

16 June 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

Over the last couple of weeks, children across the school have completed end of year assessments and their outcomes will feed in to their end of year reports. Y1 also completed their Phonics Screening Check and Y4; their Multiplication Check. We have been so impressed with how the children have responded to carrying out these assessments.

It's not all about assessments though - some of our Year 3s represented our school in an AIM Higher Writing Workshop where they had an enjoyable and rewarding day with the author, Kev Payne. Year 5 took part in a sculpting workshop at the Holbourne Museum in Bath in preparation for their Art unit of work. The children created formative sculptures from wire and modroc! Writers and sculptors of the future? Look out for past St John's pupils in a few years time!

Last week's Purple Pages talked a lot about change. I would like to take this opportunity to announce that we have some staff changes for September 2023.

At the end of this term, we will sadly be saying Goodbye to Miss Scriven, Miss Rowse and Miss Blackmore who are all leaving us to embark on exciting new adventures. I will say a proper goodbye towards the end of term and I am sure you will join me in thanking them all for their contributions they have made to St John's.

With leavers, it means we have new starters! We are warmly welcoming Miss George, Mr Smith, Mr Howells and Miss Moody. Once final decisions have been made, the new class structure will be shared with you next week.



Wishing you all a wonderful weekend! Don't forget the sun cream and sun hats and stay hydrated! This summer weather is set to stay with us a little longer!

Mrs Monks

CHRISTIAN VALUE OF THE TERM: HONESTY



'It is better to be honest and poor than dishonest and rich.' **Proverbs 16:8**

Parent Notices

Somervale Leavers Day

We have been asked to make you aware that it is Somervale School's Year 11 Leavers Day on Thursday 29th June which will mean there will be a huge amount of congestion with the car park that morning. If possible, please walk or park elsewhere.



Football in School

after much discussion and deliberation, it has been decided that children will



continue to be allowed to bring in their footballs but it is done so at their own risk! If there continue to be issues (this is currently not that often), then we will reconsider.

Dates for Your Diary

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| 23 June | New Starters Teddy Bears Picnic |
| 6 July | Shuffle Up Day |
| 7 July | Yr 6 Pilgrimage Service (Bath Abbey) |
| 7 July | PTA Summer Fete |
| 12 July | Yr 3 Stonehenge Trip |
| 13 July | Yr R & 1 Noah's Ark Trip |
| 13 July | Yr 6 Production Performance |
| 20 July | Yr 6 PTA Leavers Party |
| 21 July | End of Term 6 |

Awards of the Week

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



Top Doodling Class

Doodle Maths: Holly Class

Doodle Tables: Holly Class

Congratulations to all the pupils in the green zone!

| | Star of the Week | Star Readers |
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| Acorns | Eva Harry | Oliver Ayda |
| Ash class | Riley | Bella |
| Birch class | Sophie | Orri |
| Chestnut class | Darcey | Olivia |
| Elm class | Jayden | Millie |
| Hazel class | William | Jude |
| Holly class | Aoife | Anna |
| Maple class | Isabelle H | Murray |
| Oak class | Frankie | Mason R |
| Pine class | Ronnie | Phoenix |
| Rowan class | Ethan | Poppy |
| Sycamore class | Rebecca | Eliza |
| Willow class | Devon | Poppy |

Learning in Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have been learning all about programming and coding in our computing lesson! It has been lots of fun programming each other.

We had to make sure our instructions were very precise! We then moved on to programming the beebots and debugging them. We even had the challenge of programming the beebot to travel the length of us!



School Council Eco Update

This week, our dedicated School Council has been diligently studying our energy usage patterns. They have been particularly focused on assessing the effectiveness of our recent "power down" afternoons, during which we have been conscientiously reducing our energy consumption. The feedback and data gathered during these sessions will help us further refine our energy-saving practices.



Another significant aspect of our sustainability initiatives has been the installation and utilisation of solar panels on our school premises. These panels harness the power of the sun to generate electricity, thereby reducing our reliance on traditional energy sources. The initial results have been promising, and we are actively monitoring their long-term impact.

Furthermore, our school kitchen has been actively involved in testing different refrigerators and freezers to gauge their efficiency.

| Position | School | Score |
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| 1 | Damers First School | 790 ↑ |
| 2 | Priory Community School Academy | 740 ↑ |
| 3 | Worle Community School | 670 ↑ |
| 4 | St Mary's Primary School, Purton | 590 |
| 5 | Avonbourne Girls' Academy | 485 ↑ |
| 6 | Pawlett Primary School Academy | 390 ↑ |
| 7 | West Huntspill Primary Academy | 385 ↑ |
| 8 | Walwayne Court Primary School | 355 ↑ |
| 9 | Mere Primary School | 320 ↑ |
| 10 | St John's Primary School, Radstock | 250 ↑ |

By examining the performance of various equipment models, we aim to identify energy-efficient options that align with our commitment to sustainability. This initiative not only reduces our energy consumption but also serves as a valuable learning opportunity for our students.

We are currently 10th out of 168 on the South-West Energy Sparks scoreboard. Over the next few weeks, the School Council are going to study ways of reducing our electricity baseload.

AIM Higher Workshops

On Tuesday 13th June, six pupils from Year 3 took part in an AIM Higher Writing Workshop with the famous author, Kev Payne at Trinity Primary School. The focus of the workshop was poetry, and all the children had so much fun playing with words to create different poems about shapes, food and animals! We also learnt about Kenning poems and calligrams, and acted out Kev Payne's 'Dragon' Poem.

Everyone had a fantastic time, and the children created some excellent poems. We would like to thank the children for being so enthusiastic and well-behaved throughout the day!



Reading in Seedlings

At Next Steps Nursery we love to read!



The children enjoy being able to access books and share with a friend or an adult. We have lots of story sacks to really bring the stories to life, a favourite of ours is "We're Going on a Bear Hunt".

We have been exploring how different text can encourage an interest in books. This week we have found a joke book that has been very popular!

Our topic this term is 'Healthy Me' and we have been exploring how to keep ourselves safe and healthy and the importance of good diet, exercise, sun safety and hygiene.

The children have been practicing cleaning pretend teeth, and learning through books all about visiting the dentist.



Year 5 Trip to the Holburne Museum

On Thursday, Year 5 attended a sculpture workshop at the Holburne Museum in Bath.

They used Modroc and wire to create figurative sculptures doing dynamic poses.

We were really proud of how 'ready, respectful and caring' they were for the whole day, and their creativity was amazing.

We hope this will inspire them in their sculpture art topic, for the rest of term.





Help Needed - PTA Summer Fete

Our Summer fete on the 7th July is fast approaching but we desperately need parent volunteers to help it run.

The fete runs from 3pm-6pm, so if you can help even just an hour please contact the PTA to make this the success it has always been: stjohnsmsnpta@outlook.com

Radstock Working Men's Club - Sunday 25th June at 3pm

**SINGERS - DANCERS
COMEDIANS - MAGICIANS - MUSICIANS - ETC
ACTS OF ALL AGES WELCOME**


TALENT SHOW

**INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP
PERFORMANCES ARE WELCOME**

Please text or phone Alison on 07773001305 or email exitstagelefttheatreco@outlook.com to enter

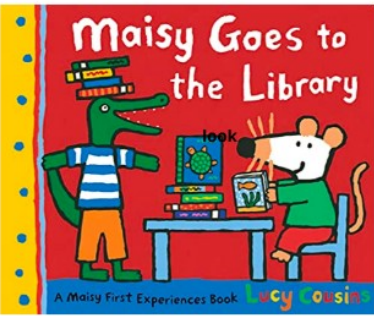


FREE TO ENTER
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All contestants free. Licensed bar will be open



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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Bath Central Library

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| Storytime Session | | |
| Tuesday | 10.30 - 11.00am | 20 June |
| Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun | | |
| Wednesday | 10.30 - 11.00am | 21 June |
| Lego Lab, Family Fun Drop In | | |
| Mon - Sat | During opening hours | |

Keynsham Library

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| Baby Bounce & Rhyme | | |
| Tuesday | 9.30 - 10.00am 10.30 - 11.00am | 20 June |
| Storytime & Craft | | |
| Thursday | 11.00 - 11.30am | 22 June |

Midsomer Norton Library

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| Baby Bounce & Rhyme | | |
| Monday | 11.00 - 11.30am | 19 June |
| Storytime Sessions | | |
| Wednesday | 10.30 - 11.00am | 21 June |

Tessa Bide Creative Writing Competition

27 May - 8 July. Collect an entry form from Keynsham, Bath, Midsomer Norton and the Mobile library.
Or find out more and download an entry form from our blog - bathneslibraries.wordpress.com

Sensory Space, for families with children and young adults with sensory needs

Mon - Sat, Bath, Keynsham, & Midsomer Norton Libraries.
Book a Session via Eventbrite

w/c 19 June

Recycle an Ex Library Book Competition

11 Feb - 22 July

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

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

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