

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

Three weeks in to term 1 and Autumn is well and truly in our sights now! There is a very positive mood and feel around the school and, when visiting classrooms, I have been so impressed by the purposeful, calm atmosphere. Yesterday I showed a family, hoping to join the St John's community, around our school and they were so impressed by your children. They commented on how polite the children were as numerous doors were held open for us. They noticed how well the children spoke to each other showing respect and care, but also how productive all the children were in their classrooms. Well done everyone. You made me feel proud!

We made it through a rather wet (and windy) day on Wednesday and our first 'wet playtime' of the year! Please can I ask that all children bring a coat into school everyday as we go out to play in all (except extreme!) weather. As the weather gets wetter, we ask that if your children would like to choose to play on the field at lunchtimes, they bring in a spare pair of named shoes or wellies to change in to.

I have also had the pleasure of looking through a selection of the children's Writing and Maths books this week. I was struck by the quality of the writing and the use of ambitious vocabulary from children across the year groups. Many of the classes are coming to the end of their learning sequence and I am really looking forward to seeing all their amazing ideas come to life in their independent writing!

There are things we need to work on too and writing forms a big part of our School Improvement plan (SIP) this year. I will share more on this throughout the coming terms as we see developments being made.

I was impressed with the work in Maths books. The teachers are working hard to teach the children to know more and remember more and this is clearly evident in the children's books. Just encouraging your children to complete 10-15 minutes a day at home with DoodleMaths will really support them with practicing the fundamental maths skills which are key to lifelong learning.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Monks



VALUE OF THE TERM - LOVE

Christians believe that their attitudes and actions must reflect the kindness, mercy and compassion of Jesus and the love of God for everyone.

Parent Reminders

Pupil Consents

You should have received a ParentMail with a link to a Google Form to provide image, local visits and emergency medical treatment consent—please ensure this is completed as soon as possible (by Friday 29th September). Any issues, please contact the school office.

Data Collection Sheets

These have been sent home today - please ensure they are signed and returned to the school office, with any changes clearly marked, by Friday 29th September.

No Dogs on School Grounds

In the interest of the safety and comfort of our children, please ensure that you do not bring dogs onto the school premises at any time.

Dates for Your Diary

29th Sept	New Parents Coffee Morning
1st Oct	St John's Church Harvest Festival Service
11th Oct	School Harvest Festival, 2pm at School (Acorns parents invited)
17&18 Oct	Parents Evenings
19th Oct	PTA Disco
20th Oct	Sports for Champions morning

Awards of the Week

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



Top Doodling Class

Year 1 Ash Class

Well done!

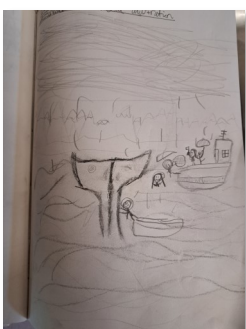
Congratulations to all the pupils in the green zone!

	Star of the Week	Star Readers
Acorns	- -	- -
Ash class	Fletcher	Daisy L
Birch class	Harry	Oliver
Chestnut class	George	Sophia L
Elm class	Noah	Myla
Hazel class	Harry	Thomas
Holly class	Soraya	Flynn
Maple class	Ella	Poppy-Mae
Oak class	Isla	Gabriel
Pine class	Eva	Reggie
Rowan class	Seth	Lawson
Sycamore class	Zack	Miley
Willow class	Freddie Pl	Eddie

Learning in Year 4

This Term in English, Year 4 have been looking at creating a narrative based on the picture book 'The Whale' by Ethan and Vita Murrow.

This book has no words, so we have had to work extra hard on interpreting each illustration and generating impactful vocabulary to tell our story. The illustrations are all drawn using charcoal, and we have loved looking at all the details so we had a go at creating our own charcoal whales in art this week!



New Parents Coffee Morning

Friday 29th September

All new parents and families, including reception starters and those who have started in other years are invited to a coffee morning next Friday. It is organised by our brilliant PTA, and gives you the chance to meet other families in a relaxed, informal gathering. There is no need to book your place, please just come to the school office after drop off.

Bristol Sport Foundation

With Rugby World Cup fever taking hold, Bristol Bears (via Bristol Sport Foundation) are offering St John's reduced price tickets to the Bristol Bears v Harlequins Gallagher Premiership game on Saturday, October 28th at Ashton Gate. The offer allows a family of five (two adults and three children) to attend the game for £33, which is a fantastic price for topflight professional rugby.



How to claim your discounted ticket(s):

- Tickets can be claimed online only. Link to fixture here: <https://rb.gy/62bpx>
- Discount available in Atyeo Stand and Block E34 of Dolman Stand
- Select your seats and select the non-Member categories, then add tickets to basket
- At the checkout page enter the discount code in the 'Enter Coupon' box and click 'Activate'
- Tickets will be reduced to relevant discount

Please see the attached poster for more information.

Sports for Champions: Friday 20th October

Sports for Champions are once again coming into school with another elite athlete, aspiring to get to the Olympic Games - Robert Mitchell will be coming into school on Friday 20th October, to demonstrate his high jump skills and put the children through their paces in an activity course!



Your child was sent home with a fundraising collection sheet last week, for donations and fundraising to be collected. There is now a live link for a Crowdfunder, which will allow you to donate online instead of the hassle of collecting cash and bringing it into school. The link is <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/stjohns-1>

The following prizes are up for grabs:

- Raising £5 - £14.99 - You will receive an A6 postcard of your athlete.
- Raising £15 - £34.99 - You will receive an autographed doubled sided poster of your athlete.
- Raising more than £35 - you will receive a polaroid picture of you and your athlete together, presented in a keepsake wallet.

This is a really great opportunity to raise funds for tomorrow's athletes and along the way raise money for the school and extra equipment for the children.

On the day, there will be a voluntary £1 donation for the children to wear their PE kit all day which can be handed to their class teacher or the office.

If the sponsorship for the children could be returned/completed ASAP to the office or completed online, it would be greatly appreciated. **Good luck with your fundraising!**



LIBRARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c
25 Sept

Bath Central Library

Storytime Session
Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am 26 Sept

Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun
Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 27 Sept

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

Keynsham Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme
Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00am 26 Sept
10.30 - 11.00am

Storytime & Craft
Thursday 11.00 - 11.30am 28 Sept

Midsomer Norton Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme
Monday 11.00 - 11.30am 25 Sept

Storytime Sessions
Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 27 Sept

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 the blog.
Visit bathneslibraries.wordpress.com

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Bath Children's Choir

Age 7 - 12 and love to sing?
Join Voices for Life's Bath's Children's Choir!

Make friends, have fun and learn
with professional musicians.

I love singing
in a group, having
fun and feeling
part of something
special!

Sing in major venues, take
part in big VFL projects and
perform alongside other
local choirs.



Where: The Church of the Ascension, Claude Avenue, Bath, BA2 1AG

When: Wednesdays, 4.15pm - 5.15pm

Cost: £30 per term

Come along for a free trial session! Email contact@voicesforlife.org.uk

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SCARECROW FEST

30th September 2023 12.30 - 4.30



CLASSES

Garden on a plate with a
scarecrow

Decorate a Victoria
sandwich cake as the
head of a scarecrow

Floral Display

Lego Scarecrow

Fruit and veg scarecrow

Handicraft Competition
£1 covers all entries per person
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Skills Bootcamp in Manufacturing Assembly

Have you considered a career in Engineering?

We are offering a free two-week training course in basic industrial Off Site Construction which could lead to a new career in our offsite assembly workshops at Midsomer Norton.

The training will take place from Monday to Friday 9am to 3pm, on 9th to 20th October 2023 and is open to anyone over 19yrs of age and is based in certain areas for funding eligibility.

The Skills Bootcamp will be open to anyone meeting the entry requirements but we are specifically targeting at parents wishing to return to work. Both the training and employment is to be based around school hours allowing parents to carry out child care activities at home and then come to work when the children are at school.

The course includes a guaranteed interview with Bridges.

For more information or to book a place contact us at
learning@bridgesltd.co.uk or on 07941 032919

