

31st 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

What a week! Although I am unable to share specific information regarding the inspection I can say that I am one very proud Headteacher. The inspection went incredibly well and we were able to showcase all of the wonderful things that happen here at St John's. The inspector commented specifically on how proud our children are to be part of St John's and the courteous manner in which they all conducted themselves. A big thank you needs to go to our team here at St John's and the MAT, the sense of community and support for one another shone through. Thank you also to all of the parents who supported us on the parent view questionnaire and in conversation with the inspector. It will take a few weeks for the final report to be published but we will share this with you as soon as possible.

In other news I am delighted to be able to tell you that my husband and I are expecting our second child in July 2023. Mrs Monks will be Acting Headteacher and Mrs Stone, Acting Deputy, for the duration of my maternity leave. Mr Cracknell and Mr Yarlett have also been appointed as members of our Senior Leadership Team for this period. Although I am hoping to remain in post for as long as possible, the new roles will be in place from June 2023.

I hope you will also join me in congratulating Ms Banwell who is also expecting her second child around the same time. She will leave on Friday 9th June 2023 to begin her maternity leave. Mrs Stearn will be taking on the role of Sycamore class teacher with Mrs Powell returning to teach for some of the days.

After a busy few days, we enjoyed two wonderful Easter services on Thursday. For those of you who were able to attend I am sure you will agree the children were fantastic, particularly the Ethos Committee who held the service together with their readings, and our musicians who confidently showcased their wonderful talents to such a large audience. A huge thanks to Mrs Bradley and Miss Wood for their efforts in preparing the children for the service.

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter break.

*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

3-14 April	Easter Holidays
17 April	INSET Day
17-19 April	Year 4 Residential - Kilve Court
18 April	Back to school (+ clubs start)
21 April	School Council Cake Sale
21 April	PTA Easter event (new date)

Congratulations to **MAYNE** (green) house for winning the most house points in term 4 - you have earned yourselves a free non-uniform day on Friday 21 April - well done!



## Awards of the Week

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



### Top Doodling Class

**DoodleMaths:** 1A

**DoodleTables:** 4B

Congratulations to all the pupils in the green zone!

	Star of the Week	Star Readers
<b>Acorns</b>	Mila Dylan	- -
<b>Ash class</b>	Albie	Poppy
<b>Birch class</b>	Betsy	Jennifer
<b>Chestnut class</b>	Charlie	Fleur
<b>Elm class</b>	Caiden	Oscar
<b>Hazel class</b>	Christopher	Lottie
<b>Holly class</b>	Sophie	Grayson
<b>Maple class</b>	Alfie	Ralphy
<b>Oak class</b>	Mason F	Kara
<b>Pine class</b>	Darragh	Isla
<b>Rowan class</b>	Freddie Pe	Evie
<b>Sycamore class</b>	Amelie	Lily-Ocean
<b>Willow class</b>	Ciaran	Ara

## Rotakids

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our foodbank. We are so grateful to have received so many donations from the St. John's Community, ranging from cooking sauces and pasta to tooth brushes and body wash.



We also received lots of chocolate eggs, which we are sure will make a lot of children very happy this Easter.

The Midsomer Norton and Radstock Rotary Club has very kindly delivered all of this food to our local Salvation Army foodbank in time for Easter, along with their own generous donations.



## Reading in Seedlings

At Next Steps nursery we have been exploring life cycles. The children have enjoyed finding out about all the animals and plants that go through different stages, using books to support their learning.

The children have enjoyed sharing "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" story sack, using props to retell the story themselves.

We have shared the story "The teeny weeny tadpole" and used factual books to explain the different stages of a frog's life cycle. We have even had some hands-on sensory experiences with tapioca 'frogspawn'!

The children are excited about Easter and have learned about the real meaning through the book "The Story of Easter." And the children have enjoyed stories to support their maths knowledge such as "We're going on an egg hunt" followed by a real egg hunt in the forest!



### School Council Cake Sale:

**Friday 21st  
April at 3pm**

We would like to remind the St. John's Community that we will be



having a cake sale after school on Friday 21st April in celebration of Earth Day. We are appealing to the school community to join us on this day to help us raise £36, so that we can adopt an amur leopard for a whole year. As we will be selling cakes for 50p, it means we need to sell 72!

We would also be very grateful for any cake donations to make this event possible. If you are happy to donate, please bring your cakes to the cookery room on Friday morning.

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Care Group

# Cook it

**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 19th April- 17th May, 4-5.30pm, Orchard Hall, Midsomer Norton.
- Wed 19th April- 17th May, 4.30-5.30pm, online via Microsoft Teams.
- Thurs 18th May- 22nd June, 4-5.30pm, Oldfield Park Junior School, Bath (no session 2nd June).
- Tues 30th May- Fri 2nd June, 11-12.30pm, St Michael's Junior Church school, Twerton (May half term course).
- Wed 7th June- 5th July, 4-5.30pm, Castle Primary School, Keynsham.

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

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## Learning in Year 1

This term in History Year 1 have been learning about Mary Anning and why it was unusual for her to be famous in Victorian Times as she was a woman. We have learnt about her life and her amazing discoveries.

We also learned how historians work through archaeology and palaeontology.



As a year group we enjoyed our own 'Big Dig!'

## Out of School Achievements

Jacob competed against 12 other children in his first Tennis tournament on Saturday 25th and came 3rd! This was very impressive as he has only had 2 lessons so far!! Jacob also received a certificate for best newcomer.



Eliza in Sycamore class attended her first Gala at the weekend at Hutton Moore Leisure Centre in Weston-super-Mare.

Eliza swims for Norton Radstock Swimming Club. She got a PB for 50m freestyle and won her heat.






# 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

**Coach Paul Green**  
07525929100  
purnellsportsyouth@outlook.com

**CAM VALLEY**  
BRISTOL ROAD, PAULTON, BS39 7NX

Facebook  
Purnell Sports Youth

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# Springing to Life



## Easter Family Holiday Activities at Wells Cathedral

Celebrate Easter with our craft workshops, and follow our self-guided trail or visit the Shroud of Turin Exhibition any time during the holidays!

**Tuesday 4 April:**  
**Easter Birds' Nests**

Ever wondered how birds make their nests to protect their eggs? Have a go using natural materials.

**Wednesday 5 April:**  
**Easter Gardens**

Follow our Easter trail then make your own beautiful Easter garden to tell the best part of the Easter story!

**Thursday 6 April:**  
**Treasure Hunt**

Follow our Easter crosses trail, collecting beads as you go to make your own cross necklace

Book online today at [wells cathedral.eventbrite.co.uk](https://wells cathedral.eventbrite.co.uk)

£2 per child (E1 if eligible for free school meals)  
Accompanying adults FREE  
Please note: Children must be accompanied by an adult



\*Access to the Cathedral will be restricted during certain times due to Holy Week services. Please check our Services and Music list on the Cathedral website: [wells cathedral.org.uk/services-music-list](https://wells cathedral.org.uk/services-music-list)

# EVOLVE Sports Coaching

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- All Abilities Welcome

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## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES w/c 3 & 10 April



**Bath Central Library**

**Easter Creativity Corner, Family fun Drop In**  
Mon - Sat During opening hours 1 - 15 April

**Recycle an Ex-Library Book Workshop, Drop In for all ages**  
Wednesday 10.30 - 12.00pm 5 & 12 April

**Mermaid Storytime**  
Saturday 10.30 - 11.30am 15 April

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

**Art in the Library - New Found Lands, Photography by Austen O'Hanlon**  
Mon - Sat During opening hours 4 - 29 April

**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**

**Easter Creativity Corner, Family fun Drop In**  
Mon - Sat During opening hours 1 - 15 April

**Cubing Club, Drop In**  
Saturday 10.30 - 11.30am 8 April  
\*KS2 & 3 - Please bring your own cube if you can

**Midsomer Norton Library**

**Easter Creativity Corner, Family fun Drop In**  
Mon - Sat During opening hours 1 - 15 April

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

**Recycle an Ex Library Book Competition**

11 Feb - 22 July

Collect an entry form from from Keynsham, Bath or Midsomer Norton library





### Music School Open Morning

for woodwind, brass, guitar and percussion players of grade 1 to grade 8

Join our wind bands or guitar group for a fun-packed morning of music making!

Where: Hayesfield Upper School, BA2 3LA

When: Saturday 13th May 9.30am - 12.30pm

### Orchestral Centre Open Evening

for string players grade 1 upwards; woodwind, brass, percussionists grade 6 and above

Join our Symphony Orchestra or training string ensemble for a fun-packed evening of music!

Where: Hayesfield Upper School, BA2 3LA

When: Wednesday 10th May, 6pm - 8pm

Sign up here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/dQ123atcvR>



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## Easter Holiday Clubs

West Pennard Primary School

Mon 3rd - Thurs 6th April 9-3pm or extend to 4pm

Shepton Mallet Infants School

Tues 11th - Fri 14th April 9-3pm or extend to 4pm

St Johns Primary School Midsomer Norton

Tues 11th - Fri 14th April 9-3pm



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## Sensory Space Open Day

1 April, 10 am - 3 pm



Come along to our Sensory Space open day and explore what we have to offer! We'll be doing two Storytime sessions using our Story Sacks and two craft sessions. The sensory room will be open for you to have a look around.

Date: Saturday 1 April

Storytime: 10.30am - 11.00am and 1.30pm - 2.00pm

Craft Activity: 11.00am - 12.00pm and 2.00pm - 3.00pm

Location: Bath Central Library

Storytime and craft sessions are free of charge. If you'd like to borrow a Story Sack please ask a member of staff for details.



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## Bath Cougars Easter Camps

Tuesday 4th April 12-4pm

Primary school years 3-6



Bath Sports Centre, North Parade, BA2 4ET

with U16 Regional Head Coach Emma Isaac & Avon Junior Head coach Rosie Collett



Includes a shooting Master Class and Q&A session with U17 England Player Neve Marsden

Cost £25

Limited spaces available!

Please book with Emma on: emmaisaac@hotmail.com

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