

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.'

Message from the Headteacher

The sounds of Christmas carols have been heard throughout the school this week with everyone practising their nativities and Christmas services. Christmas really began last weekend with our PTA Christmas Fair - a huge thank you to all of those involved in organising this event which we can all agree was a huge success.

This week we have had our Reception outdoor performance which, although cold, was a real treat to listen to. The children have started their Christmas activities including salt dough decorations, Christmas french lessons as well as looking at Christmas traditions around the world.

Next week we have our Year 1 outdoor performance on Monday at 5pm, our Year 2 Carols by candlelight on Tuesday at 3:15pm and our Nursery carols on Thursday at 2.15pm. We will end the term on Friday with a PTA Christmas Mufti Day and a special performance of Aladdin which has been purchased by the PTA for all to enjoy.

Best wishes,

Mrs West-Gaul

New Office post-box

A new post-box has been fitted to the right of the school front door. Please use this to drop off any school trip forms, letters, PTA tickets etc. rather than giving these directly to the office staff. This will help to minimise the number of people coming to the office door. The box is locked and will be emptied daily.

Lost property

Our lost property is looking very large again and we will aim to put this outside as often as possible in the next few days. **If any unnamed items are left by the end of term, we will dispose of items accordingly.** Lost property was sought through earlier this week and named items reunited with their owners. There were however 31 unnamed jumpers and cardigans and 6 coats. Please can we urge parents to name all items of clothing so that they can be returned if found.

Term 2 Christian Value: Peace

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



Stars of the week

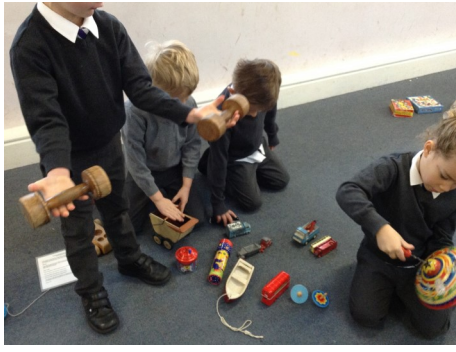
Acorn class	Jaxon Sophie
Ash class	Darcey
Birch class	Caiden
Chestnut class	Lottie
Elm class	Henry
Holly class	Lilly
Hazel class	Rocco
Maple class	Ronnie
Oak class	Ethan
Pine class	Zara
Rowan class	Dylan
Sycamore class	Minnie
Willow class	Ava

Dates for your diary

Wed 15th Dec- School Christmas Dinner
Fri 17th Dec- PTA Christmas Mufti Day
Tues 4th & Wed 5th Jan 2022 - INSET Days.
Thurs 6th Jan 2022 - First day of term

Year 1 Learning

Last week Year 1 took part in a History workshop as part of their topic this term. They had fun playing with Victorian toys and games and discussed how these are different to the games that we play with now.



Citizenship and Character Award

With only two weekends left before Christmas, why not continue to take advantage of the festive season to work towards your Citizenship and Character Award. Here are this week's suggestions for fun things to get involved with:

1. Go on a long walk (Physical Me) - Once the rain clears up on Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning, grab your wellies and take a stroll through fields and along public walking routes with your family members.
2. Learn about money (Local Me) - Have you been busy saving your pocket money? Go Christmas shopping with an adult in your family and carefully consider how much you can afford to spend on each gift.
3. Make a model (Wellbeing Me) - Do you have any Plasticine, modelling clay or FIMO? Perhaps you could create your own Christmas scene and display it in your home.

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, discovering and taking part in.



Reception visitor

Acorns had a treat this week as we had a visit from Martha, a real donkey just like the one in our Nativity play who carried Mary to Bethlehem. We were able to stroke her lovely thick winter coat and we found out about what she likes to eat! We really enjoyed meeting our special visitor!



RotaKids Tree planting

Last week the Rotakids were 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. Kara in Year 3, who is the Environment Secretary of the Rotakids, was responsible for organising the tree planting. She also gave a wonderful speech to her fellow Rotakids about the environmental importance of trees.



Year 6 war cake

Year 6 have been studying WW2 in History this term. They have written diaries from the perspective of an evacuee and a speech for VE Day. In DT they have been learning how to write instructions and handle foods. Last week, the children created War Cake using ingredients available during WW2.



JUNIOR BREAKOUT
TEEN BREAKOUT
FAMILY BREAKOUT

Join us on Monday 20th - Thursday 23rd December

Registration open from 1st December

Free holiday activities for children & teens (Age 5-16) and families



Discover your Christmas*

www.bathrugbyfoundation.com/breakout

*BreakOut prioritises places for children who are entitled to receive free school meals.



SCAN ME

To find out more about BreakOut visit: www.bathrugbyfoundation.com/winterbreakout
✉ breakout@bathrugbyfoundation.com ☎ 07443 767555

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Venues

- The Hive, Peasedown, BA2 8DH
- Paulton Village Hall, BS39 7LW
- Riverside Hub, BA1 6AE
- Hampset Cricket Club, BA2 2BL
- St. Michael's Junior School, BA2 1RW
- Castle Primary, BS31 2TS
- Welton Rovers FC, BA3 4QD
- Time Out Youth Hub, BS31 1FS

Charities offering services:



10 Westgate Street
Bath, BA1 1EQ
01225 316199



The Windsor Castle
Upper Bristol Road
Bath, BA1 3DN
01225 460888

Who is Breakout for?

BreakOut is open to children and teens (age 5-16), as well as families.*
*Priority booking will be allocated to children who are eligible to receive free school meals.

What is Breakout?

Bath Rugby Foundation, Bath Area Play Project Youth Connect South West, FareShare South West and partners will deliver a fun and powerful package of festive activities including sports, exercise and creative play, as well as nutritious food for all attendees at multiple hubs across B&NES.

Book to attend up to two Winter BreakOut sessions (pre-booking is essential). ☎ 07443 767555

Visit: www.bathrugbyfoundation.com/winterbreakout



Reporting absences

Please can we remind parents that they should report their child absent from school due to sickness by 8.30am either via ParentMail or by leaving a message on the school answerphone. Please indicate the exact reason for absence including symptoms so that these can be recorded accurately.

Absences for holiday in term time should be requested by submitting a student absence request form.

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Holidays during term time can not be authorised by the Head Teacher unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Midsomer Norton Methodist Church

On Christmas Eve we normally welcome many families to the church for our Christingle Service. Many people say it is the start of their family Christmas where, with the help of an orange, cocktail stick, sweets and candle we make our Christingle whilst also singing carols and Christmas songs. This year we have had to adapt our plans due to the Covid pandemic.

We will be offering TWO times for the Christingle Service as we have to limit capacity to 85 per service. The services will take place at 5pm and 6.30pm. You also need to BOOK in advance by Thursday 23rd December at 9am. Contact 07957414970 or bookings@msnmcc.org and give a contact name and number along with how many you are booking for.

Doodle Maths

This week's top doodlers are:

Reception - Sophie
Ash - Reggie
Birch - Flynn
Chestnut - Henry
Elm - Luca
Hazel - Mason
Holly - Isabelle
Maple - Alicia
Oak - Jacob
Pine - Devon
Rowan - Tyler
Sycamore - Holly
Willow - Daksha



O' Come All Ye Faithful

Christmas Services at St John the Baptist Church Midsomer Norton

Sunday 19th December 6pm Carol Service
Christmas Eve 4pm Crib Service
Christmas Eve 11:30pm Midnight Mass
Christmas Day 8am Holy Eucharist
Christmas Day 10am Parish Eucharist
Sunday 26th December 10am Parish Eucharist.

