

30 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

As I am sure you are aware, the NEU has announced that there will be further industrial action next week. We anticipate that St John's will not be affected by these strikes. If, however, this information changes we will update you as soon as possible.

In school this week we have welcomed Adam Robertson and Iris Segull to our collective worship to present Mrs Bradley and myself with the WIRE (Widening Inclusion in RE) award. To achieve this we needed to show our commitment to inclusivity in the teaching of RE. I would like to say a huge 'well done and thank you' to Mrs Bradley for leading this.

Willow and Sycamore classes have had a busy time on their Geography field trip this week. They completed tasks such as a footfall survey, land use survey, economic activity survey and a field sketch. They were, as always, a credit to St John's when walking around our local community.

Our mini police have worked so hard this year and gained so many new skills. In recognition of this, they received their qualification certificates on Wednesday in a special assembly led by PCSO Paul Thatcher.



They also received the Duke of Cornwall Community Safety Award. The Mayor of Midsomer Norton, Cllr Gordron Mackay presented the mini-police with their certificates. Well done to all involved, not forgetting Freddy Norris, who started the journey with the mini-police before joining his new school.

We have a very busy and enjoyable few weeks coming up - starting with Wellbeing Week, Shuffle Up day and the PTA Summer Fete all next week.

Have a lovely, restful 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

#### Raffle Tickets

Don't forget to return your raffle tickets and money to the office in good time for the draw at the Summer Fete on Friday.

#### Non-Uniform Day - Friday 7th July

Don't forget that Friday is a non-uniform day as we prepare for the brilliant PTA Summer Fete—don't forget your £1's! Please can Year 6 arrive in school in uniform, ready for the Bath Abbey visit, and they can change into home clothes when they return to school.

#### Play Resources before School

Please could you ensure that your children are not accessing the play equipment in the new storage on the playground before school starts in the mornings. This delays activities during lessons, when resources cannot be found or are not put away in a proper way.

### Dates for Your Diary

|         |                                       |
|---------|---------------------------------------|
| 6 July  | Shuffle Up Day                        |
| 7 July  | Yr 6 Pilgrimage Service (Bath Abbey)  |
| 7 July  | PTA Summer Fete & Non-Uniform Day     |
| 12 July | Yr 3 Stonehenge Trip                  |
| 13 July | Yr R & 1 Noah's Ark Trip              |
| 13 July | Yr 6 Production Performance           |
| 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 |

## 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

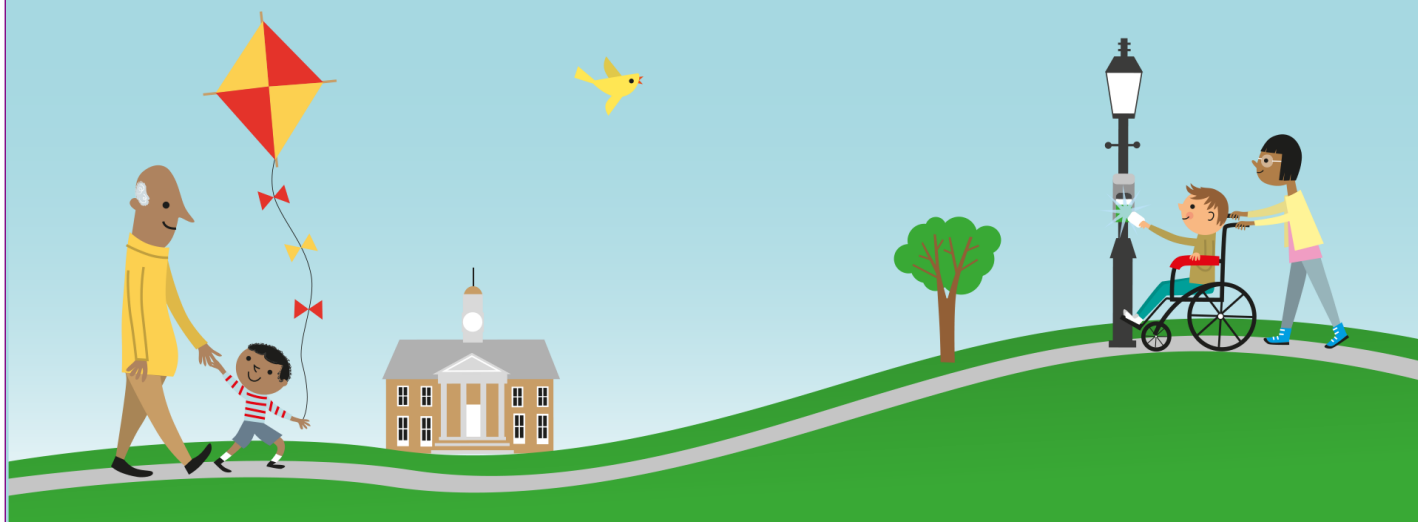
**Doodle Tables:** Oak Class

Congratulations to all the pupils in the green zone!

|                       | Star of the Week | Star Readers    |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Acorns</b>         | Libby<br>Melania | Harlowe<br>Hugh |
| <b>Ash class</b>      | Harry            | Bella           |
| <b>Birch class</b>    | Senna            | Bella           |
| <b>Chestnut class</b> | Louie            | Bella           |
| <b>Elm class</b>      | Charlie          | Xander          |
| <b>Hazel class</b>    | Gabriel          | Ella            |
| <b>Holly class</b>    | Henry S          | Reggie          |
| <b>Maple class</b>    | Bella            | Noah            |
| <b>Oak class</b>      | Harry            | Reggia          |
| <b>Pine class</b>     | Josh G           | Charlie         |
| <b>Rowan class</b>    | Poppy            | Ethan           |
| <b>Sycamore class</b> | Stanley          | Freddie D       |
| <b>Willow class</b>   | Grace            | Harry           |

## Beat the Street

Well done to everyone who took part in Beat the Street - St John's came 1st for total points and 3rd for average points - a brilliant effort from everyone and hopefully it has inspired you to explore our local area while getting fitter and healthier in the process!





# SUMMER FETE




Friday 7th July  
3pm-6pm

ST JOHN'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL, REDFIELD ROAD,  
MSN, BA3 2JN

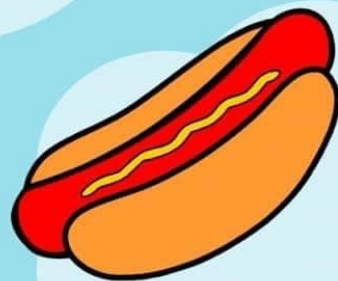


FREE ENTRY

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!



- Bouncy Castles
- Donkey Rides
- Football Tournament
- Games
- Stalls
- BBQ
- Candyfloss
- Adults only Bar
- Raffle
- Rocky's Disco





## Mini Police Assembly

This week we celebrated the achievements of our marvellous Mini Police! These are children in Year 5 who applied, interviewed and were selected for the Mini Police programme with the local police department.

They participated in extracurricular activities such as trips to learn more about the roles within the Police, as well as undertaking their own social action project to clean litter from the local skate park.



We are so proud of everything they have accomplished this year and we were delighted to share their achievements with members of the police and the Mayor.

## Year 6 Geography Field Work Trip

This week, both of our year 6 classes have been on a walk around Midsomer Norton to carry out field work.

We started with the High Street where we did footfall surveys and a land use survey looking at the different businesses and identifying their uses.



Then we had a long walk along the railway path, where we carried out field sketches before coming down the hill and out over the stone bridge.

A detour to Staddlestones Park was very welcome before climbing up Folly Hill. We made another field sketch looking out over St John's church before walking back to school.

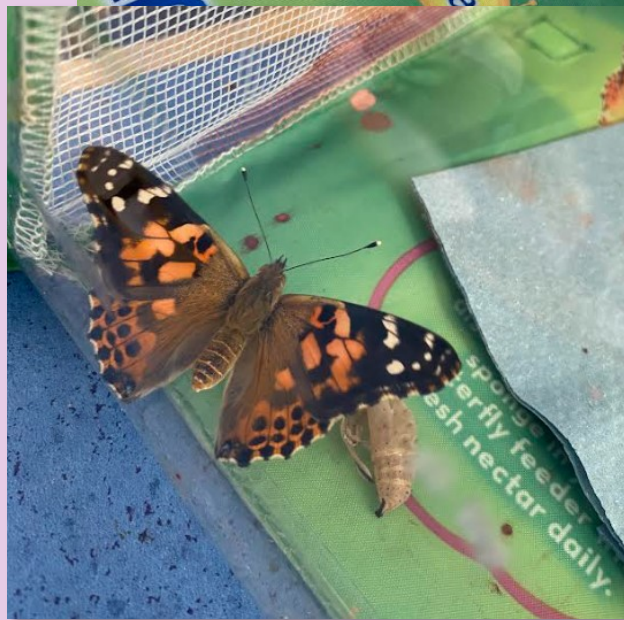
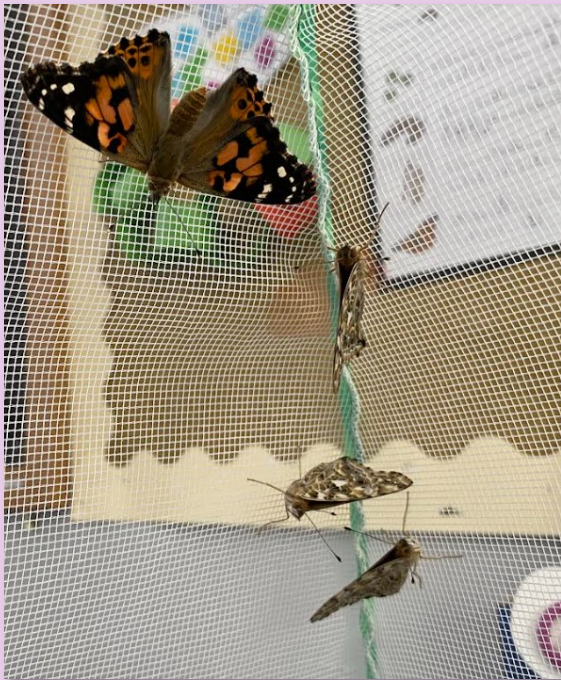




## Learning in Year R

This term we have enjoyed our topic 'Down at the Bottom of the Garden'. We have been learning about different life cycles including butterflies, frogs and plants. We have been very excited to watch our very own caterpillars change from tiny little caterpillars into bigger ones which then made a chrysalis.

This week we were amazed to see them come out as beautiful butterflies! We have enjoyed watching this transformation and today we will be letting them go free!



## Out of School Achievement

Erin (willow class) was super proud to achieve seven new swimming PBs when taking part in a gala over two Saturdays with Norton Radstock Swimming Club at Hengrove...

Well done Erin!





## DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO IS CONSIDERING SCHOOLS FOR THEIR CHILD FOR SEPTEMBER 2024?

We know that choosing a school for your child is one of the most important decisions you make as parents.

To provide parents with an opportunity to learn more about our school and our ethos, we are inviting you to visit the school for a presentation followed by a tour of the school.



### Open Mornings

**Tuesday, 17th October, 9.30am**

**Tuesday, 31st October, 9.30am**

**Friday, 3rd November, 9.30am**

Places are limited so must be booked in advance by contacting the School Office on 01761 412019.

We can offer:

- Dedicated teaching rooms for cookery, music and pottery
- Forest school sessions
- Extra-curricular clubs
- Large playing fields and playgrounds with age-appropriate activity areas
- Outdoor classroom



### St. John's Primary School is a 'Good' School:

*"Pupils behave well in school... Classrooms are calm and pupils work hard. In the playground, pupils socialise happily together."*

*"Pupils are taught a well-considered curriculum to support their broader development. This is a particular strength of the school."*

Ofsted Report, March 2023



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# MIDSOMER NORTON TOWN SHOW

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2023, 12.30pm to 4.00pm

## SECTION G: CHILDREN'S

Age entry: Classes 1-4 are for **Early Years & Key Stage 1 ONLY.**

Age entry: Classes 5-9 are for **Key Stage 2 & Key Stage 3 ONLY.**

Please state name and age on back of all entries (NOT on the front please).

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|---|---|
| 1: Shaun the Sheep made from recycled materials           | 5: A4 poster for: 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle'.   |
| 2: Animal/Bird made from fruit & veg                      | 6: Wallace & Gromit character made from Plasticine/Fimo/modelling material (max. 10" x 10") |
| 3: Picture from hand/fingerprints (max A5)                | 7: Five Chocolate Brownies on a plate   |
| 4: Paper plate decorated with vegetable prints (max. 10") | 8: Coronation Throne Lego model (max. 10" x 10")  |
|   | 9: Photograph: 'Party' max. 7" x 5" Unmounted   |

Entry to the Children's Section is FREE up to the age of 14 years on the day of the show.

**JUDGING:** This will commence at 10.30am on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

**SHOW OPENING TIMES:** The Town Show Marquee will open to the public from 12.30pm or **after judging is completed** (whichever is earlier) until 4.00pm.

**WINNERS PRESENTATION:** Trophies will be presented in the Marquee at 3:45pm, after which entries must be collected by 4.00pm at the latest.



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

**Tel: 01761 419133**



# 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, BA5 5SS



## RECEPTION STARTERS SESSIONS


Here at Planet Volt we are inviting children moving up from Nursery, and their parents, to attend special play sessions to enable children and parents to get together before the start of the new school year.

## St John's Primary School Session 11th July @ 12 Noon

Parents will just need to book themselves in and book their children into the Little Amps Session, where free squash will be provided, along with reserved seating area.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01761 408030.

## Our children's writer in residence Tessa Bide has started a story for you. Can you finish it?



**Who has left a message? Who is at the door? You decide!**





Win a one to one story session with Tessa where she will read you her latest work, and also help with your writing. There will be prizes for runners up too.

Hand your entry in at Keynsham, Midsomer Norton, Bath Central or on the Mobile Library.  
Or, email your entry to [Library\\_Events@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:Library_Events@bathnes.gov.uk)

Entries must be submitted by  
**Midnight on Saturday 8 July 2023**

For more competition details including guidelines visit:  
<https://bit.ly/ChildrensCreativeWritingCompetition>

Open to ages 11 and under

## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### Bath Central Library

|                                 |                                |        |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|
| Storytime Session               | Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am        | 4 July |
| Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun | Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am      | 5 July |
| 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<br>10.30 - 11.00am | 4 July |
| Storytime & Craft                                | Thursday 11.00 - 11.30am                  | 6 July |
| Cubing Club, Drop In                             | Saturday 10.30 - 11.30am                  | 8 July |
| *KS2 & 3 - Please bring your own cube if you can |   |        |

### Midsomer Norton Library

|                     |                           |        |
|---------------------|---------------------------|--------|
| Baby Bounce & Rhyme | Monday 11.00 - 11.30am    | 3 July |
| Storytime Sessions  | Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am | 5 July |

### 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)

## w/c 3 July

### Recycle an Ex Library Book Competition

11 Feb - 22 July

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

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

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

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

Visit [bathneslibraries.wordpress.com](http://bathneslibraries.wordpress.com)

