

6th October 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

We have had a busy week here at St John's!

We started the week gathering together for Collective Worship learning about Black History Month. We talked about why it is important to be given the opportunity for us to learn about significant people of Black and Mixed Heritage and their contributions to Britain and worldwide. This year the theme is 'Celebrating our Sisters', learning about women who have shaped, and are currently shaping, history. In our discussions we looked at significant women from the world of sport, science and medicine.

We are looking forward to celebrating our Harvest Service in school next Wednesday afternoon at 2pm. Although this is a whole school event, we are able to invite parents of children in Acorns class only. Part of the service will involve the reception children being formally welcomed to the St John's family and receiving their Bibles.

As we do every year at this time, we would like to invite families to donate to our local food bank - Somervalley Foodbank. Please take your items directly to the food bank.

Acorns class enjoyed their first whole school celebration collective worship today. Their year 6 buddies looked after them and showed them how to follow our rules of 'Ready, Respectful and Caring' during worship times.

To ensure your children are kept safe each day whilst on school grounds, please make sure they are supervised until at least 8.20am when a member of staff is on the playground.

Children who arrive at school late must enter the school via the school office and sign on the form. This is to ensure they are entered on to the register correctly.

We currently have vacancies for school cleaners to come and join our wonderful St John's team and whilst we have had some applications, we are looking for more! Please spread the word with friends and family who may like to come and work alongside us! This is a lovely role and you will be working with a brilliant team!

Have a lovely, restful weekend. I hear it's going to be a warm one!

*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

#### School Photos

The date of return for school photograph orders has changed to Tuesday 10th October - we will be unable to take in any orders after this date and you will need to make your own arrangements with the Nigel Coles directly.

#### Roadworks in Locality - Term 2

We have been informed that there is likely to be disruption to the roads in Term 2, due to sewage network repairs. Please consider this when planning your journey to school.

### Dates for Your Diary

11th Oct	Harvest Festival, 2pm in School Hall (Acorns parents invited)
17th Oct	Open morning for 2024 starters (Full)
17th Oct	Parents Evening until 7pm
18th Oct	Parents Evening until 6pm
19th Oct	PTA Non-Uniform Day & Disco
20th Oct	Sports for Champions morning
20th Oct	Last day of Term 1
30th Oct	INSET Day
31st Oct	Term 2 begins

## Awards of the Week

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



### Top Doodling Class

Pine Class

Well done!

Congratulations to all the pupils in the green zone!

	Star of the Week	Star Readers
<b>Acorns</b>	The whole class for settling so well!	- -
<b>Ash class</b>	Melania	Remi
<b>Birch class</b>	Jesse	Arya
<b>Chestnut class</b>	Sam	Nancy
<b>Elm class</b>	Betsy	Samantha
<b>Hazel class</b>	Reggie	Evie
<b>Holly class</b>	Amelia L	Daisy
<b>Maple class</b>	Nate	Amber
<b>Oak class</b>	Jude	Henry
<b>Pine class</b>	Isla	Ruben
<b>Rowan class</b>	Noah	Seth
<b>Sycamore class</b>	Seb	Philip
<b>Willow class</b>	Tommy	Jacob



This weeks sports stars are:

Year 6 Sycamore- Teddy and Nikata  
 Year 6 Willow- Rosie and William  
 Year 5 Pine- Olive and Reuben  
 Year 5 Rowan- Poppy and Marcus  
 Year 4 Maple- Aoife and Charlie  
 Year 4 Oak- Blake and Ella  
 Year 3 Hazel- Louie and Lola  
 Year 3 Holly- Zena and Ezra  
 Year 2 Elm- Matilda and Orri  
 Year 2 Chestnut- Emily  
 Year 1 Ash- Myla  
 Year 1 Birch- Class star of the day

*Great work!*

## Out of School Achievement

Isla and Leo recently received their Blue Peter Sport Badge after trying a new sporting activity at least three times - their sport was bouldering! There are lots of different Blue Peter badges....they've got their eye on the Reading Badge or maybe the Green Badge next!



## Parents Evenings

Booking for parents evenings will be live from 6pm on Monday 9th October. You will receive an automated message from ParentMail inviting you to book.

If you do not receive this, please contact the office. If you require more than one appointment for your child, please email the office: [office@stjohnsmn.co.uk](mailto:office@stjohnsmn.co.uk).

## Learning in Year 2

In our English lessons this term, our Year 2 children have been exploring the story of 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark'. To immerse them in the story we have researched the common barn owl, created our own fireworks pictures and even had our very own campfire, complete with toasted marshmallows, hot chocolate and campfire songs! This week, the children have used all of these experiences to help them in their independent write with some fantastic results.



## Sports for Champions: Friday 20th October

A reminder that Sports for Champions are coming into school with another elite athlete, Robert Mitchell, on Friday 20th October, to demonstrate his high jump skills and put the children through their paces in an activity course!



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.

Your child was sent home with a fundraising collection sheet, 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>

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.

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



## LIBRARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c  
2 & 9 Oct

### Bath Central Library

#### Go Green for Libraries Week Storytime

Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am 3 Oct

#### Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun

Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 4 & 11 Oct

#### Lego Lab, Family Fun Drop In

Mon - Sat During opening hours

#### Knit Two, Share One - knitting & Crochet group for any age/ability

Thursday 10.00 - 12.00pm 5 & 12 Oct

#### Norland Nannies Community Sewing Bee - For any age/ability, drop in

Friday 10.00 - 2.00pm 6 & 13 Oct

#### Community Quilting Group, Drop in for all ages and abilities

Saturday 11.00 - 1.00pm 7 Oct

#### Storytime Session

Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am 10 Oct

#### Cane Warriors - with author Alex Wheatle

Friday 10.30 - 12.30pm 13 Oct

#### Cane Warriors: from page to performance

Mon - Sat During opening hours 12 - 26 October

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

Mon - Sat, Book a Session via Eventbrite

For any ticketed events, the link will be online via the blog.  
Visit [bathneslibraries.wordpress.com](http://bathneslibraries.wordpress.com)

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## Tessa Bide's Childrens Creative Writing competition winners

Earlier this year, we challenged you to finish Tessa's spy themed story starter.

Tessa has been busy judging all your fabulous entries. What brilliant ideas, characters, pictures and amazing language!

**Congratulations to our winners:**

**First prize:** Alexander Driver and Emma Polensky

**Second prize:** Clara Carter-Smith

**Third prize:** Ivy Longridge



Scan the QR code to read the winning entries

With thanks to Mr B's Emporium

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## Threads through Creation

October 2023

Creative workshops for children inspired by the stunning 'Threads through Creation' exhibition. Take time to see the wonderful, supersized fabric panels before your craft session; pick up a free family trail leaflet and explore the kaleidoscope of colours, shapes, patterns – and of course many, many different creatures!

#### Felted Worlds Monday 23 October\*

Make a mini felted Earth to hang at home, complete with your message for a better world.

#### Spectacular Spirals Tuesday 24 October\*

Take inspiration from spirals in the exhibition and in nature. Try circular weaving or create a snazzy snake mobile.

#### Fabric Creations Wednesday 25 October\*

Stitch a mini textile panel or use fabric and glue to create a colourful creature collage.

\*Sessions at 10.00 am, 11.15 am, and 2.00 pm

### 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 that Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and no dogs are allowed at family activities.



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CONYGRE HALL,  
NORTH ROAD,  
TIMSBURY  
BA2 0JQ

A family pantomime  
By Ben Crocker

**13<sup>TH</sup>, 14<sup>TH</sup> & 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023 - 7.30PM**  
**16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023 - 2PM & 6PM**

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£6 Child or £28 for Family (2+2)  
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any Tuesday from 7.30-9 pm  
to order and collect in person

