



Bikeability

Well done to all the children from Dolphin Class who completed their Bikeability training this week. We are very proud that all who signed up for this managed to complete their Level 2 qualification. One of the highlights for them was coming down the hill after the cycle up to Mad Swans!

Wearing a helmet when riding a bike or scooter is the most important rule for staying safe, even for very short journeys so please make sure your child wears theirs on all their rides including any commutes to school. Thank you for your support with this.



Cross Country Event

On Tuesday afternoon, a team of five runners participated in the BANES Cross Country Event at Odd Down. They ran against many other local schools completing a mile run around the Odd Down field. Their resilience and positive attitude was inspiring and they are keen to make sure that we all practise our running more at school to get a bigger team for our next event.



Benedict's Law

Throughout the week children have been learning about allergies and anaphylaxis, how to respond and what actions they should take if they spot an allergic reaction. In line with Benedict's Law, the school now has spare autoadrenaline injector pens on site for use in an emergency.



Seal Class Visit to Bath Literacy Festival

This afternoon the children in Seal Class have enjoyed a lovely trip to The Forum in Bath where they met Liz Pichon, the author of Tom Gates. The children came back buzzing with excitement about the brand new books they were all given - one child had already read to page 58! They found out that Liz's books have been published in lots of different languages and also that, as a child, she used to do a caramel wafer trick where she would re-wrap the empty wrapper, so look out for that this weekend! The adults came back extremely proud of how respectful and well-behaved the children had been throughout the event, so well done Seal Class!



Fundraiser!



And finally... good luck to Scarlett in Year 6 and her football team as they take on a 5K run and walk to raise money for the charity Cancer Research UK. Their coach has already raised a lot of money for this charity and Scarlett and her team mates have volunteered to take on this run to help him reach his target. Scarlett's sponsor form is in the office so please pop in if you would like to support her endeavours.

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News from the Classes



TURTLE CLASS

Turtle Class have enjoyed spending lots of time outside this week. We have been making potions, enjoying ball games and doing lots of counting. We have loved sharing our family photos and have made our own Turtle Class Houses display. Turtle Class have also enjoyed their afternoons with Shark Class where we have been investigating different smells, secondary colours and sorting items between the past and present.



SHARK CLASS

Sharks class has had yet another busy week! We've enjoyed learning about our new class book, Mrs Armitage on Wheels. To kick start the unit, we discussed where we would go if we had a special bike like Mrs Armitage - some people wanted to go to Barcelona, whilst others wanted to go to outer space! Sharks class were also tasked with the important job of supporting Turtle class in walking over to the hall for our first PE lesson together. They took the responsibility of being a buddy very seriously, we are very proud of them.



SEAL CLASS

It has been a busy week in Seal Class, with children learning about Egyptian mummies in history and in Science, we have been learning about magnets and investigating which ends attract and repel. We then looked at how close our magnet had to be to attract a paperclip.



DOLPHIN CLASS

Dolphin have had an action-packed week due to Bikeability. We immersed ourselves in expressive portraits to incorporate our identities into our self portraits. Everyone enjoyed mixing and using paint and experimenting with brush strokes.



Diary Dates

October

Tue 6th	Egyptology Day for Seal Class please sign up on Arbor
Thur 8th	Harvest Festival at St John's Church 9am (list of preferred items were in last week's newsletter and below)
Tue 13th	Parents' Evening (Seal, Dolphin)
Wed 14th	Parents' Evening (All classes)
Tues 20th	Flu/Nasal Spray Vaccination
Thur 22nd-Fri 23rd	INSET Days 3 & 4
Mon 26th-Sun 1st	Half Term Break

November

Mon 2nd	Start of Term
Tue 3rd	STEM Club begins
Fri 13th	Dolphin Class Trip to Bath Taps into Science please sign up on Arbor



Notices

- **Arbor Pupil File Update** - If you have not done so already please remember to update Arbor with any changes for your child/ren. Any questions please email the office.
- **Clubs** - There is no lunchtime chess club next week however, all other clubs remain unchanged.
- **Dolphin Class - Bath Taps into Science Trip** has been added to Arbor for your information and action. Thank you.
- **Flu Vaccination (Nasal Spray)** - Please consent [here](#) if you have not done so already.
- **Open Mornings** - our next open morning is being held on Thur 19th November (9:30-11:00am). Registration is via email or telephone to the school office.
- **Libraries** - please see the Library post below for more information & events in our libraries!
- **Road works** - from 5th October there will be some delays on the road due to two-way traffic lights on the A37, access to the school will be maintained. Parents who are driving from this direction should leave plenty of time for your journeys until mid-February. Work will be paused over the Christmas period. For more details please click [here](#).
- **School Photos** - Photos were taken on Monday and the proofs have been distributed today so please check your child's bag. Orders need to be placed by Monday 19th October to qualify for free postage to the office.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **Term dates 2027/28** - These are now available [here](#).
- **Year 4 & Year 6 Residential Trip** - The 2nd installments deadline was today. Please action if you have not already.
- **Whole School Trip to Panto in Bath** - Please see the email sent home on Wednesday which needs you to please respond.
- **Head lice** - We have been made aware of a case of head lice in Seal Class. Please check your child's hair carefully and treat as necessary.



FoodCycle harvest festival donation point

FoodCycle Bath provides free, vegetarian, sit-down meals for the community using surplus food.

To help us cook our meals, we really appreciate donations of the following unopened, vegetarian items:

Tinned foods	Other foods
• Chopped tomatoes • Chickpeas • Lentils • Butter beans • Kidney beans • Black-eyed beans • Tinned fruit	• Tomato puree • Olive oil • Vegetable oil • Any type of vinegar • Dried red lentils • Oats • Golden syrup • Sugar: brown, demerara, granulated or caster • Long-life milk in cartons • Orange or blackcurrant squash • Instant coffee: caffeinated or decaffeinated • Instant drinking chocolate (just add water)

***No meat or fish please**

Thank you for your donation!



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Could you tell if your child was being exploited online?



Join one of our free online sessions led by Child Exploitation Prevention Officer **Andri Nicolaou**

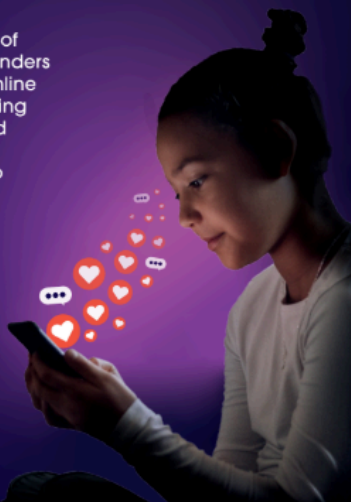
29 September 19:00 - 20:30pm **06 October 13:00 - 14:30pm**

Learn about the different forms of child exploitation and how offenders groom/exploit children both online and offline. We'll highlight warning signs a child may be at risk and practical steps you can take to keep them safe and respond to any concerns.

Visit the **Avon and Somerset Police Eventbrite page** or scan the QR codes below

29 Sept

06 Oct



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c 3 October 2026

For any ticketed events, visit our Virtual Library or Eventbrite for details.
baneslibraries.co.uk/groups-events/

Bath Central Library

Storytime

Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00 am

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Wednesday 10.00 - 10.30 am & 11.00 - 11.30 am

Keynsham Library

Storytime

Thursday 10.30 - 11.00 am

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00 am & 10.30 - 11.00 am

Midsomer Norton Library

Storytime

Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00 am

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Monday 11.00 - 11.30 am

Parents and Carers Day at Midsomer Norton Library

Come and meet your local supportive services!
Join us for a fun, friendly day where families can connect, play and discover the services available in Midsomer Norton Library.



Free refreshments



Monday 5 October
10am-2pm



MIGHTY
SPLASH
swim school

swimming
lessons
at Fosse Way

£45

Brighter swimmers
happier, healthier kids!

a month
Was £62.50
That's just £10.38
per lesson!

plus...
free
swims!



Weekly
swimming
lessons



Small,
supportive
classes



A warm,
friendly
pool



Build
confidence
for life



Fosse Way School
Radstock, BA3 3AL

october half term

intensive
LESSONS

3 days
£18

Mon 26th to 28th Oct

A great way to build skills,
confidence and make progress!



spooky
HALLOWEEN
family swims
sunday 1st Nov



9am



10am



11am

Come along for a spooktacular swim!
Fancy dress welcome!

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SCAN HERE

09:00
-
15:30

**HALLOWEEN PARTY &
FOOTBALL CAMP**

Paulton Junior School, BS39 7QY

Wednesday 28th October



www.ignite-sport.co.uk



Thought of the Week

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5: 43-45)



At the start of a brand new school year, it seems appropriate to review some of the values that we all hold dear to us. Lots of schools have values that embody their vision and ethos. Some examples are love, hope, forgiveness, perseverance and courage.

Key to all of our learning is engagement. Engagement is linked very closely with courage and koinonia. It takes courage to keep on asking questions and to be curious and if we are engaged and interested, we will take an interest in those around us, those who are in our community or koinonia.

Being engaged means that we are more likely to look after each other and challenge unfairness. But who does this include? Does that mean we are meant to look after those people who we find difficult and challenging as well as our best friends?

In today's verse, Jesus talks about loving our enemy as well as our neighbour. Although most people don't use the word enemy to describe people who they don't get along with, these are the sorts of people Jesus is referring to. Can we look out for and even look after those people who rub us up the wrong way? What about those people who intentionally get on our nerves?

Jesus had his fair share of "enemies". Many of the religious leaders didn't like him because he challenged the way they did things, many people who came from Jerusalem didn't like the fact that he was a Northerner from Galilee ("Can anything good come from Nazareth" - John 1:46) and the Romans weren't keen on him because he disturbed the peace. People disliked him so much that they demanded that he be crucified. So he understood what it would mean to love and take care of your enemies.

If we want to show that we are engaged and interested in someone else, we often need to take the time to find out more about them. Maybe that person you just can't bear just needs someone to take a moment to listen to them and understand them. Maybe they annoy you so much because they are hurting and don't know how to "engage" with others? Would it hurt to strike up a conversation and ask them how they are? This might be exactly what they need. It might be exactly what you need too.

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

