

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

I know this week, for many of you, the ongoing roadworks around the Midsomer Norton and Radstock area have made your journeys to and from school challenging. I wanted to say a huge thank you to those of you who have made alternative arrangements or walked instead of getting in the car. Getting to school on time in the mornings makes a huge difference to ensure your child is ready for their day.

Over the past week, we have noticed that there is an increasing amount of illness across the school. The B&NES Public Health Team has produced a 'Guidance on Infection Prevention and Control in School Settings' which is attached to Purple Pages this week. The poster contains a handy guide for dealing with childhood infections and recommended time off school. If you are in any doubt, please contact the school office and they will be able to inform you of the current guidance.

Next week we are looking forward to visits to the library for Year 4, the church for Year 6,

Have a great, hopefully storm free, weekend!

Mrs Monks

Parking

We have received reports from neighbours that access to property is being blocked.

Could we please remind parents to be mindful when parking nearby at school drop-off and collection times.

Thank you.

Dates for Your Diary

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)

Spare Shoes/Wellies for Playtimes

Please could we ask that you speak to your children about the zone they would like to play on at playtime and lunch.

For any children who would like to play on Zone 2 (the field) or Zone 5 (edge of the woodland), please could they bring in a pair of (named) old shoes/wellies to change into.

Not only is this to preserve the life of the children's shoes, but also to protect the carpets and furnishings in the school. Please ensure that your children's school shoes are also clearly named so that none go astray!

With many thanks for your support.

Number Day - Friday 2nd February

We will be 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	Eleanor Stanley	Lily Miley
Ash	Melania	Poppy P
Birch	Arya	Jesse
Chestnut	Sophia L	Kallie
Elm	Jennifer	Noah
Hazel	Evie	Leah
Holly	Brie	Oscar
Maple	Henry S	Aoife
Oak	Jacob	Jack D
Pine	Emilia	Phoebe
Rowan	Nola	Ashley
Sycamore	Teddy	Zack
Willow	Ruben	Freddie

Top Doodling Class

2A

Well done!



Forever Sport Stars of the Day:

Year 6 Sycamore - Fabian
 Year 6 Willow - Jayden
 Year 5 Pine - Reuben and Ella
 Year 5 Rowan - Murray and Noah
 Year 4 Maple - Grayson
 Year 4 Oak - Josh
 Year 3 Hazel - Josh and Evie
 Year 3 Hollie - Brie and Millie
 Year 2 Elm - Sophie
 Year 2 Chestnut - Emily
 Year 1 Ash - Hugh
 Year 1 Birch - Dylan and Sofia

Great work!

Hot Chocolate Friday



Photo to follow!



Learning in Year 5

This term in our computing lessons, Year 5 have been coding programmes for the Micro:Bit using a range of different inputs and outputs.

For our step counter, we used the accelerometer to measure each step we took around the school and we used the light sensor to test the light levels around our classrooms.

To recreate the game 'rock, paper, scissors' we used logic to decide which output the Micro:Bit showed on the LED display.

Both classes have really impressed us with their resilience when programming the code, using trial and error to check it worked, and their creativity when upgrading the code to add different features!



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

Matt Cracknell's
JustGiving Page



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



LIBRARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c
29 Jan

Keynsham Library

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00am 30 Jan
10.30 - 11.00am

Storytime & Craft

Thursday 11.00 - 11.30am 1 Feb

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 2 Feb

Midsomer Norton Library

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Monday 11.00 - 11.30am 29 Jan

Book Trust Storytime - Zeki Rise and Shine

Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 31 Jan

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

Bath & North East
Somerset Council
Improving People's Lives



Family Holiday Activities

EXPLORE • CREATE • DISCOVER

Book online at wellscathedral.org.uk/holidays



Saints and Songbirds

February 2024

Kick-off half term with our selection of family
trails and creative workshops for children:



Stitch a Story Monday 12 February

Explore some of the incredible Cathedral
needlework and embroideries, then create
your own design.



Make a Bird Feeder Tuesday 13 February

Help to feed our feathered friends through
the hungry gap, play a card game, and go on
a Cathedral safari!



Celebrate the Saints Wednesday 14 February

Follow our Saints trail this Valentine's Day!
You may not find St Valentine in the
Cathedral, but there'll be plenty of lovely
crafts on offer!



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



RUN FOR BRISTOL SPORT FOUNDATION

BATH HALF MARATHON

SUNDAY, MARCH 17TH 2024

BRISTOL SPORT FOUNDATION BATH HALF 2024

Your money will support young people in areas of deprivation to participate in sport and physical activity.

Top 10 fundraisers will receive 2x tickets for a Bristol Bears or Bristol City home game.

ENTRY FEE **£40** MINIMUM FUNDRAISING TARGET **£250**

RUN THE BATH HALF MARATHON AND RAISE MONEY FOR BRISTOL SPORT FOUNDATION

We're offering a total of 30 places in the Bath Half Marathon, running for Bristol Sport Foundation. You'll get reduced entry to the race at just £40, guaranteeing your place on the start line, and all we ask is for you to raise as much sponsorship as you can.

The money you raise will directly support young people in areas of deprivation to participate in sport and physical activity during the school holidays.

As a thank you for supporting us, your charity place entry includes:

- A Bristol Sport Foundation t-shirt to wear throughout your training and on the race day
- A pair of tickets to watch a Bristol Bears or Bristol City FC home game at Ashton Gate stadium for the top 10 fundraisers
- Fundraising pack filled with information and tips to support your fundraising
- A Facebook group to join fellow BSF runners to share progress, advice and support before the event
- Our BSF team cheering you on!

You can register for a charity space [here](#).

Already registered to run?

If you already have a place, you can register for a BSF fundraising space [here](#) for free and still receive the same benefits.

If you have any questions please contact Hannah Davis-Coward, Partnerships and Workforce Manager – E: hannah.davis-coward@bristol-sport.co.uk T: 0117 963 0683.

BEAVERS

Scouts
1st Midsomer Norton

If your child is **aged 6 - 8** and free on either a **Wednesday or Friday**. Then 1st Midsomer Norton Beaver Scouts are excited to meet you!

For more information to find out how your child can join please email joiners@midsomernortonscouts.org.uk

I promise to do my best, to be kind and helpful and to love our World

