road Proposed Pedestrian Improvements - Information from Bath & North East Somerset Council

There has been an allocation of funding via West of England Combined Authority to carry out feasibility studies and outline designs for some key walking and cycling schemes identified within the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP).

One of the projects allocated funding for a feasibility study is a walking route along Redfield Road and Clapton Road between the three schools. The proposed improvements include widened footways, 2 No zebra crossings (on Paulton Road and Redfield Road) and dropped kerbs.

There is an event on 13<sup>th</sup> March at Somervale School between 3.30pm and 6pm for people to come and view the proposals and ask any questions.

Information can be found at:

<https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/redfield-road-and-clapton-road-walking-route-improvement-scheme>

## Tesco Collection

Don't forget if you are doing your weekly shop at Tesco's over the next few weeks, we are taking part in the Stronger Starts project.

With the money raised we are hoping to purchase some music technology equipment to enhance our curriculum offer - so pop as many blue tokens in the tube as possible!

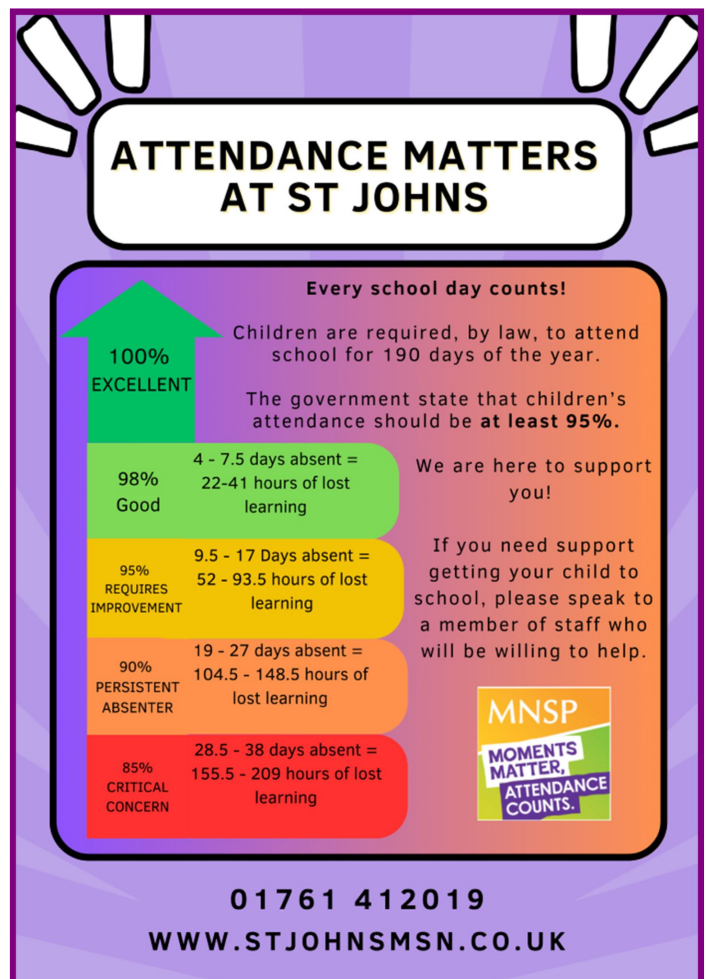


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**ACTIVE. HEALTHY. HAPPY.**

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

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## 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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[WWW.STJOHNSMSN.CO.UK](http://WWW.STJOHNSMSN.CO.UK)

# Easter Holiday Camps

**St Benedict's Primary School**  
Monday 14th - Thursday 17th April

**Multisports and Football camp**

**£20** Per day  
**10%** Whole week discount  
**15%** Sibling discount

Inspired Schools  
07494175299  
hello@inspiredschools.co.uk  
inspiredschools.co.uk/parents

<https://inspiredschools.ipalbookings.com>

SCAN ME  
For paid places

Limited free places available for children on benefit related free school meals

Happy Healthy Holidays FREE Places

- Register for our community now
- Booking goes live at 10.00am on Monday 17th March

SCAN ME

# Mini Mojos

Club certificates awarded!

## Easter Holiday Clubs

Let's Play, Move, Create, Discover & Nourish

**Childcare Vouchers & TFC Accepted**

**St Johns Primary School**  
Midsomer Norton BA3 2JN

**Mon 7th - Thursday 10th April**  
9-3pm  
HHH 9-1pm, extend till 3pm

★★★★★

"All 3 of my children came home full of joy."

Register for our community & BOOK NOW!  
[HAPPYMOJOS.CO.UK](http://HAPPYMOJOS.CO.UK)

OR USE OUR HANDY QR CODE PAID SPACES

Happy Healthy Holiday FREE Spaces

TO BOOK, GET YOUR CODE FROM YOUR SCHOOL OFFICE.

# Scouts

1st Midsomer Norton

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Email: [joiners@midsomernortonscouts.org.uk](mailto:joiners@midsomernortonscouts.org.uk)

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Spaces are available in all sections. Email [joiners@midsomernortonscouts.org.uk](mailto:joiners@midsomernortonscouts.org.uk)

Age 6 - 8 Beaver Scouts  
Age 8 - 10.5 Cub Scouts  
Age 10.5 - 14.5 Scouts  
Age 14 - 18 Explorer Scouts - Saxons ESU

Detailed info on evenings we run visit [www.midsomernortonscouts.org.uk](http://www.midsomernortonscouts.org.uk)