

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.'



CHRISTIAN VALUE OF THE TERM: WISDOM

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction."
Proverbs 1:7

Message from the Headteacher

Well, it has certainly been a chilly week!

Thank you for sending the children to school with appropriate outdoor clothing for the extreme temperatures. It has been so lovely to see the children enjoying some winter sunshine and blue skies as they play and learn outside!

This week I have had the privilege to focus on the learning happening in Oak and Maple classes. I was super impressed with the level of understanding the children showed with their reading and writing tasks. They were able to talk confidently about their learning journey and I even learned some new facts about Naples myself!

On Thursday, the St John's Netball team played an amazing game against Clutton. Children from year four to six took part in the fixture and all did incredibly well. Despite an early St John's lead, Clutton came back with a 5-4 win! The children played really well and scored some amazing goals, representing the school very positively. A huge well done to everyone who took part. Many thanks to Coach Amy for her amazing work and time developing and supporting our Netball team.

Have a lovely weekend! I am hoping the sunshine stays!

Mrs Monks

Dates for Your Diary

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| 2nd February | Young Voices Concert NSPCC Number Day |
| 7th February | Years 5 & 6 to watch 'Oliver!' at Somervale School |
| 8th February | PTA Disco |
| 9th February | PTA Non-Uniform Day and cake sale (break-time) |

**A special invitation to all our friends at
St John's CE Primary School.**

Come and join us at
St John the Baptist Church,
Midsomer Norton

on,
Friday 2nd February
at 6.30 pm.

We will be celebrating the
'Presentation of Christ in the Temple'
with a very special **Candlemas** service.

During the service **Fr Philip** will be made an Associate Priest by
The Right Reverend Trevor Willmott, Assistant Bishop in the
Diocese of Bath and Wells.

Candlelight, refreshments and a very warm welcome awaits.
Come and celebrate the Light of the World with us!

ALL ARE WELCOME



NSPCC Number Day - 7th February

We will again be supporting the NSPCC's Number Day and encouraging children to wear clothing with numbers on or to wear a maths-related costume. Donations of £1 (or more if you wish) are payable via ParentPay - please do not send your child into school with cash, as we are striving to be a cashless school.



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 | Freddie D Albie | Lottie Freddie W |
| Ash | Harrison | Casey |
| Birch | Harvey | Toby |
| Chestnut | Nancy | Harry |
| Elm | Jake | Corey |
| Hazel | Indigo | Josh |
| Holly | Kobe | Bethany |
| Maple | Carly | Charlie |
| Oak | Ella | Ellis |
| Pine | Olive | Harry |
| Rowan | Zachary | Annabelle |
| Sycamore | Taylor | Ronnie |
| Willow | Zara | Willow Class |

Top Doodling Class

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Well done!



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Forever Sport Stars of the Day:

Year 6 Sycamore - Josh
 Year 6 Willow - Isla
 Year 5 Pine - Isla and Finley G
 Year 5 Rowan - Nyla and Corben
 Year 4 Maple - Luca
 Year 4 Oak - Maple
 Year 3 Hazel - Jack H and Jesse
 Year 3 Holly - Tommy H and Soraya
 Year 2 Elm - Jennifer
 Year 2 Chestnut - Bella
 Year 1 Birch- Libby
 Year 1 Ash - Nancy and Harry

Great work!

Hot Chocolate Friday

Well done to all the children for their amazing efforts and achievements this week! I thoroughly enjoyed our discussions whilst drinking hot chocolate and eating goodies - we had a lot of biscuit dunkers this week!



We chatted about plans for the weekend and about birthday celebrations! Good luck to anyone playing in a football match or attending a club this weekend. I look forward to hearing all about it next week!

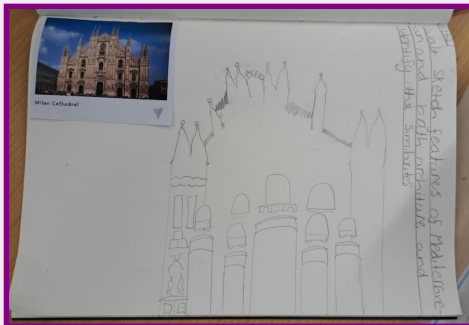
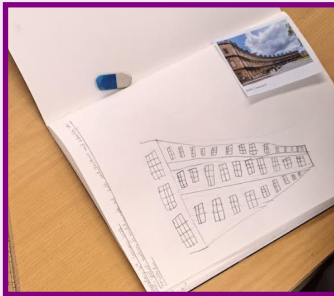


Learning in Year 4



This Term, Year 4 have been learning all about Italy and the Mediterranean.

In art, pupils have begun a unit on architecture and enjoyed exploring the similarities between structures in Bath and Italy. We then sketched famous buildings considering shading, perspective and shape using photos for reference!

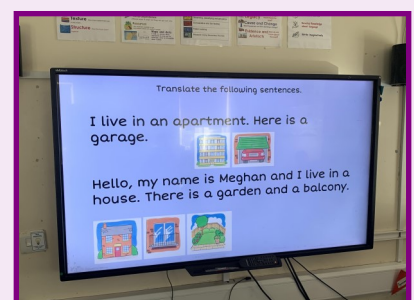
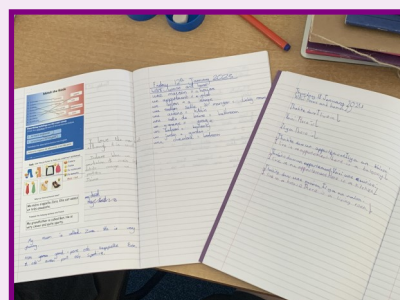


Learning in Year 6

This term in Year 6, our budding linguists have been on a fantastic journey exploring the vibrant world of modern foreign languages!

Currently, they are delving into the fascinating topic of 'House and Home.' From distinguishing between houses and flats to confidently discussing and introducing various rooms in a house, their progress has been remarkable! Next week, they will be exploring adjectives to describe the rooms in their homes.

Challenge time for you! Ask your child if they can translate this sentence: "J'habite dans une maison. Il y a un salon et une salle de bains." Can they share the magic of their newfound language skills with you?



Sport at St. John's

Netball Ball Crew

On Sunday, some children from the netball club here at St John's were asked to be part of the Ball Crew for Team Bath Netball. The group were introduced to the players and then had the responsibility of sitting courtside, ready to return the ball to the players should it go out of play.

The children enjoyed the experience and noted that they couldn't believe how tall the players were! The group was taken by Amy Young and Miss Maggs who have said what an amazing experience it was for the children to see a professional game and be part of the setup.

We hope that Team Bath will have us back again next year!

Well done to all of you who were involved.



Brilliant Bowling!

Last week, some children from St John's were lucky enough to take part in an inclusive bowling morning at Bath Leisure Centre. The morning was filled with anticipation as the children watched other schools take part and then they engaged extremely well with the staff who were running the session.

Everyone had a brilliant time and they were a credit to St John's with the behaviour and can-do attitude. Well done all!



Mr Cracknell's Challenge

At the start of the year, as a school we focus on setting goals and achievements for the year. Excitingly, I've accepted a unique challenge from my inspiring year 5 students – to run the Brighton Marathon! As I lace up my running shoes, I realise that this journey goes beyond personal fitness; it's about making a difference in the lives of those who need it most.

The motivation behind my marathon endeavor extends to the incredible team at Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH). Their tireless efforts to provide the best possible future for children has left an indelible mark on my heart. Every day, they work brilliantly hard to make a lasting impact on the lives of young ones.

By joining this marathon, I aim to give back to GOSH for their unwavering commitment to children's health. I would be extremely grateful if anyone could donate anything, as little as £2, towards this amazing charity and fuel my ambition to raise as much as possible for this incredible and inspiring charity.

If you do donate, please leave your name and Children's names so that I can thank you.

Here is my Just Giving link and QR code:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/theteacherthatruns1?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=theteacherthatruns1&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=332ca5596c6449e69917a456504b62e8



Out of School Achievements

Poppie shared her Brownie sash as part of one of our 'Thrive' sessions. It was an absolute joy to see all of her many and varied achievements.

One of her badges says "Girls can do anything" and Poppie is a great example of this.

Well done!
Mrs Janes



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Or call 0300 247 0050



Attached to this week's Purple Pages is a separate information sheet, "Money worries: Information for parents".

Here's to thee, old apple trees!

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Saturday 3 February 2024
Info, booking and venues: www.mnct.co.uk/wassailing

