

27th 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.'

As always it's been a busy week here at St John's...

Our Reception children have been celebrating the lunar new year and even got to try eating noodles with chopsticks! In computing, Year 1 have been exploring the different parts of the computer and becoming more independent at logging on. Year 2 have been investigating the best material for dungarees for toddlers and Year 3 have been working hard learning the art of weaving. In Year 4 they have been exploring the work of Antony Goudy, linked to their Mediterranean topic and in Year 5 they have been delivering speeches as the next reigning monarch. As always Year 6 have been working hard learning the rules of algebra in Maths and exploring the book 'Paper Man' in English.

Next week Year 5 will be continuing with Bikeability and Year 2 will be visiting the library on Monday. Don't forget on Friday 3rd Feb we will be supporting NSPCC number day by dressing up in something related to maths - check out the maths page on our website for costume ideas!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs West-Gaul



### CHRISTIAN VALUE OF THE TERM: WISDOM

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

### Dates for your Diary

3rd Feb: NSPCC Number Day (£1 suggested)  
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  
Wed 8th Mar: Yr4 Trip to Roman Baths

### School Uniform

Please could we remind parents to support us with ensuring that children are dressed appropriately for the school environment. This means that full uniform should be worn, according to our high expectations, and including appropriate school shoes.



For more information about uniform expectations, please see our website: [www.stjohnsmsn.co.uk/parents/school-uniform.htm](http://www.stjohnsmsn.co.uk/parents/school-uniform.htm)

### Strike Action

You may be aware from media coverage that the NEU (National Education Union) have declared strike action, the first of which will take place on Wednesday 1st February.

We intend to open as usual for all year groups on this date. At this stage, as far as we are aware, there will be no disruption to the children's normal routine on this day.

## Awards of the Week

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



### Top Doodling Class

#### Doodle Maths: Sycamore (6A)

Congratulations to all the pupils in the green zone!

	Star of the Week	Star Readers
<b>Acorns</b>	Amelia Frankie	- -
<b>Ash class</b>	Finn	Imogen
<b>Birch class</b>	Myla	Noah
<b>Chestnut class</b>	Harry	Reggie
<b>Elm class</b>	Sophie	Xander
<b>Hazel class</b>	Josh C	Blake
<b>Holly class</b>	Aoife	Isla
<b>Maple class</b>	Marcus	Ashley
<b>Oak class</b>	Frankie	Reggie
<b>Pine class</b>	Rowan	Jayden-Lee
<b>Rowan class</b>	Eddie	Ethan
<b>Sycamore class</b>	Millie	Matilda
<b>Willow class</b>	Erin	Zara



### Family Holiday Activities

## Colour & Light

Brighten up the February holiday with these family activities – all designed to bring colour and light to the duller of winter days.

#### Wednesday 15 February: **Stained 'Glass'**

Learn how to create a stained glass effect using simple materials – the results will be just as beautiful.

#### Thursday 16 February: **Candle Holders**

Create a candle holder to help you bring light, warmth, and colour to the dark winter evenings.

#### Friday 17 February: **Illuminated Letters**

Try your hand at illuminated lettering – like monks of the middle ages – and make your writing really shine.

To secure places, please book via  
[wellscathedral.eventbrite.co.uk](https://wellscathedral.eventbrite.co.uk)

£2 per child / £1 per child if eligible for free school meals  
Accompanying adults free – Children must be accompanied by an adult  
(N.B. dogs are not allowed in the Education Room.)

Please note: the main Cathedral building may be closed to the public during this time.  
If so, we will email instructions for gaining access to the Education Room.



Cakes to be provided by Reception & Year 6.

Please hand into class teachers on the morning.

All cakes will be sold at morning break for 25p each.



## Learning in Year 1

This term in Science we have been learning about Materials. This has included identifying a range of everyday materials and their properties.

This week we became Scientists! We investigated which paper was the most absorbent to soak up water. We rigorously tested 4 different papers and, just as we predicted, found that the paper towel was the best!



## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c 30 January

### Bath Central Library

**Storytime Session**  
Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am 31 Jan

**Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun**  
Wednesday 11.00 - 11.30 am 1 Feb

**Boy Giant Sand Sculpture**  
Mon - Sat During opening hours 18 Jan - April

**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 31 Jan  
10.30 - 11.00am

**Storytime & Craft**  
Thursday 11.00 - 11.30 am 2 Feb

### Midsomer Norton Library

**Baby Bounce & Rhyme**  
Monday 11.00 - 11.30am 30 Jan

**Storytime Sessions**  
Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00 am 1 Feb

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

## Learning in Seedlings

This week, we have been learning all about Chinese New Year and the story of the Chinese Zodiac. The children had fun retelling the story using props and the sand tray was transformed into a land including a river for the animals to race along. We have been using our senses to explore all things Chinese - we have tasted fortune cookies, and spring rolls which the children made themselves. We have investigated different scents with our homemade "Smelly pots" (filled with spices/foods used in Chinese cooking-garlic, ginger, five spice and tea.)



## St John's at Young Voices 2023

Last Thursday, 19th January, our Young Voices choir (from years 4,5 & 6) attended the Young Voices concert at the O2 in London. The children joined forces with 8500 others to perform as one choir to an audience of family and friends. This year, they were also lucky enough to sing alongside Heather Small!

A huge well done to those who participated, you represented the school fantastically and we are very proud of you all - also a huge thank you to the teachers and staff who attended and to the parents who supported (either by coming along to the concert or for staying up late to collect!). Planning is already underway for next year, so watch this space...

