

# Purple Pages

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**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 difference the sunshine makes. We have had a great week here at St John's, sports day practice has begun, our football teams have been busy catching up on their fixtures, Mini police had a trip to the American museum and our Reception class had a workshop with the bug man yesterday.

Last Saturday our Year 4 Coronation choir performed in Wells Cathedral from which we have received some lovely feedback from Naomi and the Cathedral community. A huge well done to everyone involved!

Thank you to everyone who is taking part in the 'Beat The Street' initiative. There has been such a buzz around school about it with children and staff sharing the different walks they have been on to gain more points. We have moved into second position on the leader board which means we are in line for a prize at the end if we can remain in one of the top positions. Don't forget to complete the health questionnaire on the website/app for each player as this gives you 100 points!



As this will be my last purple pages comment for a while I would like to thank everyone for their support this year. It has been lovely to have a year where we have been able to come together as a school community once again and celebrate all of the wonderful things that make us St John's. I have no doubt the school will continue to flourish next year under the new leadership and I look forward to hearing about all of the wonderful opportunities that the children take part in. As of Monday 5th June I will be taking more of a back office role for my last few weeks and the following senior leadership structure will be in place -

Headteacher - Mrs Monks  
Deputy Head - Mrs Stone  
Senior Leaders - Mrs Stearn, Mr Cracknell and Mr Yarlett

I hope you all have a lovely half term!

*Mrs West-Gaul*

## CHRISTIAN VALUE OF THE TERM: FRIENDSHIP



The writer of Ecclesiastes puts it very simply: 'if one falls down, a friend can lift him up'. Ecclesiastes 4:10

## Dates for Your Diary

30 May - 2 June	May Half term break
5 June	Start of term 6
5 June	Year 4 multiplication check
7 June	Sports Day
12-16 June	Yr 1 Phonics Check
15 June	Year 5 Visit to Holburne Museum
18 June	Bishop Visit to St John's Church
28 & 29 June	Year 6 Geography walk
7 July	Year 6 Pilgrimage Service at Bath Abbey
7 July	PTA Summer Fete

## Bishop Visit to St John's Church

On Sunday 18th June at 10am the Bishop of Bath and Wells will be visiting St John's Church to celebrate the birth of St John the Baptist. It would be great to see as many of you there as possible and as part of the celebrations Philip and Guy would love to display some of your artwork in the church.

This half-term, we would like you to find out more about Baptism and see what artwork it inspires.

**Please see the attached letter for more**



## Awards of the Week

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



### Top Doodling Class

**Doodle Maths:** Sycamore (Y6)

**Doodle Tables:** Oak (Y4)

Congratulations to all the pupils in the green zone!

	Star of the Week	Star Readers
<b>Acorns</b>	Willow Daisy M	Blake Sofia
<b>Ash class</b>	Aoife	Ash Class!
<b>Birch class</b>	Leo	Birch Class!
<b>Chestnut class</b>	Lola	Louie
<b>Elm class</b>	Millie	Rhodri
<b>Hazel class</b>	Maisy	Olivia
<b>Holly class</b>	Luca	Bo
<b>Maple class</b>	Issy	Zachary
<b>Oak class</b>	Dougie	Chloe
<b>Pine class</b>	Josh A	Ella
<b>Rowan class</b>	Sophia	Eddie
<b>Sycamore class</b>	Quinn	Rebecca
<b>Willow class</b>	Poppy	Archie

## Mini Police Trip to the American Museum

St John's Midsomer Norton Mini Police joined forces with Peasdown St John's Mini police at the American Museum and Gardens for a day of activities including leaf spotting bingo, harvesting mint to make mint tea, exploring the American history museum and listening to a talk about the native American head dresses. We were treated to an ice cream in the gardens before creating a unique feather collage in the coach house.

The children had a wonderful time and as always represented St John's beautifully.



## School Council Eco Update

Last Friday, we did our very first weekly 'power-down' afternoon. Everyone in school got involved by switching off lights and all electrical appliances and the teachers did an amazing job of teaching without technology (which has become quite a challenge in the 21st century!). Whilst some teachers took advantage of the sunny weather and did some outdoor learning, others were able to successfully carry out tech-free learning in the classroom. This is a really important step towards reducing our energy consumption and therefore reducing our school's carbon footprint.

In this week's eco-update we'd also like to introduce three amazing young ladies who have taken the initiative to set up their own eco-group: Poppy, Isla and Sophia. These girls have been busy creating their own posters, which they have displayed around school, to inform other children about how we can look after our planet. This week, they have also joined in with the school council's eco-activities by interviewing our office staff about matters of sustainability. This is what they discovered:

- Our office staff are really diligent in turning off their computers and lights at the end of the day and the last person to leave will always have a look around to check that nothing has been left on.
- When a new appliance is needed in the office, the staff will think really carefully about which model will use the least energy.
- They only purchase and use electrical appliances that are really necessary.
- As an area for development, the office staff need to investigate how they can set up screensavers (which start automatically after 5 minutes) to save energy when they are not working at their computers.



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## Bugfest Visit to Acorns

Yesterday Acorn class had an exciting visit from Bugfest! Nick brought lots of different bugs that are found in the rainforest and told us information about them all. The children listened brilliantly and shared their own facts and questions. Everyone, who wanted to, had the chance to hold some of the herbivore bugs including the huge stick insect!

It was a great afternoon and a lovely end to our topic this term!



## Photography Club

We have had so much fun in Photography Club this term and wanted to show what we have produced.

When taking our photos we looked at the rule of thirds. The most pleasing images are when the object or subject of the photo is either to the left or the right of the picture. We also looked at framing within a picture to make our subject stand out and close ups. We even had a go at editing our photos by cropping them and changing them to black and white.



## My High Street Community Art Trail



This term the children from across all key stages have taken part in the Midsomer Norton Music and Arts Festival by producing some amazing pieces of art for the Community Art Trail!



The children's art will form part of the 'My High Street' art trail from the 19th May to the 9th June and they will be displayed throughout the town.

This is just a small selection of the children's fantastic art work...



To see all of the pieces, why not take a wander through town over half term to see more.



## RSHE (Relationships, Sex and Health Education) at St John's

At St John's, we believe that promoting the health and wellbeing of our pupils is an important part of their overall education. We do this through our personal, social, health and emotional (PSHE) curriculum. PSHE covers many topics including all kinds of relationships, physical/emotional health and the skills needed to live in the wider world. The aim of our PSHE curriculum is to help pupils make safe and informed decisions during their school years and beyond.

**Relationships, sex and health education (RSHE)** is the statutory element of our PSHE curriculum and all schools in England are required to teach. We will be teaching lessons about RSHE/RHE as part of our Jigsaw PSHE unit '**Changing Me**' next term. During these lessons, pupils will be able to ask questions, which will be answered factually in an age-appropriate manner. Each pupil's privacy will be respected, and no one will be asked to reveal personal information.

We want to assure parents that our curriculum is taught in an age-appropriate manner and provides pupils with the time to ask questions in a safe environment and ultimately receive factual information, rather than hearing content second hand or via online platforms. In the 21<sup>st</sup> century pupils are exposed to so many of the incorrect messages about their bodies, relationships and expectations. The prevalence of sexual images in social and other media make it important that all young people have a place to discuss pressures, check facts, dispel myths and ultimately feel safe. Jigsaw PSHE is a carefully planned curriculum and is there to ensure our pupils can navigate the world around them safely.

You may find that your child starts asking questions about the topic at home, or you might want to take the opportunity to talk to your child about issues before the work is covered in school. If you head to the school website, you will be able to see the content of the lessons. Please do not hesitate in contacting your class teacher if you wish to have any further information about the materials used in class.

Mrs Stone, Wellbeing Lead

## Reading in Year 1

This week in Year 1 we enjoyed a 'buddy read' outdoors in the sunshine!

Ash class buddy read with Elm class and Birch class buddy read with Pine class. We enjoyed reading to our buddies and then listening to our buddies read to us. We look forward to doing it again soon in the sunshine.

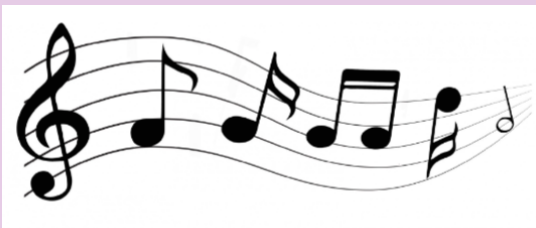


## May Half Term Treat for Music Lovers!

Many at St John's School will have had the pleasure of singing with Naomi McLeod-Jones, and this half-term gives an opportunity for all to come and hear her sing at St John's Church on Wednesday 31st May, 1pm-2pm.

Naomi is a talented soprano and will be accompanied on the piano by the renowned composer, choral director and organist David Bednall. What a treat!

This is the final concert in our lunchtime series, held in St John's Church. Refreshments are served from 12.30pm. Entry is free to all, though donations for refreshments and the artist's expenses would be appreciated.



## RotaKids Appeal for the Summer Fete (7th July)



The Rotakids would like to remind everyone that they will be holding a stall selling second-hand books and second-hand clothes at this year's summer fete.

If you happen to be having a clear-out over the half term break, they would be very grateful if you wouldn't mind donating to us any clothes and/or books that you no longer need.

All money raised will be donated to our four house charities (Cancer Research UK, the RNLI, Young Minds and the RSPCA) and the Children's Air Ambulance.

All donations will be stored in the year 6 area until the day of the fete.

## Citizenship and Character Award

For those of you who are thinking of working towards your Citizenship and Character Award this half term (in the glorious weather), here are a few suggestions:

- Tidy your room! (Developing Me) - Kick-start the holidays by giving your room a good-old spring clean! It will really help to make you feel more refreshed and happy too! If you happen to come across any old books you no longer need, you could even donate them to the Rotakids summer fete collection (as long as your grown-ups are happy for you to do so).
- Go on a family walk or bike ride (Wellbeing Me) - Make the most of the good weather by spending a whole day outside with your grown-ups and siblings. Take a picnic for the occasion and get two boxes ticked on your passport!



- Paint positivity rocks (Wellbeing Me) - If you are lucky enough to visit the seaside this half term, collect some nicely rounded pebbles (Monmouth Beach in Lyme Regis is great for this - you might even find some fossils too!). When you get home, you could paint your pebbles with some positive words (like 'courage', 'wisdom' and 'hope'). When you are next walking in a wooded area (for example, Silver Street Nature Reserve), you could leave these positivity rocks for people to find and brighten up their day.





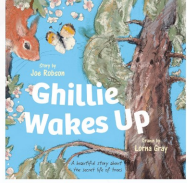
## Help Needed - PTA Summer Fete

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: [stjohnsmnpta@outlook.com](mailto:stjohnsmnpta@outlook.com)

Do you have a favourite tree?


Have you ever seen badger, fox or squirrel?



Join us for free, special interactive storytime with local author Joe Robson!

When: **Saturday 3 June at 11am**  
Where: **Midsomer Norton Library**

No booking required



Suitable for ages 4 - 8, but younger siblings are welcome

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# MIDSOMER NORTON MUSIC FESTIVAL

## The Entitled Sons

Gavin Lazarus "Cool Britannia"

Gavin Osborn Original Barn Finds

Norton Hill School bands Bath City College bands

**SATURDAY 3 JUNE** **FREE ENTRY**  
**1.00-7.30PM**  
Town Park nr. SOMER CENTRE

MUSIC PERFORMANCE ART

Outfield bar Art tent  
Bouncy castles Workshops Exhibitions  
Food village Spray paint demo

[mnct.co.uk](http://mnct.co.uk)



## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES w/c 29 May

**Bath Central Library**  
Half Term Creativity Corner, Family Fun Drop In  
Mon - Sat During opening hours 27 May - 3 June

Recycle an Ex Library Book Workshop  
Thursday 10.30 - 12.00pm 1 June

Art in the Library - Millie Gleeson, Reflections  
Mon - Sat During opening hours 31 May - 29 June

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**  
Half Term Creativity Corner, Family Fun Drop In  
Mon - Sat During opening hours 27 May - 3 June

**Midsomer Norton Library**  
Half Term Creativity Corner, Family Fun Drop In  
Mon - Sat During opening hours 27 May - 3 June

Ghille Wakes Up, Special interactive storytime, ages 4 - 8  
Saturday 11.00 - 11.30am 3 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](http://bathneslibraries.wordpress.com)

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.