

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

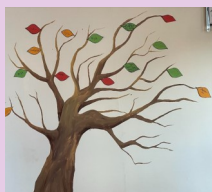
Today we celebrated our Achievosaurus with our first ever 'Hot Chocolate Friday'! In celebration of the excellent effort and amazing achievements, a child from each class was nominated, received their certificate and were awarded a leaf to add to our 'communitree' in the hall. As an additional recognition, the children enjoyed a drink and a biscuit with me in the staffroom! We chatted about plans for the weekend and about our favourite biscuits! Jammy Dodgers, Custard Creams and Chocolate Bourbons were definitely some of the favourites! I can see this is quickly going to become one of the highlights of my week!



Well done to all for displaying the St John's values, and we look forward to awarding our next achievers next week!

With the dark nights drawing in, all classes have been learning about road safety this week. If you would like to continue these discussions at home with your children, there are some useful resources [here](#).

We are seeing an increasing number of snacks being eaten at break times such as crisps, breakfast bars, chocolate biscuit bars and snack packets such as Fridge Raiders. Please can we remind you to provide your child with a **healthy** morning snack such as fruit, vegetables, cheese, or breadsticks for example. These snack choices provide a boost of energy and can provide extra nutrients. As well as making healthy choices for our bodies, we are also trying to make positive choices for our environment by cutting down on the amount of single use plastic waste. Please encourage your children to think about how they can package their snacks without using single use plastics such as snack pots or bags (named of course!).



Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Monks

CHRISTIAN VALUE OF THE TERM: PEACE



"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God." (Matthew 5:9)

Parent Reminders

Odd Socks Day

Don't forget that Monday is 'Odd Socks day' to mark the start of Anti bullying week - please can the children wear odd, loud and bright socks!



Parking near School

Please can we remind all parents and carers to be extremely careful and considerate when driving and parking in the vicinity of the school. We have had reports of cars being parked inappropriately, blocking access to residents and potentially the emergency services.

Thank you for your support!

Dates for Your Diary

- 13th Nov Odd Socks Day (Anti bullying Week)
- 17th Nov PTA Christmas Crafts Session
- 25th Nov PTA Christmas Fete
- 5th Dec Acorns Nativity 1.45pm (in school)
- 4th Dec Yr 2 Carols by Candlelight
- 8th Dec PTA Elfridges (during school)
- 12th Dec Yr 4 Learning Celebration morning
- 14th Dec Yr 6 Learning Celebration morning
- 19 Dec Last Day of Term 2

Awards of the Week

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



Top Doodling Class

Ash Class (Year 1)

Well done!

Congratulations to all
the pupils in the
green zone!

	Star of the Week	Star Readers
Acorns	Freddie W Sofia	Ayda Katie
Ash class	Blake	Libby
Birch class	Charlie	Harvey
Chestnut class	Aoife	Imogen
Elm class	Myla	Leo
Hazel class	Freya	Jessica
Holly class	Caiden	Reuben
Maple class	Owen	Olivia
Oak class	Gabriel	Harper
Pine class	Dylan	Kara
Rowan class	Molly	Jacob
Sycamore class	Hannah	Jayden
Willow class	Izzy	Sophia



Here are this week's Forever Sport Stars of the day:

Year 6 Sycamore- Phillip
Year 6 Willow- Poppy and Freddie
Year 5 Pine- Chloe and Mason R
Year 5 Rowan- Izzy and Zachary
Year 4 Maple- Henry S, Lyra, Oliver
Year 4 Oak- Isla and Jack Simcox
Year 3 Hazel- Todd
Year 3 Hollie- Oscar
Year 2, Elm- Evie, Lola, and Jaxon
Year 2 Chestnut- Rosie and George
Year 1 Ash- Lexie
Year 1 Birch- Harvey and Arya

Great work!



As you know, coughs and colds are a common part of childhood, especially during the winter. Most of these infections are caused by viruses and children recover quickly with a bit of rest and paracetamol.

A new campaign 'Caring for Children with Coughs' has been produced by the University of Bristol, explaining if and when to take a child to see a doctor.

[For more information, click here](#)



Celebration of Learning Mornings

We are thrilled to announce a new event that will be taking place throughout the year at St John's Primary: 'Celebration of Learning' mornings.

These events are designed to provide you with a unique opportunity to step into your child's educational journey. During this time, you can explore your child's work, witness their progress, and enjoy short performances, including stories, songs or poems, showcasing their learning accomplishments. Celebration of Learning Morning will run throughout the year, with one or two year groups taking part each term. We will keep you updated with specific dates for each year group as we draw closer to their designated day. We look forward to sharing in the celebration of your child's educational achievements with you.

Reading in Year 4 this Week

To start the Term, Year 4 have been thinking about the Christian Value of Peace.

In guided reading we have been reading and enjoying the book, 'Friend or Foe' by Michael Morpurgo all about two children who are evacuated out of London and moved to Devon during the Second World War.

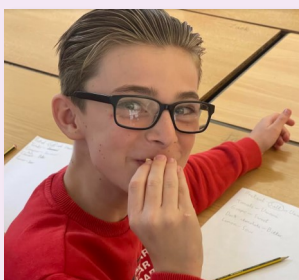
Through reading the book we have discussed what it must have felt like to be away from home for so long in an unfamiliar place and how resilient these evacuees must have been!



Learning in Year 6

The Year 6 pupils have kicked off their first Design and Technology unit of the term (Food and Nutrition: Come Dine With Me) with a fantastic practical lesson exploring the 5 basic tastes. Within this lesson, we have had lots of fun exploring the tastes of different foods including lemon, dark chocolate, grapes, pretzels and tomatoes, describing these and discussing our preferences.

Miss Drew, Mr. Yarlett and Mrs. Janes were very impressed by the children's cooperation as they worked together to pair foods based on what they believe or have found out to be complimentary tastes. We look forward to seeing how they apply their learning in this lesson when planning starters, mains and desserts in the upcoming sessions!



PTA Update

Santa's grotto tickets will go on sale outside from next week, along with passports also being sold for the fete. Look out for us. Passports can be used to pay for things on the day without having to use cash. Passports cost £5, but have a value of £6.

A reminder to post your Elfridges form and raffle tickets into the PTA post box which is now on the wall outside the school office (sorry for the delay). Please ensure you use this for PTA related responses only.

If you require any more raffle tickets these are available to collect from the school office.

Also a reminder that the blue bin is available for all soft teddies and donations.

The PTA are looking for raffle donations. If you, or someone you know, are willing to donate a prize, please email us at stjohnsmsnpta@outlook.com

Volunteers are still needed for the Christmas fete. If you can offer your support, please email stjohnsmsnpta@outlook.com. Any help is gratefully received.

Many thanks for your continued support!

LIBRARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

13 Nov

Keynsham Library

Nursery Rhyme Week: Special Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Tuesday	9.30 - 10.00am	14 Nov
	10.30 - 11.00am	

Nursery Rhyme Week: Special Storytime

Thursday	11.00 - 11.30am	16 Nov
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Sensory Space, for families with children and young adults with sensory needs

Mon - Sat, Book a Session via Eventbrite

Board Game Saturdays

Saturday	12.30 - 4.00pm	18 Nov
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Midsomer Norton Library

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

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NORTON RADSTOCK SWIMMING CLUB



Become A Member

Our swimming club has existed in Midsomer Norton for over sixty years, located at the Dragonfly Sports Centre in Midsomer Norton. We are a small friendly club which operates independently of the centre, run by a team of committed volunteers and a level 3 Head Coach. Our catchment area is Midsomer Norton, Radstock and the surrounding villages. We are an inclusive club; all enquiries are welcome!

We love to welcome new members. If your swimmer has achieved level 6 or above in the *Learn to Swim* programme and would like to take the next steps to increase their skills and confidence, then sign them up for a trial. We will help to develop their love of swimming with the opportunity to compete in the future if they wish.

We look forward to hearing from you soon!

To request a trial for potential new swimmers please go to:

www.nrsc.org.uk/register-for-trial/

