

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

This week our Advent candle represents love, sometimes referred to as the Bethlehem candle making us think of Mary and Joseph's journey. This week has been filled with love at St John's.

The Christmas festivities have truly begun with our Christmas Fete on Saturday. Thank you so much if you were able to attend and join in the fun. It was an amazing turnout and you helped to raise a huge £2300! All the money raised will support children at St John's. Thank you so much to all the PTA members and staff team for all their hard work in putting the Fete together.

I was thrilled to join the Ethos Committee at the church on Thursday to help decorate the St John's entry to the Christmas Tree Festival. You will see from the photos later, the tree looked amazing in our St John's colours, which is also the colour of advent!

We are looking forward to continuing our festivities next week with both the Reception and Year One Nativity performances and the Year Two Carols By Candlelight.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and manage to stay warm in these freezing temperatures!

Mrs Monks



CHRISTIAN VALUE OF THE TERM: PEACE

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

Dates for Your Diary

5th Dec	Acorns Nativity 1.45pm (in school)
6th Dec	Year 2 Carols by Candlelight 3.45pm (in Church)
7th Dec	Year 1 Nativity (5pm) Christmas Dinner Booking Deadline
8th Dec	PTA Elfridges (during school)
12th Dec	Year 4 Learning Celebration Morning (8.20am in the hall)
13th Dec	Christmas dinner
13th Dec	Christingle 3.30pm in church
14th Dec	Year 6 Learning Celebration Morning (8.20am in the hall)
15th Dec	Christmas services in Church: <ul style="list-style-type: none">•9am A classes (Ash, Chestnut, Hazel, Maple, Pine, Sycamore)•2pm B classes (Acorns, Birch, Elm, Holly, Oak, Rowan, Willow)
19 Dec	Last Day of Term 2

Christmas Dinner Bookings - Wednesday 13th December

Please make your selections via ParentPay by 7th December and check that any bookings previously made have not dropped off the system. 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.

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.



Awards of the Week

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

	Star of the Week	Star Readers
Acorns	Milo Jacob	Eleanor Elsie
Ash	James	Ted
Birch	Jasper	Charlie
Chestnut	Loula	Bella
Elm	Senna	Jaxon
Hazel	Jack B	Elise
Holly	Oscar	Sophie
Maple	Lyra	James V
Oak	Poppy H	Texa
Pine	Harry	Frankie
Rowan	Ralphy	Jake
Sycamore	Hanah	Philip
Willow	Sophia	Josh V

Top Doodling Class

Class 1A

Well done!



doodlemaths



**BRISTOL
SPORT
FOUNDATION**

Forever Sport Stars of the Day:

Year 6 Sycamore - Darragh and Erin
 Year 6 Willow - Eddie and Zara
 Year 5 Pine - Isla and Finley G
 Year 5 Rowan - Colby and Ashley
 Year 4 Maple - Nate and Avery
 Year 4 Oak - Teddy and Harper
 Year 3 Hazel - Xander and Sophie
 Year 2 Elm - Leo and Betsy
 Year 2 Chestnut - Sonny and Emily H
 Year 1 Birch - Jesse and Poppy- Rose
 Year 1 Ash - Mila and Harrison

Great work!

'Hot Chocolate Friday' with our Stars of the Week

A huge 'Well Done' to our achievers this week! It was great to hear stories of 'looking after others', 'trying again and sticking at it', 'being polite and caring', and 'deepening the moment when writing fantastic stories'.



We also talked about our fears and being brave - a theme we started discussing in Monday's collective worship. This conversation quickly turned into a discussion about being frightened of spiders! We all agreed that next time we come across a spider, we would name it to make it seem less spidery! I wonder what names we will come up with!



Reading in Year 1

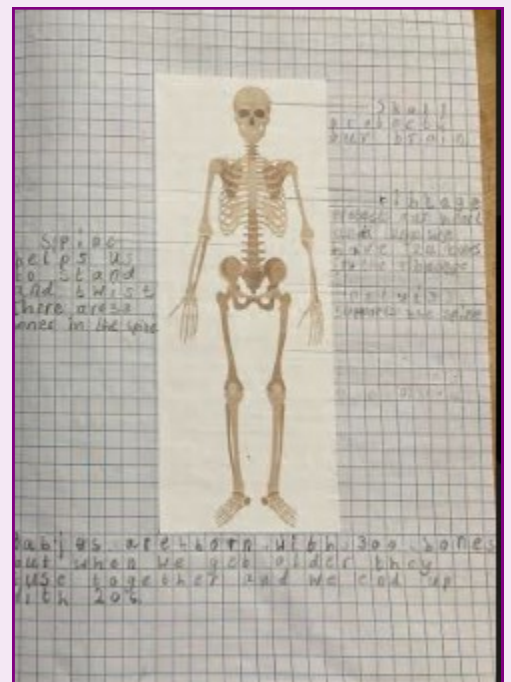
In reading this week, Ash Class visited Holly Class and Birch were visited by Rowan.

The children took it in turns to read to each other and really enjoyed reading to the older pupils and showing off their skills!



Learning in Year 3

This term, we have been learning about skeletons. We have found out about some of the most important bones in our bodies, looked at how muscles work by contracting and relaxing, and recreated ball and socket joints to understand how we move.



Christmas Tree Festival



The Ethos Committee visited church on Thursday morning to decorate the school's Christmas tree entry into the Christmas Tree Festival. The decorations have been made by different classes, clubs and members of the Ethos Committee in the theme of the school colours.

Everyone enjoyed decorating the tree and also getting a sneak peek at some of the others that were already decorated!



Our tree looks great and we feel that it represents our school brilliantly! Don't forget to visit the church over the weekend to see all the creatively-decorated trees!



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

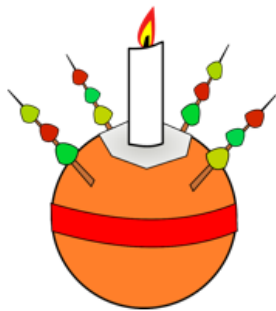
Saturday 2nd December 10-4pm (Refreshments available)

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



Christingle at St John's Church - 13th December, 3.30pm

Christingle Service



Come and join us after school on
Wednesday 13th December at 3.30pm

St John the Baptist Church,
Midsomer Norton.

ALL ARE WELCOME

We would love to provide a Christingle orange for every child at the service so please could you indicate how many children will be attending by completing the form on the school Purple Pages by Tuesday 5th December. Thank you.

It will be a lovely family service and everyone is invited to come along! This week your child has taken 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).

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.](#)

PTA NEWS

We hope you all enjoyed the Fete on Saturday. We definitely did.



Thank you to all who attended. We raised a massive £2300 for the school.

To ensure we improve on this year's Fete, we are asking you to complete a short feedback form (all responses are anonymous):

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfB926k_91yKW0_b83SkdOqHpUIRwwX-MvoE48Yhj8X9nzVIA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0

Thank you for all the Elfridges slips. The children will pick their presents next Friday during the school day.



There may be no room in the inn, but an empty stable awaits you this Christmas Eve.
There's plenty of room - whether you are a shepherd or a king, an ox or a lamb, an angel or a donkey...come dressed for the occasion!

Who will you be?
Can't make your mind up?
Decide when you arrive....
We have plenty of sparkles for angels, woollies for shepherds and bling for kings!

Come and join us as together we retell the story of Jesus's birth at St John the Baptist Church, Midsomer Norton at 4pm on Christmas Eve.
The empty stable awaits.....see you there.....
All are welcome!

**24th
DECEMBER**



Midsomer Norton & Radstock Rotary Club cordially invites you to our community

Christmas Carol Service

12 December, 7:00pm

St. John The Baptist Church
Midsomer Norton

With musical performances & readings from the SWALLOW Choir

Please join us following the service for mince pies & beverages.

Offering for Rotary charities.

THANK YOU
FOR SUPPORTING THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION'S
POPPY APPEAL 2023

Certificate of Appreciation awarded to:
St John's C of E Primary School

Amount raised
£319.51

Alison Wilson
Alison Wilson
Midsomer Norton & Radstock Branch (BR2512)

Your contribution helps us to support the Armed Forces community, past and present

EVERY POPPY COUNTS

Family Holiday Activities

EXPLORE • CREATE • DISCOVER

Book online at wellscathedral.org.uk/holidays

Christmas Crafts

December 2023

Get the holidays off to a festive start with these creative workshops for children:

A Host of Angels Monday 18 December
Make an adorable angel decoration to hang on your Christmas tree.

Colourful Candlelight Tuesday 19 December
Transform a jam jar into a beautiful candle holder, inspired by the Cathedral's stained glass.

Festive Foliage Wednesday 20 December
Use natural materials to make a festive centrepiece to adorn your table this Christmas.

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: children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and only assistance dogs are allowed at our Family Holiday Activities

LIBRARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Keynsham Library w/c 4 Dec

Baby Bounce and Rhyme		
Tuesday	9.30 - 10.00am 10.30 - 11.00am	5 Dec
Storytime		
Thursday	11.00 - 11.30am	7 Dec
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	9 Dec
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Operation Christmas Hamper		
Donations for Christmas hampers that will be gifted to local families in need. Collections at Bath, Keynsham and Midsomer Norton Libraries.		
Mon - Sat, 16 Nov - 9 December		

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

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