

9th December 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.'

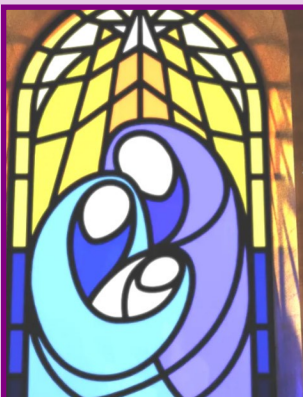
Message from the Headteacher

This week our Advent candle represents love, sometimes referred to as the Bethlehem candle making us think of Mary and Joseph's journey. This week has been filled with love at St John's. The Christmas festivities have truly begun and we have been treated to some amazing representations of the Christmas story. We started the week with Year 2 Carols by Candlelight which led us through the Christmas story through the media of song. On Wednesday we had our Reception nativity, 'A King Is Born' and last night we had our Year 1 nativity 'Boogie Woogie Nativity'. We are incredibly proud of all of the children and the resilience they showed even when the nerves started to kick in.

Next week we look forward to continuing these festivities with our Christmas dinner on Wednesday, our services in Church on Thursday and non uniform day on Friday. If you are intending on joining the Christmas services on Thursday please be aware that there is limited seating as half the school will be in attendance and will need to sit on the pews. We will put additional seating at the back of the Church and there will be some standing room.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and manage to stay warm in these freezing temperatures!

Mrs West-Gaul



Christmas Services at St John the Baptist Church Midsomer Norton

Sunday 18th 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

CHRISTIAN VALUE OF THE TERM: PEACE



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

Dates for your Diary

Wed 14th Dec: After school clubs deadline

Wed 14th Dec: Christmas Dinners

Wed 14th Dec: Rotakids Movie Night

Thurs 15th Dec: Christmas Church Services

Fri 16th Dec: PTA Christmas Non-Uniform Day

Fri 16th Dec: PTA Pantomime (in school time)

Fri 16th Dec: Last day of Term 2

Mon 2nd Jan: Bank Holiday Monday

Tues 3rd Jan: INSET Day

Wed 4th Jan: Back to school for Term 3

Thurs 19th Jan: Young Voices Concert

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
Acorns	Harry Aubrie	- -
Ash class	Loula	Nancy
Birch class	Aurelia	Emilee
Chestnut class	Darcey	Cordelia
Elm class	Xander	Amelia S
Hazel class	Mabel	Ava
Holly class	Oliver	Ella
Maple class	Arthur	Teddy
Oak class	Frank	Dylan
Pine class	Hannah	Fabien
Rowan class	Freddie Pl	Freddie M
Sycamore class	Millie	Freddie
Willow class	Devon	Leo

Reading in Year 4

Year 4 have been reading the Grinch by Dr Seuss in guided reading this week. We have been using echo reading to practice our rhythmic reading and have enjoyed noticing the difference's between what we already know about the Grinch compared to the original story.

In Oak class we have been reading The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q. Rauf. We have enjoyed learning about how four friends helped a new boy in their class who was a refugee. They go on an adventure to try and stop the gates from closing and ask the Queen to help.



RotaKids Attend Carol Service

This week, members of the Rotakids took part in a Christmas carol service at St. John the Baptist Church, along with representatives of the Midsomer Norton and Radstock Rotary Club. The children did a reading and sang the carol, *Away in a Manger*.

The children did an amazing job of representing our school and we are very proud of them.





B&NES Music—Create a Song Competition

Entries for our **Create a Song** Competition are now open to all primary school children aged 5-11 years! Please see the attached flyer for more information.

We are running this competition to find a young person to help write our new song, following the theme of **shining a light on children's uniqueness**. Inspired by the words of 90 children, our lyricist Sue Curtis has written a poem to which children can compose a short melody.

The winner will get to work with our composer [Jools Scott](#) to turn their melody into a full song to be performed by a children's choir in Bath Abbey on 29th and 30th June 2023!

Check out details on how to enter here: <https://voicesforlife.org.uk/create-a-song-competition/>

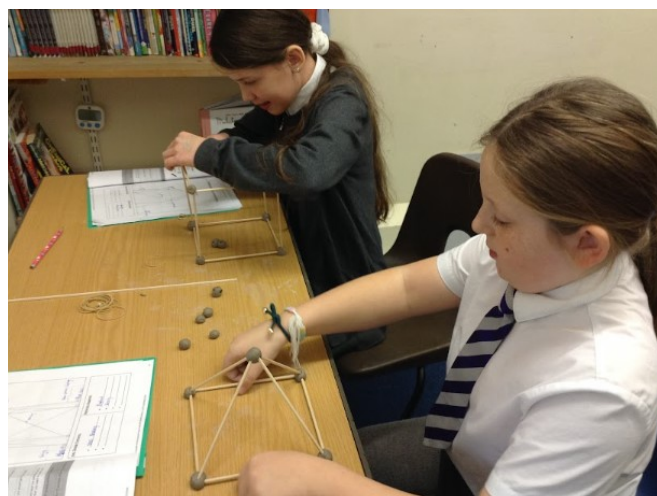
Wishing the children a happy time creating music!

Estelle Greeley
Interim Lead for B&NES Music

Learning in Year 6

This term, the children of year 6 have been researching, designing and building earthquake-proof buildings in D&T. This has linked to their learning in geography, which has focused on tectonic disasters. In the research stage, the children found out about the different features of earthquake-proof buildings, including cross bracing, sheer cores, rubberised foundations and base isolators.

Furthermore, they discovered that earthquake-proof buildings are often triangular-shaped, similar to the pagodas of earthquake-prone Japan. The children had specific criteria to fulfill for their design, including a minimum of two storeys and a minimum total height of 30cm. To test the quality of their final products, we will simulate an earthquake (using a custom-made wobble board!). Fingers crossed the structures stay intact!



Don't Miss the Additional Information Attached:

- Information for parents regarding scarlet fever
- St John's after school club sign up form (separate email)
- Bristol Sport Foundation - St John's Primary School after school sessions
- Parents Guide 'How to Combat Online Bullying'
- Park run information for parents
- Voices for Life: Create a Song Competition



Swimming Success!

Yesterday, children from across year 5 & 6 competed in the Large Schools Swimming Gala. They had great success, all collecting medals across a range of races including the team relays. On top of this, Erin Nash and Ronnie Gregory picked up gold medals in their individual races. St John's came 2nd overall in the gala which is a massive achievement - well done to the swimmers!



St. John's C of E Primary School, Redfield Road, Midsomer Norton, BA3 2JN

VACANCY

CARETAKER

Permanent, Part-Time Position, Term-time only
10 hours per week (hours to suit)
Grade 3, SCP5 (£21,575 FTE, £11.18/hour)
Commencing As Soon As Possible

St. John's C of E Primary School is a well-respected and welcoming school located in a beautiful part of Bath & North East Somerset. Our mission is to provide a foundation for learning and caring that ensures excellent outcomes for all pupils.

We are looking to appoint a caretaker to join our friendly and enthusiastic team with responsibilities to include carrying out routine maintenance activities, ensuring the school is clean, tidy and organised and undertaking a range of handyperson duties.

Closing Date: Friday 13th January 2023 at 12 noon.

Interview Date: To be confirmed.

For further information regarding the roles and expectations of this role, please arrange a discussion with the Headteacher, Mrs. Danielle West-Gaul.

For further details and to apply, please go to the website:
www.midsomernortonschoolspartnership.com/vacancies

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Executive Headteacher/CEO: Alan Williams
Registered Address: Norton Hill School, Charlton Road, Midsomer Norton, BA3 4AD
Company No: 7355778

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES w/c 12 December

Here's what is happening in
your Libraries this week

Bath Central Library

Lego Lab, Family Fun Drop In
Mon - Sat During opening hours

Festive Storytime Sessions, Family Fun
Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00 am 6 Dec

Festive Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun
Wednesday 11.00 - 11.30 am 7 Dec

**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

Digital

Winter Mini Challenge,
1 Dec - 20 Feb

**Colin the Corgi,
2D Platform Game**

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Blog
bathneslibraries.wordpress.com



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

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PTA Christmas Update

Thank you to everyone who came along and enjoyed our Christmas Fete - the day was lots of fun and hard work, and it was all worth it as we raised an amazing £2604!!

Special thanks to everyone who planned, set up, decorated, gathered prizes, manned stalls, sold raffle tickets.... You are all amazing, thank you so much - our children had a wonderful time on the day and will really benefit from your efforts and the money raised.

We have also been in school today with our Elfridges shop – It was, again, lots of fun - and to see the children's excited faces was a real joy. Look out for some lovely presents for family members on Christmas Day!



Next week will be our last fundraiser of the year, our Christmas non-uniform day, on the last day of term, Friday 16th. On the day, during school time, the children will be shown a virtual pantomime - a wonderful and well earned end of term treat, provided by the PTA.

Also, look out for a new addition in the front playground coming in the new term - also funded by the PTA.

Take a look at the meeting notice below - you could be part of this wonderful PTA, we would love to have your help.

Have a wonderful Christmas!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - OUR PTA NEED YOU!

The PTA are holding an emergency meeting Thursday 5th January due to the Chair person leaving. A new chair needs to be voted in. If you would like to attend this meeting or even be nominated as the new chair, please follow the zoom instructions below.

The PTA of St Johns is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: EGM for the PTA Time: Jan 5, 2023 08:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/89121821835?pwd=MnNGWCtIWEF2SEFDVmpvODRtNzZhUT09>

Meeting ID: 891 2182 1835 Passcode: AAhJ0v



Win a **£75 prize** & help save the planet!

SCHOOLS POSTER COMPETITION



COMPETITION RULES

1. Pick 1 ACTION to SAVE ENERGY

"SHOW YOU CARE,
PUT ON A LAYER"

"KEEP DOORS AND
WINDOWS SHUT. MAKE
YOUR BILLS CUT"

"TURN OFF THE
HEAT WHEN YOU
LEAVE YOUR SEAT"

Choose any of these actions or come up with your own!

2. CREATE A POSTER

to convince people in Widcombe to do it

Categories

Key Stage 3, Key Stage 4, 6th form & adults

Submit

Digital image that looks great in A4
to <https://forms.gle/MSzxiMZpmevkYsq39> or scan QR

Deadline: January 30th 2023

Scan our QR code to learn more

Winning posters will be displayed in schools, homes & community centres in Widcombe and beyond

Homemade Cakes
by Sarah Prince

FREE ENTRY

Christmas MARKET

SAT 10 DEC | 11-3
MSN METHODIST CHURCH
High St, Midsomer Norton, Radstock BA3 2DR

raising much needed funds for
Time is Precious
OVER 20 STALLS

- Homemade Cakes
- LB Pet Care
- Christmas Wreathes
- Crochet Cuddles
- Family Crafters
- Midsomer Fudge
- Creative Kneadings
- Tots Play North East Somerset
- Body Shop
- Tombola
- Hand Painted Canvas & Framed Paintings
- Huge Raffle
- Hot Chocolate & Sweet Cones
- Weird Ears
- Usborne Books
- Hand Crafted Cards and Gifts
- Pixielou Resin
- Bath Bombs
- Wax Melts/Candles
- The Glitter Temple
- SL Photography
- Midsomer Craft
- Dan's Ice cream from 2pm

TEA, COFFEE & CAKE

SOMERSET YOUTH THEATRE CIC

Starting 09.01.23

6-12 years

Midsomer Norton Youth Theatre

Somer Centre, Midsomer Norton, BA3 2UH

Mondays @ 4.30pm - 5.30pm

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