

10th March 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

Well we certainly weren't expecting snow to make an appearance this week! Thank you for your understanding regarding the closure of school and once again we apologise for any inconvenience caused.

You may be aware that there are further strike days next week, we are not anticipating any changes to the children's normal routine - school will be fully open on these days.

Thank you to all of the parents who have supported our book activities this year, particularly those who have given up their time to come and read to the classes and the donations for our book swap. Our book fair ends today, so if you haven't already please do come and take a look - a portion of the money raised through this is given back to the school to buy books for the children.

Monday is the start of our Science Week with over 50 children participating in our STEM fair on Thursday. Parents are welcome to come and view the entries after drop off until 8:50am, we will have to ask you to leave at this time as we have a rotation of classes visiting the fair throughout the day.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs West-Gaul

CHRISTIAN VALUE OF THE TERM



"Hope is coupled with faith and love as one of the three most enduring gifts of the Spirit."

1 Corinthians 13:13

Dates for your Diary March

10th	PTA Bingo Night
14th	Year 6 Parents SATS Meeting, 3.15pm School Hall
16th	STEM Fair
17th	Year 4 Trip to Roman Baths (rescheduled date)
28th & 30th	Parents' Evenings
30th	Easter Services at St. John's Church. 9am: Reception & B Classes. 2pm: B Classes
31st	PTA Non-Uniform Day, Cake Sale & After-School Event

Comic Relief - Red Noses

Please be aware that we **will not** be selling red noses for Comic Relief this year as we have done in the past. We have been informed by the charity that the new design is not suitable for under 7's due to it being a choking hazard. The new red noses are currently available through Amazon or on the Comic Relief website - if you purchase for your children, **please do not allow your child to bring theirs into school.** Many thanks for your support with this.

Awards of the Week

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



Top Doodling Class

Doodle Maths: 6B

Doodle Tables: 4B

Congratulations to all the pupils in the green zone!

	Star of the Week	Star Readers
Acorns	Oliver Casey	- -
Ash class	Emily	Thea T
Birch class	Emilee	Leo
Chestnut class	Jayden	Mollie
Elm class	Charlie	Kobe
Hazel class	Jack S	DeWet
Holly class	Leo	Luca
Maple class	Bella	Reid
Oak class	Emilia	Isla
Pine class	Taylor	Erin
Rowan class	April	Izzy
Sycamore class	Isla	Samuel
Willow class	Archie	Devon

The Times table Challenge has started!

You can access 10 minute sessions between March 8th and 26th.

For access and more details, please go to: www.timestablechallenge.com

STEM Fair

The STEM fair will be taking place next Thursday 16th March. Those children who have entered will need to set up a table to present from straight after school on Wednesday. If you are picking up your child on Wednesday at 3pm then it would be really helpful for us if you could bring the entry with you at pick up for your child to set up in the hall at 3pm. If your child attends an after school club Wednesday then they can bring it on Wednesday morning and we will store it in the cookery room. This will ensure it is ready for the next day, as we are inviting parents/carers to look around our STEM fair Thursday morning between 8.30 - 8.50am. Could you ensure your child promptly arrives at school Thursday for 8.20 so they have time to register and be in the hall for 8.30.

Thank you to all who have been working hard at home to help get these projects ready. We cannot wait to see them!

Beckoning Biathlon

This weekend Mabel, from Hazel class, is competing in the Schools' National Biathlon Championships after qualifying from the South West Regional Qualifying Championships. She will be competing on Sunday in Redditch and we all wish Mabel the best of luck and to have a brilliant experience! Go Mabel go!



Book Swap Shop



The children at St John's have had a wonderful morning browsing our Book Swap Shop! Thank you so much to those who donated books. There was such an amazing array of quality books on offer for every child to enjoy!

Every child had the opportunity to choose a book to bring home and add to their bookshelf.

The event was a huge success. We hope to do it again in the future.



Rotakids



As part of their environmental campaign, the Rotakids have taken part in an after-school litter-pick this week. Their route took them up towards Somervale school, down the alley to the cricket ground and then back towards school via Redfield Road. In total, the children filled 4 bin liners with rubbish, mainly single-use plastic, which would have otherwise made its way into the River Somer and then out to sea! The children did an amazing job and we're really grateful for their efforts.



Food Collection - Reminder

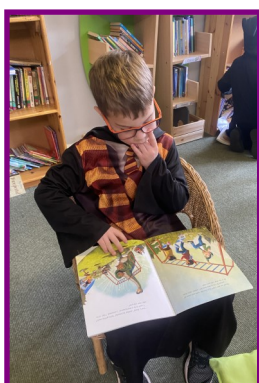
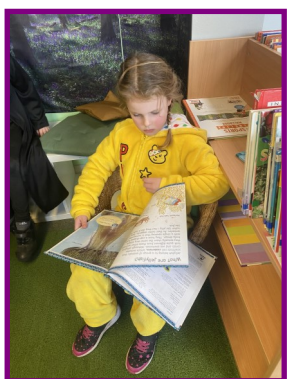
The Rotakids are in the process of organising a food collection, which they would like to deliver to a local food bank in time for the Easter holidays. If you are happy to donate any non-perishable food items or toiletries, the Rotakids will have a collection box outside the school office **from Tuesday 14th March**. That gives the children two weeks to collect and sort items, ready to be delivered to a food bank on **Monday 27th March**.

Reading in Year 2



During World Book Week last week, Year 2 enjoyed visiting the school library to have a browse through our wide range of books.

Some children particularly enjoyed exploring our non fiction books, while others loved to read and look at pictures in our wide range of fiction books. The fact that the children were dressed up, made it even more fun!



Citizenship and Character Award

Well done to Thomas in year 6 who has recently achieved his silver award. In recent months, Thomas has been working hard, learning how to solve a variety of rubik's cubes. Perhaps you could have a go yourself if anyone in your family happens to have a rubik's cube lying around! (Developing Me - Try something new).



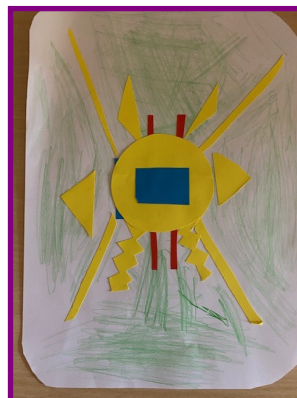
Thomas has also been practising his photography skills. Here's a picture he took when he visited the Lake District. Perhaps you could try photography as a new hobby too - there is lots of beautiful scenery around Midsomer Norton which would look great in a photograph. Perhaps you could make a scrapbook to present your work (Wellbeing Me - Make a scrapbook).

Here is the robot, which Thomas created out of his household recycling. This weekend, why not raid your own recycling box and see what you can create (Global Me - create something from your recycling).



Learning in Year 4

Yesterday Year 4 created shields inspired by Roman skutums. These shields were used in battle by Roman Legionaries and often depicted images of animals, feathers and arrows. We worked on creating designs that were symmetrical and used collage.





U8'S GIRLS TEAM

Was your daughter inspired by the **England Lionesses** this summer?
Is she in **school years 2 or 3**?
We want her to join our brand new U8's football team...

SATURDAYS 10:30AM

- ✓ Skills & ball techniques
- ✓ Footwork exercises
- ✓ Strategy & teamwork exercises
- ✓ Fun games & matches

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Easter Holiday Clubs

<p>West Pennard Primary School</p> <p>Mon 3rd - Thurs 6th April 9-3pm or extend to 4pm</p> 	<p>Shepton Mallet Infants School</p> <p>Tues 11th - Fri 14th April 9-3pm or extend to 4pm</p> 	<p>St Johns Primary School Midsomer Norton</p> <p>Tues 11th - Fri 14th April 9-3pm</p> 
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