

## 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

'It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas .....

I am hearing children's voices singing carols and songs from nativity rehearsals and today, the school is being magically transformed into a winter wonderland ready for the Christmas Fete tomorrow!

It's been another great week at St John's! I have been lucky enough to visit many classes this week and see the amazing teaching and learning that has been happening. Mr Alun Williams, CEO of the MNSP Trust, was able to join me on some of the visits and commented on how hard the children were working and how articulate they were when speaking to him!

I have also seen some much improved work this week. I had a visit from Gabriel in Year Two, who was very keen to show me his writing. The difference in his presentation in only a few weeks is wonderful. Gabriel was bursting with pride as he explained how hard he has been trying! He has received the first 'achievosaur' sticker I have given out!

We had a very special time enjoying hot chocolate and biscuits this week! We decorated the Christmas tree as we drank our hot chocolate and chatted about the Christmas Fete that is happening tomorrow! I hope to see you there!



December is nearly upon us and as the weather turns colder, please can I ask that the children bring their coats to school. We go outside every day and need to ensure the children are as warm as they can be.



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 Notices

#### Christmas Dinner Bookings

Christmas dinner this year is being held on Wednesday 13 December - bookings are now live, so please make your selections via ParentPay. The vegetarian option is roasted vegetable parcels and the ice-cream dessert option is chocolate and vanilla. If you have any queries about allergies or dietary requirements, please email the office.

#### School Diners

Please check meal choices with children when you are booking their meals - in order to keep wastage to a minimum, the kitchen cooks the number of each meal ordered so children cannot change their option at lunchtime. There have been a number of upset children refusing to eat the meal they have been ordered.

### Dates for Your Diary

- 25th Nov PTA Christmas Fete
- 5th Dec Acorns Nativity 1.45pm (in school)
- 6th Dec Year 2 Carols by Candlelight
- 7th Dec Year 1 Nativity (5pm)
- 8th Dec PTA Elfridges (during school)
- 12th Dec Year 4 Learning Celebration morning
- 13th Dec Christmas dinner
- 13th Dec Christingle (in church after school)
- 14th Dec Year 6 Learning Celebration morning
- 15th Dec Christmas services in Church
- 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

**Class 5A**

Well done!

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

|                | Star of the Week | Star Readers       |
|----------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Acorns         | Hugo<br>Lily     | Freddie D<br>Sofia |
| Ash class      | Poppy            | Maeve              |
| Birch class    | Oliver           | Poppy-Rose         |
| Chestnut class | Eva              | Grace              |
| Elm class      | Darcey           | Lola               |
| Hazel class    | Darcey           | Aoife              |
| Holly class    | Daisy            | Tommy H            |
| Maple class    | Poppy-Mae        | Henry M            |
| Oak class      | Olivia           | Dilly              |
| Pine class     | Frank            | Mason R            |
| Rowan class    | Colby            | Marcus             |
| Sycamore class | James            | Charlie            |
| Willow class   | Rosie            | Isla               |



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

Year 6 Sycamore- Isla and Seb  
Year 6 Willow- Isla and Amilee  
Year 5 Pine- George and Kara  
Year 5 Rowan- NA  
Year 4 Maple- Henry S and Taylor  
Year 4 Oak- Texa and William  
Year 3 Hazel- Aoife and Jacob B  
Year 3 Hollie- Finley and Millie  
Year 2 Elm- Corey and Senna  
Year 2 Chestnut- Loula and Lucas  
Year 1 Birch- Toby and Nancy  
Year 1 Ash- Blake and Melania

*Great work!*

Out of School  
Achievement



Well done to Nancy who achieved three trophies at a her first taekwondo competition for patterns, sparring and board breaking.

*Amazing!*



## Learning in Year Four

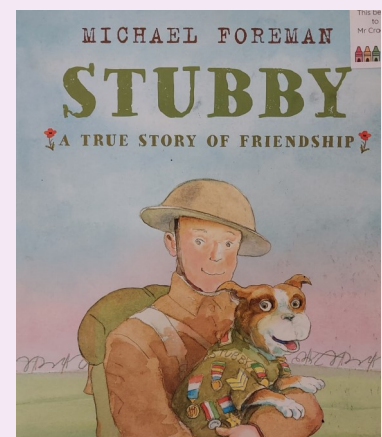


This term Year Four have been learning all about following and adapting recipes as part of their Design and Technology unit. So far we have looked at the recipes and target audiences of our favourite biscuits, and practised our key skills of measuring, mixing, rolling and cutting by making salt dough decorations for our St John's Christmas tree!



## Reading in Year Two

In Year Two we have been reading the book 'Stubby' in Guided Reading lessons. This linked with our History topic of the First World War and Remembrance Day. Stubby is a story of a dog who befriended a soldier in the USA and travelled across the ocean to fight in the trenches. The children explored the story through discussion of vocabulary, inference and prediction. We also enjoyed the beautiful watercolour pictures.



## Sport Reports

### Biathlon

Last Sunday, children from years four, five and six took part in the South West Regional Biathlon Championships. The event consisted of a separate running and swimming event, with the children scoring points in each event to be ranked overall in their year groups.

The children showed great resilience in all of the events despite some barriers being sprung in their path along the way. We will now wait to see if any of the children scored total points high enough to qualify for the National Championships later in the school year.

Well done to all of you who took part - you made St. John's extremely proud.



### Girls Football Tournament

On Monday, the girls' football team took part in the local football tournament held at Norton Hill Secondary School.

The girls played two games in the group stage and won both in style with hat-tricks from both Alicia and Kara. They progressed through to the semi finals where they faced a strong Paulton side. The game was a tight affair and went to a penalty shootout where the girls showed bravery and courage. Unfortunately, Paulton just edged the shootout but the girls performed brilliantly throughout.

Well done girls!



## Christingle at St John's Church

This year the church will be having its Christingle service on **Wednesday 13th December at 3.30pm.**

It will be a lovely family service and everyone is invited to come along! Next week your child will be bringing home a Christingle candle to fill with your small change in support of The Children's Society. These donation candles will need to be brought to church at the Christingle service please (please do not bring them into school)

As the church is providing a Christingle orange for every child at the service they would be grateful for an idea of numbers. [Please could you indicate how many children will be attending by completing this form.](#) by Tuesday 5th December.

We look forward to lots of you joining us!

If you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation to The Children's Society, [you can do so here.](#)

## Christmas Tree Festival

A reminder that we are very excited to have been invited to take part in the Christmas Tree Festival at St John's Church which will be held from Friday 1st to Sunday 3rd December.



Friday 1st Dec 10am-4pm and 6-7.30pm ( mince pies and mulled wine)

Saturday 2nd Dec 10-4pm (Refreshments available)

Sunday 3rd Dec 12.30-3.30pm (Refreshments available) followed at 4pm by a Candlelit Advent Carol Service





The Children's Commissioner for England has recently launched 'The Big Ambition' to hear directly from children, young people and parents across the country.

We want to hear from all children, in every part of the country and in every setting.

This is your chance to tell key policymakers what is important to you ahead of the general election. Take part now and ensure your needs are reflected in the decisions that will affect you in years to come.

Scan the QR code to take part



[www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition)



## LIBRARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c  
27 Nov

### Keynsham Library

#### Baby Bounce and Rhyme

|         |                                   |        |
|---------|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Tuesday | 9.30 - 10.00am<br>10.30 - 11.00am | 28 Nov |
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#### Storytime

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| Thursday | 11.00 - 11.30am | 30 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

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| Saturday | 12.30 - 4.00pm | 2 Dec |
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### Midsomer Norton Library

#### Baby Bounce and Rhyme

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| Monday | 11.00 - 11.30am | 20 Nov |
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#### Storytime

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| Wednesday | 10.30 - 11.00am | 22 Nov |
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#### Midsomer Norton Christmas Light Switch On - Late Night Opening with Christmas Crafts for Adult & Kids

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| Thursday | 5.00 - 8.00pm | 30 Nov |
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For any ticketed events, the link will be online via the blog.  
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