

14 July 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

As we begin to wrap up the 2022-2023 academic year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the fantastic week we've had at St John's.

Across the school we have enjoyed Art Week. The children have focussed on the work of Henri Rousseau and 'Surprise'. There is such a variety in how different classes have interpreted and appreciated the art and I hope you will join us in the studio on Monday after school to view the amazing work the children have been involved in.

Year 2 brought their learning on the Great Fire of London to a close with a visit from the fire service. They talked about fire safety with the visitors and ways the children can ensure they keep themselves safe. They also learnt more about the role of a firefighter and I believe we may have some budding firefighters of the future! They were then lucky enough to observe their own Pudding Lane catch fire and see how quickly it spread across the houses. The firefighters worked their magic and distinguished the fire which was super exciting to watch! Thank you to all those involved and who helped to organise this for our Year 2 children.

A definite highlight for me was watching Year 6 perform Matilda to a packed out hall last night. There was some tremendous talent displayed and it created lifelong memories for our year 6 pupils and for all involved. Our year 6 have come such a long way since their first day at St John's and we are extremely proud to be part of their journey.

I am pleased to share the results of the KS2 assessments, which were published earlier this week. These outcomes highlight the very strong progress pupils have made since KS1. I would like to express my gratitude to all of our dedicated staff team who have contributed to the success of the Y6 cohort at St John's. Their commitment and hard work have been instrumental in these achievements.

End of KS2 Outcomes 2023:

	Expected Standard		Greater Depth Standard	
	St John's 2023	National 2023	St John's 2023	National 2023
Reading	83%	73%	31%	TBC
Writing	79%	71%	5.6%	TBC
SPaG	77%	72%	38%	TBC
Maths	77%	73%	26%	TBC

Have a lovely (and hopefully dry) weekend!

*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

#### Lost Property - End of Year

There is currently a large amount of lost property in the pottery room - please be aware that any unnamed items that are not claimed by the end of the school year will be donated or disposed of as appropriate, over the Summer. We will put the lost property out for display by the pottery room next week (weather permitting).

#### Library Books

A reminder that any books that have been borrowed from Midsomer Norton Library during our class visits should be returned to school by Monday 17th July, when they will be collected by the library.



### Dates for Your Diary

- 17 July Art Week display in Studio (3pm)
- 18 July Yr 2 SS Great Britain Trip
- 20 July Yr 6 PTA Leavers Party
- 21 July End of Term 6 & Yr 6 Leavers Assembly
- 1 Sep INSET Day
- 4 Sep INSET Day
- 5 Sep **1st day back after Summer holiday**

## Awards of the Week

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



### Top Doodling Class

**Doodle Maths:** Birch Class (1B)

**Doodle Tables:** Holly Class (3B)

Congratulations to all the pupils in the green zone!

	Star of the Week	Star Readers
<b>Acorns</b>	Ted Poppy	Frankie Harry
<b>Ash class</b>	Eva	Nancy
<b>Birch class</b>	Myla	Matilda
<b>Chestnut class</b>	Reggie	Jayden
<b>Elm class</b>	Tommy H	
<b>Hazel class</b>	Olivia	Matthew
<b>Holly class</b>	Bo	Oliver
<b>Maple class</b>	Nyla	Reid
<b>Oak class</b>	Mason F	Frank
<b>Pine class</b>	Alicia	
<b>Rowan class</b>	Freddie Player	Jacob
<b>Sycamore class</b>	Olivia	Rhys
<b>Willow class</b>	Zara	Ara

## PTA Football Tournament

There were some extremely tense, exciting football games at the summer fete last Friday! So many teams showed amazing sportsmanship and fantastic teamwork as part of the football tournament. Congratulations to Blackmore's Ballers for a phenomenal performance and win, and to all the other teams for being tough competition! Huge thanks to everyone for their hard work in making this tournament happen, especially Mr Player for ensuring it ran so smoothly!





## This Week in Year 6

This term, the Year 2 children have been exploring the Great Fire of London.

On Tuesday, we were lucky enough to be visited by a group of firefighters from Bath Fire Station who spoke us through some important fire safety information.

We learnt all about the clothes they wear when entering a fire, how their equipment works and the importance of smoke alarms. The children listened fantastically and asked some brilliant questions. The firefighters then lit our model houses to represent the quick spread of the fire during 1666 before putting this out with the hoses from their fire engines.



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# SUMMER SCHOOL 2023

**AUGUST 7th - 11th 2022**  
**@ Beechen Cliff School, Bath**  
**9-4 Daily | £250 for the week**

**FOR AGES 7-11**  
 Learn songs on all instruments: bass, guitar, drums and vocals

**5 DAY WORKSHOP**  
 Learn rock & pop songs in your instrument groups then rehearse as a band!

**PERFORM WITH YOUR BANDMATES**  
 Show off what you've learnt at the end of the week at our gig for friends and family!

**LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE**  
 Spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Book now with a £50 deposit to secure your space!

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Summer Reading Challenge 2023

## Ready, Set, Read!

**Bath Central Library**  
**Events & Activities**

Let's Get Crafty - Finger Skates	Tuesday 25 July, 10.30 - 11.30
Let's Get Crafty - Trophies	Tuesday 1 August, 10.30 - 11.30
Let's Get Crafty - Cheerleader PomPoms	Tuesday 8 August, 10.30 - 11.30
The Detective Dog Theatrical Experience	Wednesday 9 August, 11.00 - 12.00
Let's Get Crafty - Cup and Ball Game	Tuesday 15 August, 10.30 - 11.30
Orienteering	Wednesday 16 August, from 10.30
Let's Get Crafty - Travel Games	Tuesday 22 August, 10.30 - 11.30
Mini Olympics	Friday 25 August, 13.00 - 14.00
Let's Get Crafty - Hoopla	Tuesday 29 August, 10.30 - 11.30

Book your free tickets to our events by scanning the QR code

[summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

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## Reading in Year 4

In Guided Reading this week, Year 4 have been reading a book all about changes and fears. One of the characters Zofia is trying to learn how to improve her swimming which is a challenge a lot of us have faced. The other character, Tom has a fear of the dark and uses Origami - the Japanese art of folding paper, to help him cope with his fear.

We have completed different Origami challenges, learning how to make paper boats, jumping frogs and cranes.



## Acorns & Year 1 Noah's Ark Visit

The children in reception and Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm on Thursday. They took part in workshops, where they were able to handle some interesting creatures including stick insects and cockroaches!

The sun shone for the majority of the day and a highlight for the children was having their ice lolly before getting on the coach home. Members of the public at Noah's Ark highlighted how well behaved the children were - they were a real credit to St John's.

Please look out for the half price tickets that the children will be bringing home with them before the summer.





## Art Week

The children have been enjoying Art week activities across the whole school this week - please do join us on Monday 17th July in the Studio to browse some of the amazing work the children have created.

We are proud to have such talented artists here at St John's!



Here are a few pictures showing how Elm Class have been enjoying their Art Week.



## This Week in Year 6

This week in year 6 saw the culmination of our production of Matilda, the musical.

Whilst some of our year group were already experienced in acting and musical theatre, it gave all of us the opportunity to learn many new skills. These included creating backdrops, finding and making props and costumes, controlling lighting and backing tracks and, most importantly, how to work as part of an ensemble.

Many hours of work were spent improving our voice projection skills and in learning the many songs. We enjoyed putting on the 3 performances even if it did take some of us out of our comfort zones. All of the year 6 team were proud of how well we participated, whatever role we played.





- ✓ Ofsted registered
- ✓ TFC accepted
- ✓ HAF places accepted

# Summer Holiday Clubs

📍 **West Pennard Primary School 9-3pm**

**Mon 7th - Thurs 10th Aug**

**Mon 21st - Thurs 24th Aug**

Add 8.30am Breakfast Club or extended play until 4pm



📍 **Shepton Mallet Infants School 9-3pm**

**Mon 31st July - Thurs 3rd Aug**

**Mon 14th - Thurs 17th Aug**

**Tues 29th - Thurs 31st Aug**

Add 8.30am Breakfast Club or extended play until 4pm



📍 **St Johns Primary School 9-3pm**  
**Midsomer Norton**

**Mon 24th - Thurs 27th July**

**Mon 31st July - Thurs 3rd Aug**

**Mon 14th - Thurs 17th Aug**



*"All 3 of my children came home full of joy."*

## Let's Play, Move, Create, Discover & Nourish

Email enquiries to [hello@happymojo.co.uk](mailto:hello@happymojo.co.uk)

[HAPPYMOJOS.CO.UK](https://happymojo.co.uk)

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TO BOOK





# Wildlife Gardening for Kids!

Suitable for children age 7-11 years.

with Olly the Ammerdown Gardener

**Tuesday 8 and Thursday 10 August**  
2pm - 4:30pm  
£5 per child per session

Join Olly the Ammerdown gardener this summer and let your little ones get their hands dirty while you sit with a nice cup of tea and a slice of cake! Olly will have them bird watching, bug hunting and exploring the great outdoors so make sure to put them in old clothes!

Please book by visiting [www.ammerdown.org](http://www.ammerdown.org) or phoning 01761 433709

Price includes session, a snack and drink for the child and a hot drink for the parent. Cake and cold drinks will also be available for an additional cost.

**How many creatures can you spot hiding in this poster?**

The Ammerdown Centre  
Ammerdown Park  
Radstock, BA55 8SS

hcrgr 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);

- Summer holiday Cook It: Thurs 3rd - 31st August, 4-5pm, Online.
- More in person dates coming in Sept, please contact us to be added to the waiting list.

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

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# Family Holiday Activities

EXPLORE • CREATE • DISCOVER

Book online at [wellscathedral.org.uk/holidays](http://wellscathedral.org.uk/holidays)

## Celebrate Summer!

August 2023

**Masons' Marks** Monday 7 & Wednesday 23 August  
Follow our treasure hunt to learn about the stone carvers who left their marks here, then try your hand at soap carving.

**Watery Wells** Tuesday 8 & Tuesday 29 August  
Follow our trail around the Cathedral, then have fun with water in the Camery Garden before making a themed badge.

**Feed the Birds** Tuesday 15 & Wednesday 30 August  
Find out how we can help our feathered friends and make a bird feeder.

**The Incredible Clock** Wednesday 16 & Thursday 31 August  
Listen to a story, watch the clock strike and enjoy clock crafts.

**Bugs and Bees** Tuesday 22 August  
Learn about the importance of pollinators and help us build a giant bug hotel. Make your own mini bug hotel and a badge.

**Scan to book:**  
Or drop in on the day (subject to availability)  
£2.15 per child / £1.10 if eligible for free school meals; accompanying adults FREE  
Please note: children must be accompanied by a responsible adult

## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### Bath Central Library

**Storytime Session**  
Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am 18 July

**Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun**  
Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 19 July

**Lego Lab, Family Fun Drop In**  
Mon - Sat During opening hours

### Keynsham Library

**Baby Bounce & Rhyme**  
Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00am 18 July  
10.30 - 11.00am

**Storytime & Craft**  
Thursday 11.00 - 11.30am 20 July

### Midsomer Norton Library

**Baby Bounce & Rhyme**  
Monday 11.00 - 11.30am 17 July

**Storytime Sessions**  
Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 19 July

### Summer Reading Challenge - Ready, Set, Read

8 July - 16 September, Join in the library  
Visit the blog to find out about our Ready, Set, Read events

### 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 17 July**

**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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