

6th January 2023

## 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

Wishing you all a very happy new year - I hope you all had a good Christmas break. The children have settled back into school well and new learning has begun.

This term's Christian value is wisdom. During collective worship this week we have been exploring the difference between being wise and being knowledgeable, we have discussed examples of how people can know lots of facts but it is how they use these in their lives that makes them wise. As the term progresses we will be looking at proverbs or wise sayings, we would love you to discuss your favourite proverb at home and complete the home learning challenge with your child. Please send these into school to be discussed in our collective worship and displayed on our values board.

Mrs West-Gaul



### CHRISTIAN VALUE OF THE TERM: WISDOM

'Wisdom is worth much more than precious jewels' - Proverbs 8:11

### Dates for your Diary

Thurs 19th Jan: Young Voices Concert  
Mon 9th Jan: Y 5&6 Girl's Football Tournament  
Sun 15th Jan: Deadline for New Reception Starters (Sept 2023) Applications  
6th - 10th Feb : Children's Mental Health Week  
Thurs 9th Feb: PTA Disco  
Fri 10th Feb: PTA Non uniform day (£1)  
Fri 10th Feb: Last Day of Term 3

### Dogs on School Site

Please can we remind all parents and carers that dogs are **not allowed on school property**.

Some of our children are wary of them, and we want our school to feel safe and comfortable for all of our children.

Thank you for your understanding with this.



### FAMILY FOCUS

#### Building a Wall of Wisdom

Everyone has a favourite proverb or wise saying. Talk to family members about proverbs that they think give **wise** advice. Ask them to explain the meaning of the proverb and add it to a 'wall of **wisdom**'.

Build your wall by writing each proverb on a 'brick' cut out of paper. Blu-tack the bricks on to a wall.

You can find lots of proverbs on [www.phrases.org.uk](http://www.phrases.org.uk)



To start you off here three well-known proverbs:

"A chain is only as strong as the weakest link"

"Many hands make light work"

### Lost Property

We currently have a huge amount of lost property in the pottery room. Please can you make sure that you name all of your children's clothing, including PE kit, forest school clothing and anything else worn to school on non-uniform days, so that they can be passed back to their owner.

Please take a moment to check the items that are in the pottery room, as these will be disposed of next week if not claimed.

## Awards of the Week

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



### Top Doodling Class

**Doodle Maths: Oak (4B)**

Congratulations to all the pupils in the green zone!

	Star of the Week	Star Readers
<b>Acorns</b>	Willow Fletcher	- -
<b>Ash class</b>	Myka	Eva
<b>Birch class</b>	Evie	Matilda
<b>Chestnut class</b>	Evie	Harry
<b>Elm class</b>	Ezra	Rhodri
<b>Hazel class</b>	Matthew	Christopher
<b>Holly class</b>	Ella	Amber
<b>Maple class</b>	Esme	Bella
<b>Oak class</b>	Mason R	Frankie
<b>Pine class</b>	Jayden-Lee	Josh G
<b>Rowan class</b>	Izzy	Jayden
<b>Sycamore class</b>	Rhys	Tyler
<b>Willow class</b>	Tyler	Devon



**FREE five week cookery course for parents/carers and children**

Join a group session to discover how to make easy, healthy budget friendly recipes in person or online

- Free recipe book and NEW video recipe links
- Support with meal planning and budgeting
- Encouraging children to eat balanced meals
- Ingredients provided or funded with £30 voucher

**Upcoming start dates (one session per week):**

- Wed 18th Jan - 15th Feb, 4-5:30pm at Castle Primary, Keynsham
- Mon 23rd Jan - 27th Feb, 4pm-5:30pm at Paulton Scout Hall (no session 13th Feb)
- Thurs 2nd Feb - 9th March (no session on 16th Feb) 5-6pm Online
- Wed 1st Mar- 29th Mar, 4- 5:30pm at St Michael's Primary School, Twerton, Bath
- Mon 13th Mar- 10th April, 4-5:30pm at St Saviour's School, Larkhall, Bath (no session 3rd April)

**Contact the Community Wellbeing Hub to book on**  
Tel: 0300 247 0050 Email: [BATHNES.thehub@hcrgrcaregroup.com](mailto:BATHNES.thehub@hcrgrcaregroup.com)

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## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c 9 January



### Bath Central Library

**Storytime Session**  
Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am 10 Jan

**Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun**  
Wednesday 11.00 - 11.30 am 11 Jan

**Art in the Library - Tin City by Jo Nye**  
Mon - Sat During opening hours 5 Jan - 24 Feb

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

**Sensory Space, for families with children and young adults with sensory needs**  
Mon - Sat, Book a Session via Eventbrite

### Keynsham Library

**Baby Bounce & Rhyme**

Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00am 10 Jan  
10.30 - 11.00am

**Storytime & Craft**  
Thursday 11.00 - 11.30 am 12 Jan

### Midsomer Norton Library

**Baby Bounce & Rhyme**  
Monday 11.00 - 11.30am 9 Jan

**Storytime Sessions**  
Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00 am 11 Jan

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



## Reading in Year 2

This week, Year 2 have loved reading all about pirates! They have explored a variety of books from which they have learnt some interesting facts. During yesterday's English lesson, they even got to try some dry crackers and a lemon to keep the scurvy away!



## Devon Plants a Tree for the Bishop of Bath & Wells

On 12th November Devon joined children from other schools in the Diocese at the Welcome and Installation of the Right Reverend Dr Michael Beasley as the 80th Bishop of Bath and Wells. The service was held at Wells Cathedral and as part of the celebration she was given a tree to bring back to school to plant for the future of the planet.

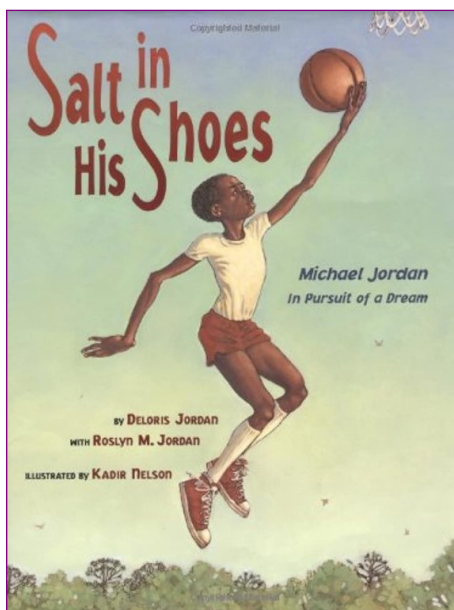
The Diocese is committed to achieving its goal of becoming an Eco Diocese and has currently been awarded Silver Eco Church status. This tree has been planted alongside those donated by the Woodland Trust, to help tackle the climate crisis and ensure future generations of pupils at St John's can enjoy our wonderful school grounds.



## Learning in Year 4

As a class we are read a story about a famous basketball player, called Michael Jordan.

We thought about what really made Michael's dream come true and worked on our own dreams and goals for the future. We thought about what we would like to achieve and that perseverance, determination and resilience were key to this.





## Citizenship and Character Award

Happy New Year! This week, children have come home with a new passport for the Citizenship and Character Award. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to develop their confidence, find new hobbies, develop new skills and improve their physical health and wellbeing. Details on how to receive the award are provided on the passport.

For those of you who are keen to participate (either using the new passport or continuing with last year's version), here are some recommendations for the coming weekend:

1. Take photographs (Developing Me) - Get up early on Saturday morning and take some pictures of wintery, bare trees.
2. Go on a long walk (Physical Me) - Why not encourage an adult in your family to join you on a long walk in the surrounding countryside? Pay attention to how the wet mud makes a really satisfying squishy sound beneath your feet!
3. Take part in local environmental work (Local Me) - You might have noticed a lot of litter in our local area recently, which is a problem because it blows into the River Somer and then finds its way to the sea, where it could be eaten by marine life. If you've got the right equipment (gloves and bin bags), why not go litter picking with an adult?

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.

## Join our PTA!

Our parents association is looking for new helpers and volunteers to help with the many fund raising activities and events that they organise for our children throughout the year, including the Summer Fair, Christmas Fair, Elfridges, year 6 leavers party and hoodies, discos, non-uniform days... to name just a few.



If you can spare a few hours or would like to be more involved, perhaps as a member of the committee - please contact [stjohnsmsnpta@outlook.com](mailto:stjohnsmsnpta@outlook.com).

## Reception Starters - September 2023

Just a reminder that the deadline for applications for new starters in September is Sunday 15th January 2023. If you have a child due to start, make sure you have put in your application, and please remind any friends and family in the same situation.

