

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

Christmas is well under way at St John's! Acorns class performed a brilliant 'Baarmy Bethlehem' Nativity on Tuesday and Year One's performance of 'Shine Star Shine' was simply superb! Well done to all the children for their acting, singing and speaking parts. We are extremely proud of all of you!

On Wednesday, Year Two performed 'Carols by Candlelight' at St John's Church. They sang beautifully and smiled throughout. It was a joy to see! It was so lovely to see so many of our families there. We value so much the opportunities to contribute to our community and provide our pupils with wonderful memories which they and their families can cherish!

The Christmas joy is not over yet and next week we have the Year Four and Year Six Celebration Mornings, Christmas dinner on Wednesday and the Christmas services in the church on Friday!

On the last day of term Two (19th Dec) the PTA have funded a Christmas Pantomime of The Three Musketeers for the children to enjoy!

Have a wonderful weekend! I am going to try and work through my Christmas to-do list which feels like it is getting longer and longer!

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

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 (please note times) • 9am A classes (Ash, Chestnut, Hazel, Maple, Pine, Sycamore) • 1.45pm B classes (Acorns, Birch, Elm, Holly, Oak, Rowan, Willow)
19 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day & last day of Term 2

Clubs

Please note on 18th & 19th December, there will be NO teacher-led after-school clubs. The clubs offered by Bristol Sports Foundation will operate as normal.

Parking

We have again been contacted by Pets Corner complaining about the high volume of parents using their car park. Please could we request that all parents are considerate when parking for school drop-off and collection.

St. John's Happy News

Newspaper Club have worked tirelessly during Terms 1 and 2 to report on all the goings on here at St. John's!

These young reporters have written, edited and illustrated each and every article themselves, making this a newspaper written by children for children. Finally all the hard work has paid off and their first issue is ready for reading - we hope you enjoy it!



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	Riley Ava	Leo S Niamh
Ash	Ash Class	Mila
Birch	Birch Class	Nancy
Chestnut	Lucas	Aoife
Elm	Aurelia	Betsy
Hazel	Max	Jayden
Holly	Charlie	Soraya
Maple	Charlie	Grayson
Oak	Teddy	Poppy W
Pine	Poppy	Olive
Rowan	Lawson	Arthur
Sycamore	Erin	Esme
Willow	Freddie M	Isla

Top Doodling Class

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Well done!




Forever Sport Stars of the Day:

Year 6 Sycamore: Taylor and Oli
 Year 6 Willow: Harry and Sofia
 Year 5 Pine: Frank and Olive
 Year 5 Rowan: Amelia and Arthur
 Year 4 Maple: Reggie and Carly
 Year 4 Oak: Ellis and Dilly
 Year 3 Hazel: Reggie and Lola
 Year 3 Hollie: Tommy and Charlie
 Year 2 Elm: Jake and Arianna
 Year 2 Chestnut: Grace and Albie
 Year 1 Birch: Eric and Sofia
 Year 1 Ash: Frankie and Willow

Great work!

'Hot Chocolate Friday' with our Stars of the Week



It was lovely to see so many resilient children this week. We enjoyed talking about our weekend plans - good luck to all those participating in football matches!

Additionally we heard stories of visits from naughty elves at home and all the mischief they have been getting up to.



Reading in Acorns



Acorns Class has enjoyed reading lots of Christmas stories. We have read the story of Christmas, which we performed in our Nativity, and have used pictures to tell the story ourselves!

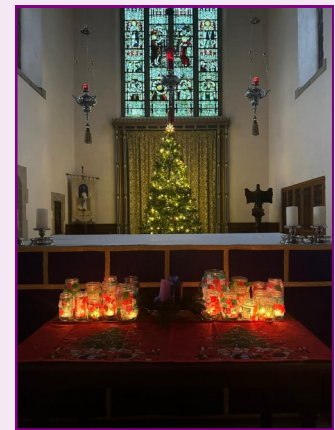


Learning in Year Two

Well done to our Year Two children this week for their fantastic singing in church on Wednesday.

Despite the technical issues, they continued to sing with huge smiles on their faces and share the festive spirit that we have been enjoying in school for the last few weeks!

Thank you for sending in empty glass jars, the children have really enjoyed decorating them and having them on show inside the church.



Out of School Achievements



Zena from Holly class competed in the Writhlington Gymnastics Annual Club Championships last weekend. She won a Gold medal for her floor routine and a Silver medal overall.



Sidney from Pine class competed in his club gymnastics competition on Saturday. He did extremely well and came 3rd overall in his group.



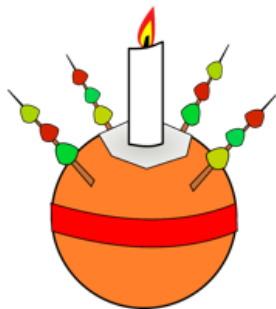
Elsie and Jenna in Acorn class both competed in their first gymnastics competition last weekend. The girls did really well and ended up with lots of medals. Elsie got 1st place and Jenna got 2nd place overall in their group after completing both their vault and floor routines.

Emilee did well at her first gymnastic competition, winning silver medals in three categories - floor, vault and overall.



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! 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.](#)

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.](#)



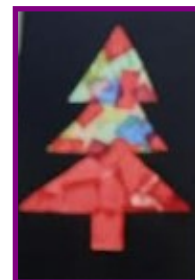
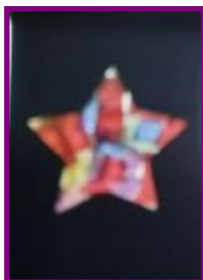
There may be no room in the inn, but an empty stable awaits you this Christmas Eve.
There's plenty of room - whether you are a shepherd or a king, an ox or a lamb, an angel or a donkey....come dressed for the occasion!

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



WELLS CATHEDRAL

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

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11 Dec

Keynsham Library

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Tuesday	9.30 - 10.00am	12 Dec
	10.30 - 11.00am	

Storytime

Thursday	11.00 - 11.30am	14 Dec
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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	16 Dec
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Art in the Library - Care Leavers Lens - photography by young people who have been in the care of B&NES Council

Mon - Sat During opening hours Until Christmas

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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