

Message from the Headteacher

It's beginning to feel like Christmas at St John's this week! The children have been busy making Christmas crafts and all of the classrooms are looking very sparkly with decorations. We wish to say a huge thank you to Norton Green Garden Centre in Chilcompton for once again donating a Christmas tree to the school which can be seen in our office reception area.

Our Rotakids have also been busy planting three trees on the school grounds. These trees (two cherry trees and a crab apple tree) were very kindly donated by the Rotary of Midsomer Norton and Radstock, who are currently on a mission to plant 65 trees in our local area in celebration of their 65th anniversary.

We hope to see you at the PTA Christmas Fete tomorrow from 11am-3pm. It is set to be a fantastic event and just what we need to get in the festive spirit.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mrs West-Gaul
Headteacher



Term 2 Christian Value: Peace



"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God." (Matthew 5:9)

Stars of the week

Acorn class	Lucas Senna
Ash class	Mollie
Birch class	Soraya
Chestnut class	Olivia
Elm class	Carly
Holly class	Reggie
Hazel class	Noah
Maple class	Phoenix
Oak class	Jacob
Pine class	Regan
Rowan class	Isla
Sycamore class	Lilia
Willow class	Bella

Dates for your diary

4th December - PTA Christmas Fete

15th December - School Christmas Dinner

17th December - PTA Christmas Muffin Day

4th & 5th January 2022 - INSET Days. School returned on Thursday 6th January 2022.

Year 2 Learning

This week in Year 2 we have been busy baking our very own trench cake to link in with our topic of the First World War. The children loved learning all about what trench cake is and why it was made.



We carefully weighed and mixed all of the ingredients (they were not afraid to get their hands dirty), although many were not quite so keen on the smell of some of the spices!



Citizenship and Character Award

Now that we are in the season of advent, why not take the opportunity to put a festive twist on the Citizenship and Character Award! Here are some recommendations for this weekend:

1. Plan something (Developing Me) - Perhaps you could plan some Christmas day activities for you and your family to enjoy, or maybe even get involved in helping your parents to plan the Christmas day dinner.
2. Watch a performance (Wellbeing Me) - Perhaps you might be lucky enough to watch a Christmas panto this weekend!
3. Learn about another culture (Global Me) - Why not find out about how Christmas is celebrated in a different country! Find some pictures on the internet and bring them in to discuss with your classmates and teacher.

Remember to provide a small piece of evidence to show what you have achieved towards the Citizenship and Character Award. This could simply be a photograph, a short review, a certificate, a sketch or even an artefact. Your teachers are really eager to find out about all of the wonderful things that you are achieving and discovering.



Out of School Achievements

Congratulations to all of our pupils who took part in the Norton Radstock Swimming Club Annual Gala this week.

Well done to;

Jacob (Oak) - Gold for freestyle

Erin (Pine) - Gold for front crawl and Silver for backstroke

Harry (Pine) - Gold for front crawl and Bronze for backstroke

Freddie (Rowan) - Silver for medley

Imogen (Willow) - Gold for freestyle, medley, butterfly and breaststroke and Silver for backstroke

Minnie (Sycamore) - Bronze for breaststroke, backstroke and front crawl

Eva (Sycamore) - For taking part in her first swimming gala

Also well done to Thomas in Rowan class who has been awarded the Mini Player of the Year trophy as part of the Somer Valley Tennis Club Championships at Writhlington tennis centre.



Nativity performances

Reception - Wednesday 8th December at 1.45pm.

Please can parents go to the gate to the front playground where you will be able to buy a hot drink for £1 served by our lovely PTA. The children will then perform their Nativity through songs on the stage. Children will then get changed and come out of school from the usual reception playground at 3pm.

Year 1 - Monday 13th December at 5pm

Please can children be delivered to school at 4.30pm so that they can change into their costumes. Parents should wait in the front playground where you will be able to buy a hot drink for £1 served by our lovely PTA. The children will then perform their Nativity through songs on the stage. They will go home wearing their nativity costumes, please can these be returned to reception teachers the following day.

Year 2 - Tuesday 14th December, Time TBC

The children will perform their Carol Concert on the stage in the front playground straight after school. Further details will be released next week.

All dress rehearsal performances will be filmed and the recordings will be shared directly with the parents/carers in the last week of term



Year 3 Reading

Year 3 have enjoyed reading the Twits by Roald Dahl recently as part of their guided reading and have created some fantastic work based around the story. We have loved seeing the excellent vocabulary they have used in their writing too!

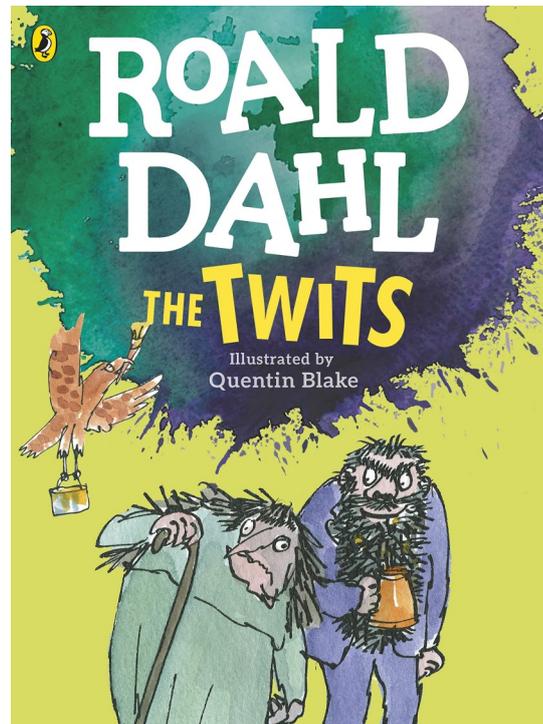
Here are some of the children's highlights:

Kara - I really liked the book because it was so funny! I liked it when the monkeys put everything upside down on the ceiling!

Lilly - My favourite part was when the Twits got the 'shrinks'!

Teddy - It was super funny when Mrs Twit was tied to the balloons and got lifted off into the air!

Jake - I liked reading about all the pranks the Twits played on each other! The best part for me was when the monkeys played their own trick on the Twits and they got stuck upside down!



National Online Safety

St John's C of E Primary School is now a National Online Safety Certified School after receiving accreditation for its whole school community approach to protecting children in the online world. Staff at St John's have successfully completed a comprehensive online safety training programme demonstrating the school's commitment to keeping children and young people safe online. The Year 6 Digital Leaders are using resources from National Online Safety to support school assemblies, and offer their support to teachers and students.



If you would like you would like stay up to date with resources for keeping your child safe online, have access to webinars and training, then please follow <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/st-john-s-church-of-england-primary-school-5> and complete your details.

Doodle Maths

Our pupils have been working really hard to earn their stars this week.

This week's top doodlers are:



Reception - Matilda-Mae **Maple - Fabien**

Ash - Olivia

Oak - Jacob

Birch - Isaac

Pine - Devon

Chestnut - Eva

Rowan - Freddie

Elm - Luca

Sycamore - Milo

Hazel - Fin

Willow - Daisy

Holly - Isabella



St John's Primary MSN Christmas Fete

Saturday 4th December
11am

Everyone welcome!



Come along for an afternoon of fun. We have stalls, games, Reindeer food making, Mrs Claus's kitchen, a bar, a bouncy castle and of course the Big man himself!

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