

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

Thank you to those who attended the Phonics Information Meetings on Wednesday this week. I must admit, it was a disappointing turn out and we had hoped to have seen more of you. The information given through these meetings is key to enable you to best support your children with their reading journey. Information will be available to those who notified us that you weren't able to attend.

What a delight this year's Harvest Service was! It was so lovely to gather together in the school hall to celebrate Harvest and welcome our newest members of the St John's community. The children in Acorns class placed their pebble in our Koinonia dish and received their Bibles. Thank you to those of you who joined us!

It feels like we have only just welcomed our reception pupils to St John's, and already we are thinking about the next cohort of St John's pupils! Our open mornings are on Tuesday 17th October, Tuesday 31st October and Friday 3rd November. If you have family and friends with children who are due to start school in September 2024, please do spread the word!

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

Donations

We have a very busy week next week, with lots to remember (see the dates below). The PTA would be very grateful for a donation of a bottle for non-uniform day, and donations are asked of £1 towards the Sports for Champions event on Friday 20th October. These will be collected on the morning of each event.

Biathlon Meeting

If your child (years 3-6) is interested in taking part in the South West Schools Biathlon Championship but were unable to attend the meeting today, please email the office and we can pass a message to Mr Cracknell.

Dates for Your Diary

- 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

Chestnut Class

Well done!

Congratulations to all the pupils in the **green zone!**

	Star of the Week	Star Readers
Acorns	Taylor Noah	- -
Ash class	Willow	Edward
Birch class	Harlowe-Rose	Arya
Chestnut class	Harry	Myka
Elm class	Kara	Orri
Hazel class	Lola	Charlie
Holly class	Brie	Rhodri
Maple class	Eden	Rudi
Oak class	Josh	Matthew
Pine class	Rex	Lilly
Rowan class	Corben	Reid
Sycamore class	Isla	Taylor
Willow class	Jayke	Ruben



This weeks sports stars are:

Year 6 Sycamore - Alicia and James
 Year 6 Willow - Poppy, Sophia, and Beau
 Year 5 Pine - NA
 Year 5 Rowan - Class star of the day.
 Year 4 Maple - Grayson and Rudi
 Year 4 Oak - Lottie and Josh
 Year 3 Hazel - Elise, Reggie, Harry, & Jessie
 Year 3 Holly - Finley
 Year 2 Elm - Freddie and Emilee
 Year 2 Chestnut - Bella and Lucas
 Year 1 Ash - Ted and Poppy
 Year 1 Birch - Elijah, Toby, and Daisy.

Great work!

Out of School Achievement

Josh in year 3 has earned his 2nd stripe in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu at Arch Martial Arts in Bath, he has been working hard and has shown great dedication. It won't be long until he will be competing and winning medals.



Parents Evenings

Parents evenings are taking place on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th October. You will have received an automated message from ParentMail inviting you to book.

If you did not receive this, or are having any issues with making a booking, please contact the office and we will be able to help.

If you require more than one appointment for your child, please email the office: office@stjohnsmsn.co.uk.

Out of School Achievement

April and Poppy in Year 4 have both passed their stage 6 swimming— great work girls, well done!



Coppafeel this Weekend

There is to be a HUGE outside exercise class on Sunday 15th October at 2pm at the Cricket Club in Midsomer Norton for the Coppafeel Breast Cancer Awareness Campin.

Organisers Jayla and Miriam want EVERYONE to know how important it is to check your breasts/pecs on a regular basis and encourage as many people as possible self-check regularly every month.

However, if you can't join us but would love to help such a great cause you can [donate here](#).

For more information, see www.coppafeel.org



Sports for Champions: Next Friday!

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**



Learning in Year 2

This week, Year 2 have been working on their instruction writing, focusing on ensuring all instructions are given clearly.



On Tuesday, they had to make a jam sandwich with a twist!

One child was blindfolded and had to follow the instructions given by their partner to make the sandwich. The children quickly learnt they had to be very clear with their instructions if they were to be successful.



Fantastic Footballers

Yesterday, the Year 6 football team played Paulton Junior School in their first league game of the year.

After going 1-0 down from a good counter attack from Paulton, they fought their way back to 1-1. As the game went on, the more nail-biting it became, with St John's having many chances to capitalise. However, after hitting the post and bar a combined 6 times, it wasn't to be.

The team played extremely well together, defending as a group and communicating really well.

Paulton eventually won the game 3-2, but the St John's team made the school proud with their excellent conduct, sportsmanship and effort - well done St John's!



Nimble Netballers

This week, the netball team took part in the SSP Large Schools' Netball Tournament and made St John's proud. They played 4 matches; winning 3 and losing 1.

These were their first games this year and they showed incredible teamwork and flexibility to overcome their opponents in their matches.

The team ended up coming joint first on overall points and just missing out on the trophy by 1 on goal difference.

A great tournament for St John's, who should all be very proud of themselves - well done!



Reading in Seedlings



At Next Steps we love to read! This term we have been learning about autumn and have shared the story 'Pumpkin soup.'

This is a lovely story about friendship and how important it is to work together.

The children then explored real pumpkins, scooping out the seeds, mixing other 'ingredients' from the mud kitchen and pretended to make their own pumpkin soup!



At forest school the children have been interested in different animal homes, investigating nests and burrows that they find.

We enjoyed the story 'Owl Babies' in the forest and searched high and low for nests that may belong to owls like the ones in the story.

Learning in Year 1

As part of our learning in English this term Year 1 visited Midsomer Norton Library.

We enjoyed two lovely stories being read to us by the librarians. Both stories were about libraries and how fabulous books are. They made us laugh!



After the stories, we each spent time choosing a book to borrow and take back to school for the rest of the term. It has been lovely hearing all the different stories during story time in class and sharing facts from the non fiction books too!

We have also been basing our writing on the book 'The Train Ride' by June Creebin. We have been learning how to use adjectives and how to expand our sentences to add interest by using the conjunction 'and'.



LIBRARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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16 Oct

Keynsham Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme

Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00am 17 Oct
10.30 - 11.00am

Sendias Surgery, for young people and/or parents

Wednesday 10.00 - 12.30pm 18 Oct

Storytime & Craft

Thursday 11.00 - 11.30am 19 Oct

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

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For any ticketed events, the link will be online via the blog.
Visit bathneslibraries.wordpress.com

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- Sensory Spaces
- Library Blog
- Free WiFi
- Free computer access
- Low cost printing
- Free online resources from Ancestry to Driving Theory Tests



Book online at wellscathedral.org.uk/holidays



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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