



Our core Christian Values: Compassion, Koinonia (Community), Courage, Creativity, Service, Truthfulness

Year 6 Fly High in 'Pan-Tastic!'

A massive congratulations to our wonderful Year 6 Eagles for their absolutely incredible end-of-year production, Pan-Tastic! While seating was limited to Year 6 parents and the children at school, we want to share a little bit about the magic that took place on our stage.



Pan-Tastic is a brilliant, high-energy musical adaptation of the classic *Peter Pan* story. The show whisked audiences away to Neverland, featuring everything from singing mermaids and the iconic ticking crocodile to intense, dramatic showdowns between the Lost Boys and Captain Hook's villainous pirates. Filled with witty dialogue and fantastic, catchy songs, it was a spectacular celebration of the children's time at our school.

Despite having a very limited amount of time to pull the entire show together, the children rose to the challenge beautifully. Every single student performed with boundless energy, confidence and enthusiasm, lighting up the stage from start to finish.

The proud parents in attendance were completely blown away, with one commenting:

"It was an absolute joy to watch. I can't believe how much they achieved in such a short space of time—the talent and energy on that stage was just wonderful!"

A special and heartfelt thank you goes to **Miss Woods**. Her unwavering enthusiasm, hard work and dedication were the driving force behind the show, creating a truly memorable performance that the children and their families will cherish for years to come.

Well done, Eagles - you truly soared!

Free School Meal Changes for the 2026 to 2027 Academic Year

Many families will become eligible for the first time under the expanded FSM Criteria which is changing from September to the following:

- Targeted FSM, which continues to be based on the existing threshold, covering pupils who are in households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less
- Expanded FSM, a new category covering pupils who do not qualify for targeted FSM, but who are in households receiving Universal Credit with annual household earning of £7,400 & above

If you believe you may qualify for the expanded FSM please make an application now. Please see the link here: www.bathnes.gov.uk/form/apply-free-school-meals

House Points Winners

Sapphire House has taken the lead this term, but our other three houses are right behind them! It's going to be a thrilling finish with just two weeks left. Who will take the final win?

Attendance Winners

Well done to our weekly attendance champions each week the class with the highest class attendance is rewarded with an extra afternoon playtime and they get to keep the trophy in their classroom for the week!

- Week 29 Badgers**
- Week 30 Ducklings**
- Week 31 Foxes**
- Week 32 Rabbits**

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

How are we doing?*

Badgers	96.33%
Eagles	96.01%
Foxes	95.48%
Lions	95.20%
Ducklings	94.46%
Rabbits	94.41%
Whole School	95.40%

*Class attendance percentages for this academic year so far

Headteacher's Award

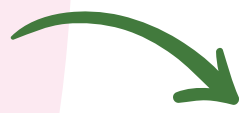


Congratulations to all the children who received a Headteacher Award - keep up the great work!

Class	Wk30	Wk 31	Wk 32	Wk 33
Ducklings	Jimmi	Lottie	Freddie	Ray
Rabbits	Dylan	Tommy	Sid	Oly
Badgers	Daisy	Arthur	Ellie	George
Foxes	Noah	Sienna	Malachy	Beatrix
Lions	Violet	Freddy	Oliver	Rafe
Eagles	Agnes	Emily	Grace	Sienna



Hedgehogs



Class News:

Wow! What a busy term we have had in Hedgehogs! The sun has been shining and we have been spending lots of time in the garden, splashing with water play, building sandcastles and keeping cool!

We went for an adventure up to the big field to see the bigger members of St Mary's doing their Sports Day. We then came back and had our own 'mini' Sports Day. Running races, jumping over hurdles and an egg and spoon race too!

We have been reading some lovely stories this term, 'What the ladybird heard at the seaside' - we learnt about summer, playing with our seaside sensory play and crafting some ice lollies with tissue paper. We also read 'The Rainbow Fish' this term and decorated our own fishes for our summer display. We used rollers and sponges to create a big 'sea themed' mural, with starfish and sea weed too!

We have also been getting ready to say 'Good Luck' to some of our big Hedgehogs, as they transition to moving up to 'big school'. We have been practicing how to recognise our names and learning to line up and sit in a circle. You are all so brilliant and we know you are going to love going to your new Reception classes.

We still have lots more still planned for the last few weeks of the term, including a nice party at the end to celebrate those 'going to big school'. It's always a busy time in Hedgehogs, with lots to see and do! Thank you parents for all your support and smiling faces!

Mrs Summers and Mrs Thomson



Ducklings



Class News:

We've had a wonderful few weeks in Ducklings. Whilst the weather has been so warm, we have had lots of water activities and play to keep us cool.

In Literacy, we have been reading the stories 'Dear Zoo' and 'Handa's Surprise'. We have made fruit salad from the different fruits in the story and thought it was delicious. We have written recipes ourselves and also wrote to the zoo to ask for a pet.

The children were fantastic during this week's trip to **Noah's Ark Zoo Farm**. The children loved the tractor ride all around the farm. They were great investigators during the Animal Senses workshop and guessed many of the artifacts with confidence.

Sports Day was lots of fun. Thank you for coming out in the wet weather to support us. The children showed such skill and resilience and we loved the fantastic Team atmosphere.

The children have been very excited to visit their new classroom this week and to meet their new teachers in Rabbits Class. I'm so proud of everything they have achieved this year.

Mrs Gillard



Rabbits



Class News:

Rabbits have bounced into Term 6 with fantastic energy and a wonderful attitude toward their learning.

In English, we have been busy writing our own innovative versions of 'The Three Little Pigs'. The children loved putting their own spin on the classic story by changing the pigs into different animals! We have been focusing heavily on refining our writing skills, pushing ourselves to include descriptive language, accurate punctuation and consistent capital letters.

In Maths, we have started our new unit on *fractions*, focusing on exploring halves and quarters of both shapes and quantities. The children have been using a variety of hands-on resources to help them understand these concepts, which has supported their developing reasoning and problem-solving skills.

In our new Computing unit we have been exploring *programming*. Using Scratch, the children have been learning how to build algorithms using command blocks to make their 'sprites' move. They are eager to take this further over the coming weeks as we explore how to customise characters, design backgrounds and experiment with different block functions.

Finally, a massive congratulations to all the children for a wonderful **Sports Day!** All of their hard work and determination during PE lessons truly paid off, helping them earn a brilliant tally of points for their houses. Thank you so much to all the parents and family members who came along to support.

Mrs Roberts & Miss Tolfree

Badgers



Class News:

Badgers have had a super start back in Term 6. I have been so impressed with both their effort and their attitude towards their learning. We have had a really exciting beginning to the term, starting with our fantastic trip to the **SS Great Britain**.

Badgers thoroughly enjoyed exploring below deck, where they looked at the cabins set up as if they were still in use. They also had great fun exploring above deck, lounging on the sun loungers in the rain, turning the ship's wheel, getting a whiff of the stables and even scrubbing the deck! The children also took part in a brilliant workshop all about Brunel and his ships, where they created their own steam engines.

We have also been lucky enough to have football lessons on the field with a football coach. I have been

so impressed with Badgers' teamwork and resilience as they have learnt to shoot, defend and work together as a team. The children also enjoyed a trial golf lesson, where they had to extend a bridge across the playground by putting their balls in a straight line towards the cone. I was blown away by how well they tackled the challenge of learning a new sport.

To add to all the excitement, we also had a wonderful **Sports Day**. The children approached every event with enthusiasm and determination, working hard to win points for their house and cheering each other on throughout the day.

I know Badgers are going to have a super rest of their final term in Year 2.

Miss Heath



Foxes



Class News:

It's been a really exciting couple of weeks in Foxes! We thoroughly enjoyed a visit from The Egg Theatre who came in to see us and did some drama and writing activities with us as a warm up before we go to see their **Secret Garden** show next month. We can't wait to see it!

In PE, we have enjoyed being outside on the field playing football. The teamwork and sportsmanship being shown by the children is exemplary. We also had a wonderful **Sports Day** where the children tackled every event with enthusiasm and determination in order to win points for their house. It was great to see so many of the St Marys community together for this.

With the hot weather upon us, we have also taken advantage of our brilliant Forest School area taking

our Science learning about plants outside beneath the shade.

However the highlight of our term so far has to be our wonderful trip to **Mendip Activity Centre** where the children - along with friends from Lions, tried their hands at caving, tobogganing and the low ropes course. Every single child tried something new - and staying away from home for a night added to the experience! In the caves, we got to switch our headlamps off and experience total darkness. We definitely appreciated the lovely sunshine when we came back to the surface!

We are looking forward to the next few weeks of what is always a busy and exciting term!

Mrs Brown

Lions



Class News:

Our Year 4/5 Lions have been doing an amazing job with maintaining their usual very impressive standards of work and behaviour during this recent heatwave. There have been a lot of interesting and fun things happening recently.

Firstly, some of our class experienced two days of outdoor and adventurous activities at **Mendip Activity Centre**. Many thanks to Mrs Brown and the staff team who facilitated this happening. I know that the children had the most amazing time.

Ahead of our upcoming visit to the Egg Theatre in Bath to see a production of **The Secret Garden**, we had some visitors who came to St Mary's to run some workshops, involving drama and art activities. It has made us even more excited about seeing the show now.

We recently celebrated **World Bee Day** and enjoyed listening to a local beekeeper who came in to talk to us about how to look after bees and show us some of the equipment that is used in this hobby.

Finally, we had a lovely time experiencing an afternoon of Forest School fun. We always enjoy being outside and exploring the school grounds and it's lovely for our class to have the opportunity to share this session with the Y1 Rabbits and team up with them on some activities.

Mr Daniels



Eagles



Class News:

What an amazing week for the Eagles! As you all know, we have spent much of our time preparing for our Year 6 production. From making props and learning lines to practicing songs and creating the performance programme, it has been an incredibly busy time.

I have to commend the children for their dedication and commitment to making this show a truly special event- not just for themselves, but for their families and friends too. In just two short weeks, they managed to bring the production to life on stage. Even those with only a few lines threw themselves into their roles, bringing unique personality and flair to every single performance. After working relentlessly, it was an absolute honour to watch the Eagles thrive on stage with such confidence. They made me one very proud teacher!

Miss Woods



Outside Achievements



Our St. Mary's children truly shine in everything they do!



A note about safeguarding...

If you ever have any concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of our pupils, please contact the school office and ask to speak to our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr Thomson, or any of our Deputy Safeguarding Leads, Safeguarding Leads Miss Woods, Mrs Purnell & Mrs Parsons.

The safety of our young people is the responsibility of us all.

Free School Meal Families

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Programme for Summer 2026 in Bath and North East Somerset is fast approaching. Bookings will open on Wednesday 24th June at 6:30pm. Each eligible child will receive a unique 16-digit code by email or text from Holiday Activities.

Activities will be delivered from Monday 20th July to Friday 28th August. Children who qualify for benefit-related free school meals will be allocated 16 credits, which can be used across a range of activities. To explore what's available during the summer holidays, please see the information brochure and follow the webpage links below:

B&NES Summer HAF Brochure - [CLICK HERE](#)

B&NES Summer HAF Information Page - [CLICK HERE](#)

How do I book?

- Eligible families will receive a unique HAF pass via text message or email through the Holiday Activities booking platform.
- HAF Passes will be issued on Wednesday 24th June at 6:30pm, providing access to 8 booking credits.
- A further 8 credits will be released on Wednesday 1st July at 6:30pm.
- Each HAF pass is sent directly to the main parent/carer linked to the child at their school. You can access and book activities by following the link provided.
- This gives each child a total of 16 credits, which can be used to book up to 16 individual sessions across the Summer holidays.
- If you have not received your HAF Pass, contact your child's school directly before trying to book.

Many thanks,

School Age Childcare Team

Email: HAF@BATHNES.GOV.UK



Thought of the week

“He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’ but you make it a den of robbers.” (Matthew 21:13)

Do you sometimes get angry? I know I do!

I remember sharing with children the time that Jesus cleansed the temple, and how generally shocked they were to see Jesus so incensed.

The problem with understanding why Jesus was so angry is that we are only given the bare bones of the situation. In Matthew’s Gospel, it just says he drove out those who were buying and selling things without much of an explanation why. Was it just because they were buying and selling? Does Jesus have an issue with commerce?

For Jews at this time, to be able to worship at the temple, they would usually have to present an animal for sacrifice - as a way of saying sorry for the things they had done wrong. This again upset the children listening, but they felt much better when I reassured them that no horses, dogs, cats or guinea pigs were harmed!

Unfortunately, many of the worshippers travelled a long way and so they had to buy their animals when they got to Jerusalem. The worshippers were also expected to pay a ‘temple tax’, but this could only be paid using the correct Tyrian shekel, so any other type of coin had to be exchanged.

Now, you’ve probably guessed it already, but yes, those buying and selling in the temple were probably overcharging these visitors, so buying their animals and exchanging their coins was costing them more than it should. Instead of it being about people coming to worship God, it was more to do with making money at other people’s expense, especially those who could ill afford it. This was the time of Passover and many Jewish visitors would want to worship in the temple, so this could be seen as a form of exploitation.

Now maybe it is clearer as to why Jesus was so angry and why he was so keen to ‘drive them all out’.

This type of anger is known as righteous anger, when someone is angry because of an injustice being done to someone else. When we get angry, is it for this reason? Are we angry about those who are suffering in our world or those struggling to buy enough food? Are we doing something about this anger that we feel?

Or is our anger more like selfish anger? As I explained to the children at the time, selfish anger is when we get angry because we can’t get chips for tea!

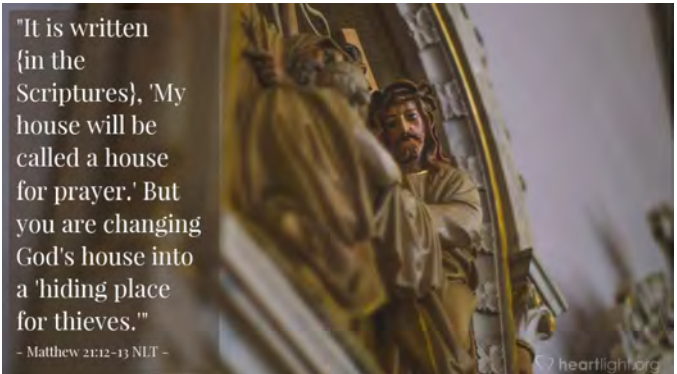
This week, if something you see or hear about makes you angry, what can you do to make it better? Can you send an email or letter to your local MP? Can you find a charity that is working to make a difference in that area?

Do what you can to make a difference.

And if our anger is selfish...maybe we need to keep quiet...🙄!

Paul Marvin

MNSP Christian Distinctiveness Lead



St. Mary's Primary School Summer Fayre

**When : Friday 10th July
3.15pm - 4.30pm**

Where : Sports field & pavilion

Lots of Games & Stalls

Rainbow Raffle,

Jolly Jars,

Face Painting,

Ice Lollies, BBQ

Drinks and snacks



We will be trialling a new token system for payments - more information to follow later this week.

St. Mary's Primary School Summer Fayre

**When : Friday 10th July
3.15pm - 4.30pm**

Where : Sports field & pavilion

Volunteers needed!

Could you spare any time to help us make the Summer Fayre a huge success?

We need lots of volunteers to help set up, run stalls and activities and help clear up afterwards. Without volunteers, we cannot include all of the fun activities that we have planned.

If we have enough volunteers, then we can share time on the stalls/activities so that we can all enjoy the fayre with our children too.

Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Older Siblings, Guardians - everyone is welcome to help!

Please contact Stef Mills if you can help:
07790778453 or stefmills@aol.com

Jolly Jars

The PTA would love donations of Jolly Jars for our Summer Fayre

The Children love the Jolly Jar stall and this is always the first stall to sell out at our annual fayres. Please can you help us by donating a Jolly Jar or two for our Summer Fayre.

What is a Jolly Jar?

They are glass/plastic jars that are filled with treats - these can be small toys, sweets, crayons, stickers etc. The jars are wrapped - this can be wrapping paper, newspaper, fabric scraps etc.

The jars are then sold at the Fayre and the children get a surprise when they unwrap their Jar!



ST MARY'S SCHOOL PTA

RAINBOW RAFFLE

It will be taking place at the School Summer Fayre on Friday 10th July from 3.15-4.30pm.

Please could you bring coloured donations for this year's Summer Rainbow Raffle into school from Friday 3rd July. Ideas for donations include: sweets, chocolates, toiletries, stationery, toys, drinks and household items, as long as they match your child's class colour.

Class colours are:

Hedgehogs	~	Any colour
Ducklings	~	Red
Rabbits	~	Orange
Badgers	~	Yellow
Foxes	~	Green
Lions	~	Blue
Eagles	~	Purple



Dates for your Calendar - Summer Term 6

Date	Event
06.07.26 - 10.07.26	PGL Residential Trip - <i>Eagles</i>
06.07.26	Parent Workshop 9.00am - <i>Foxes</i>
10.07.26	Non-Uniform: Rainbow Day
10.07.26	Summer Fayre
14.07.26	Nursery Leavers Event - <i>Hedgehogs</i>
14.07.26	Foxes & Lions The Secret Garden
15.07.26	Volunteers Brunch
15.07.26	Party In Pavilion - Reading
16.07.26	Leavers Service In The Church
17.07.26	Last Day Of Term 6
20.07.26	School Closed - <i>Inset Day</i>
21.07.26	School Closed - <i>Inset Day</i>

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OUR ACTIVITY COLOUR SYSTEM
FIRE = YELLOW
SPARK = PURPLE
POWER = RED
CLASSIC = BLUE
EVERY HOLIDAY NEW COLOUR. NEW ACTIVITIES!

WEEK 1					WEEK 2				
CLASSIC SET					CLASSIC SET				
KINETIC K'NEX	LEGO MACHINES	CRAZY CIRCUITS	3D CREATIONS	LASER TAG	CRAZY CIRCUITS	LEGO CONTRAPTIONS	LittleBits INVENTIONS	VIRTUAL REALITY	SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS
MICRO ROBOTS	COOL COOKING	MOVIE STUDIO	AKCENTED REALITY	PIRECRIBBIT BUCKETS	BIG BOTS	VIDEO GAME DESIGN	ANIMATION	PIRECRIBBIT REDSTONE	STEAM CHALLENGES
TAKE HOME INVENTIONS					TAKE HOME INVENTIONS				

The days that these activities will be taking place differ site to site, please check website for your camp's schedule

WHAT TO BRING

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- Weather Appropriate Clothing

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Lucy Hart - St Ebbe's Primary School

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If you'd like to try your luck and support the church, please pop by the school office to purchase your tickets. Thank you for your continued support.

1st Prize: £200

2nd Prize: £150

3rd Prize: £100



Secret Gardens FAMILY DAY

The Egg,
Auditorium + Foyer

A day of crafty family fun inspired by our summer production of *The Secret Garden*.

Try your hand at colourful stained-glass art and add your own touch to a collaborative nature blanket.

For our youngest visitors, our pop-up Imagination Garden offers a tranquil space to explore and unwind.

Come along, get involved, and let your imagination bloom!



Join The Secret Garden Experience

Saturday 20 June

10am - 5pm

Free

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Suitable for all ages

09:00
- 15:30

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SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

St John's C of E Primary School

1	Mon 20 th July Tues 21 st July Wed 22 nd July Thurs 23 rd July Fri 24 th July	Football Summer Sports Nerf, Dodgeball & Archery Dance OR Football Musical Theatre	
2	Mon 27 th July Tues 28 th July Wed 29 th July Thurs 30 th July Fri 31 st July	Nerf, Dodgeball, Archery & Football Summer Sports Dance OR Multi-Sports Musical Theatre OR Multi-Sports Nerf, Dodgeball, Archery & Football	
3	Mon 3 rd Aug Tues 4 th Aug Wed 5 th Aug Thurs 6 th Aug	Nerf, Dodgeball & Archery Summer Sports Football Dance OR Multi-Sports	
4	Mon 10 th Aug Tues 11 th Aug Wed 12 th Aug Fri 14 th Aug	Football Summer Sports Nerf, Dodgeball & Archery Dance	
5	Mon 17 th Aug Fri 21 st Aug	Nerf, Dodgeball & Archery Dance	
6	Mon 24 th Aug Tues 25 th Aug Friday 28 th Aug	Nerf, Dodgeball & Archery Summer Sports Football	

Tues 1st Sept: Nerf, Dodgeball & Archery & Football

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Please pass this on to your pupils parents & guardians

IMPORTANT

SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDERING INFORMATION

PLEASE ORDER BEFORE 31ST JULY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!

Please note: This date applies to schools returning at the start of September. Parents of schools with earlier return dates will need to order sooner.

NOPT DELAY

We have already built up great stock levels to ensure your order is sent out in record time, however there can always be issues that are out of our control. With this in mind **please order as early as possible**, especially if your child is starting school for the first time!

Orders placed up to and including the 31st of July will take priority over all our current stock, so please place orders as soon as possible - This will help ensure that you receive your uniform in good time, as orders placed after this period are more likely to be subject to delays.

Thank you and have a great summer!

The Mapac Team