

25th November 2022

## 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

If the weeks pass by as quickly as this one, it will be Christmas Eve before we know it - I hate to say it but Christmas day is exactly one month away! Another busy week at St John's including lots of preparation for the festive season, a few highlights:

I had the pleasure of observing some of our youngest children in their phonics lessons this week. I am super impressed with their knowledge and confidence with reading and spelling words! Well done!

Listening to beautiful singing; from Acorns class and Key stage 1 practising for their nativity performances to Year 4s practising for their visit to Wells Cathedral next week. We certainly have some very talented singers at St John's!

Seeing such polite and thoughtful children; We have been talking a lot about how we can show respect for our environment and each other this week. Children have been holding the doors open for each other, picking up litter in the corridors and outside, and supporting each other in the classroom. We really do have some polite children at St John's!

As the nativity performances increase and the wetter weather sets in, some PE and activity sessions have taken place indoors. Mr Cracknell led our teachers through some active ideas and games for indoor PE and we had a chance to explore some of the PE equipment! I wonder if you can guess who our most competitive members of staff are!



It is our Christmas Fair tomorrow and it would be great to see as many of you there as possible! Coming to and taking part in school events is such a great way to show your support and provide much needed funds. Funds raised have benefited your children in so many ways, from paying for reading books and ICT equipment to providing play equipment for them to enjoy at break and lunch times.

Have a lovely weekend and I hope to see you tomorrow!

*Mrs West-Gaul*

### CHRISTIAN VALUE OF THE TERM: PEACE



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

### Christmas Fete

Saturday 26th November  
11am- 2pm

Everyone welcome!



Come along for a day of fun. We have stalls, raffle, a games room, Reindeer food making, Cookie decorating, Hot food, A Bar, and of course the Big man himself!

### Christmas Church Services

Christmas services will take place at St John's Church on Thursday 15th December with the children attending as follows:



**9am:** Acorns, Ash, Chestnut, Hazel, Maple, Pine, Sycamore

**1.45pm:** Birch, Elm, Holly, Oak, Rowan, Willow

Parents and family are of course welcome and we would love you to join us to celebrate!

## Awards of the Week

Well done to all of our pupils who have achieved an award this week!



### Top Doodling Class

#### Doodle Maths: Willow (6B)

Congratulations to all the pupils in the green zone!

	Star of the Week	Star Readers
<b>Acorns</b>	Poppy-Rose Eva	- -
<b>Ash class</b>	Thea C	Harry
<b>Birch class</b>	Jennifer	Jake
<b>Chestnut class</b>	Charlie	Lola
<b>Elm class</b>	Millie	Flynn
<b>Hazel class</b>	Isla	Poppy W
<b>Holly class</b>	Poppy	Avery
<b>Maple class</b>	Isabelle	Noah
<b>Oak class</b>	Kara	Emilia
<b>Pine class</b>	Nikita	Taylor
<b>Rowan class</b>	Zara	Ruben
<b>Sycamore class</b>	Lacey	Samuel
<b>Willow class</b>	Bobby	Lily

## Reading in Year 6

Last term, Year 6 read Kensuke's Kingdom. A wonderful book by Michael Morpurgo about a boy who travels the world with his parents and dog on the Peggy Sue. One evening, Michael and his dog fall into the sea and wash up on an island. The story follows Michael's time on the island and his bid for survival.

This term, Year 6 are reading 'Once' by Morris Gleitzman. It follows the life of a Jewish orphan during WW2. One day, Felix leaves the orphanage and heads into the city in search of answers. It has been a great opportunity for the children to learn more about WW2 before History in Terms 3 and 4.



## Dates for your Diary

Sat 26th Nov: PTA Christmas Fete

Tues 29th Nov: Year 6 History Trip

Wed 30th Nov: Rotakids Cake Sale, 3pm

Tues 6th Dec: Year 2 Carols by Candlelight, 3.30pm

Wed 7th Dec: Reception Nativity, 1.30pm

Thurs 8th Dec: Year 1 Nativity, 5pm

Wed 14th Dec: Christmas Dinners

Thurs 15th Dec: Christmas Services

Fri 16th Dec: PTA Christmas Mufti Day

Thurs 19th Jan: Young Voices Concert





## Acorns take part in the 'Queen's Green Canopy'

Acorns Class has had a super Forest School session today in the woodland. We have talked about how trees grow and as a result have been planting a range of different saplings. These have been donated to the school from the Woodland Trust as part of the Queen's Green Canopy.

We look forward to watching the progress of these trees grow in the future!



## Nursery Sees Spots for Children in Need!



Last Friday, staff and pupils at Next Steps Nursery dressed up in spots and Pudsey Bear outfits in support of Children In Need.

There was also a sale offering a fantastic choice of delicious home-baked cakes. Thank you to everyone who donated or purchased cakes or made a donation - we raised an amazing total of £147.07!



## Out of School Achievements

Well done to Harry in Chestnut class, who was really pleased to be awarded "star of the week" for mini boys gymnastics at Writhlington - awesome!

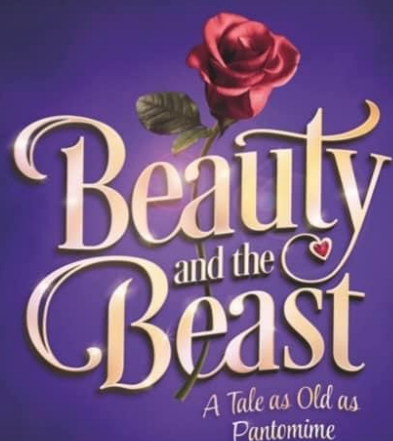
Rhodri was awarded Beaver of the Week at Radstock Beavers on Wednesday for following instructions so well. Well done Rhodri!

Lexi took part in The Avon Dance Academy show at Broadlands Academy in Keynsham last weekend and were amazing - you should be very proud, well done!





# TIMSBURY THEATRE GROUP PRESENTS



A TRADITIONAL FAMILY PANTOMIME BY BRIAN LUFF

**14<sup>TH</sup>-16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 7.30PM**

**17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2PM & 6PM**

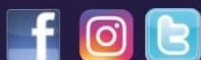
**CONYGRE HALL TIMSBURY BA2 0JQ**

**TICKETS: £10 ADULT - £6 CHILD OR £28 FOR FAMILY (2+2)**

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Email: [timsburytheatre@gmail.com](mailto:timsburytheatre@gmail.com)

**Or visit us at the Conygre Hall  
any Tuesday from 7.30-9 pm  
to order and collect in person**



# EVENTS & ACTIVITIES Here's what is happening in w/c 28 November your Libraries this week

## Bath Central Library

### Lego Lab, Family Fun Drop In

Mon - Sat During opening hours

### Storytime Sessions, Family Fun

Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00 am 29 Nov

### Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun

Wednesday 11.00 - 11.30 am 30 Nov

### Sensory Space, for families with children and young adults with sensory needs

Mon - Sat, Book a Session via Eventbrite

### Tree of Deforestation - Made by Year 4s at Widcombe C of E Junior School

Mon - Sat During opening hours

### Festive Creativity Corner, Family Fun Drop In

Mon - Sat During opening hours From 1 Dec

## Keynsham Library

### Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun

Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00 am 29 Nov  
10.30 - 11.00 am

### Storytime Sessions & Craft, Family Fun

Thursdays 11.00 - 12.00pm 1 Dec

### Keynsham Christmas Tree Trail

Mon - Sat During opening hours 21 Nov - 8 Dec

## Midsomer Norton Library

### Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun

Monday 11.00 - 11.30 am 28 Nov

### Storytime Sessions, Family Fun

Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00 am 30 Nov

### Write a Christmas Message on our Tree

Mon - Sat During opening hours From 1 Dec

## Digital All Social Media

**Men's Health Month**  
- November, 1 - 30  
November

\*For any ticketed events, the link will be online via Social Media or via the blog.



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## Rotakids Cake Sale

Hello! This is one final reminder that the Rotakids will be holding a charity cake sale on Wednesday 30th November at 3pm. All of the money that we raise will be shared equally between our four house charities (the RNLI, Cancer Research, the RSPCA and Young Minds) and Polio Awareness, which is supported by the Rotakids. All cakes will cost 50p each; if you would like to donate a cake, please bring it to the cookery room in the morning. Thank you! We look forward to seeing you at the cake sale!



Esmæ V (Rotakids Secretary)

# FESTIVE FUN FAMILY SESSION

for families with children who have SEND

**ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: BOARD GAMES- GROUP GAMES- ARTS AND CRAFTS-FAMILY FILM AND COOKING AND EATING A MEAL TOGETHER**

**MONDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2022**

From 10:00am - 3:00PM

**FOSSE WAY SCHOOL, Radstock BA3 3AL**

**£10 per family booking**

**BOOKING REQUIRED: [roz@bathareaplayproject.co.uk](mailto:roz@bathareaplayproject.co.uk)**

**WWW.BAPP.ORG.UK**



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## Christmas Dinner Booking

Christmas Lunch on  
Wednesday 14th December  
will be:



**Meat option:** Roast Turkey  
with all the trimmings

**Veg option:** Roasted  
veggie en crouete (Sweet  
potato, peppers, onions and  
mushrooms)

**Dessert:** Festive iced shortbread biscuit

Students who are on special meals (DF, GF or GF/DF) will see the usual menu (gammon or cheese and tomato pinwheel (veg) - This is because special menus and trip menus always override the standard menu. In this case parents/carers will need to select the meat or veg option (as appropriate) for the day. Kitchens will be able to pick up on whether a meat or veg Christmas lunch is required.

Please book your child's Christmas Dinner as soon as possible in order that our catering team can source all of the necessary ingredients.

## Parent Reminders

Just a few reminders for parents, so that you can help us to reduce interruption to classes during the school day.

Please can you email any changes to pick up arrangements to the office by lunchtime on the day - this ensures that all necessary adults can be informed in good time without having to interrupt teaching.

All absences (including medical appointments) must be reported by calling and leaving a message on the absence line, or via Parentmail, **even if you have mentioned to a member of staff.**

All medical/dental/optician appointments should be made outside of school hours where possible. All appointments made within school hours require evidence to be shown.

Morning registration is at 8.30am. Any children who arrive after that time will be marked as late.

Please ensure that all belongings are clearly labelled so that they can be easily returned if misplaced

Please ensure that if your child does not have a school dinner booked, that they are provided with a packed lunch.

**Thank you all so much with your support with this!**

## PTA Christmas Fete Tomorrow! (11am-2pm)

Come along to our annual festive PTA fundraiser... eat, drink and be merry!

At the fete will be gift stalls, games, festive food and activities, a mini concert with our amazing Young Voices Choir, and of course the big man himself!

### Raffle Tickets

Don't forget to get your raffle tickets in to us via the school office - we will accept these up until the event itself and will also be selling on the day.



# Elfridges



## Our Elfridges store is back on the 9th December!

THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR CHILD TO CHOOSE A  
FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND A GIFT OF THEIR CHOOSING.  
PRE WRAPPED READY FOR CHRISTMAS DAY.  
YOUR CHILD WILL SELECT THEIR GIFTS DURING THE SCHOOL  
DAY IN CLASS GROUPS.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM SENT HOME AND RETURN  
IT TO YOUR CLASS TEACHERS BY THURSDAY 1ST  
DECEMBER.

PRICE PER GIFT IS £2.50

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