



#### 23rd February 2024

#### 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:

HOPE

#### Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back to term 4! I hope you were able to have a lovely half term break. The consensus amongst the staff was that the week flew by!

The new term has started with our mid year assessment point. At this point in the term we look at the progress the children have made since the start of the year. The assessments, as well as the in-depth knowledge the teachers have of your child's learning, help us to pinpoint which areas of the curriculum need to be of further focus to ensure the progress we have seen to date continues. The information from these assessments will be shared with you towards the end of the term when we are holding our second parent consultation meetings.

Thank you to those of you who were able to celebrate the work of our Year Three children today. I hope you were impressed with the work in their books and were able to see how much progress they are making. Well done Hazel and Holly Classes!





Please can I remind you that if your child would like to play on either zone 2 or zone 5 at lunchtimes, they need an additional pair of shoes or wellies to change in to.

Have a lovely weekend,

#### Mrs Monks



Hot Chocolate Friday

#### Dates for Your Diary

MARCH		
7th	World Book Day	
15th	STEM Fair	
12th - 19th	School Book Fair	
25th	Dance Umbrella	
26th & 27th	Parents' Evenings (details to follow)	
27th	Easter Services (details to follow)	
28th	End of Term 4	

#### 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	Jenna Oliver M	Albie Paisley
Ash	Harrison	Mila
Birch	Toby	Amelia
Chestnut	Thea	Imogen
Elm	Orri	Betsy
Hazel	Leah	Max
Holly	Flynn	Amelia L
Maple	James V	Elliot
Oak	Ellis	Ralphy
Pine	Eva	Dylan
Rowan	Ashley	lssy
Sycamore	Seb	Taylor
Willow	Zack	Harry



#### Susan Hill Dance Show

Melania thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the dance show during February half-term.

Élise & Lola performed in tap and ballet dances at the shows held at Writhlington.







Well done! Control Co

**Top Doodling Class** 

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Year 2 Elm - Emilee Year 2 Chestnut - Rosie

Year 1 Birch - Eric

Year 1 Ash - Hugh and Willow

Great Work!

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#### World Thinking Day

Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts came to school dressed in their uniform to celebrate World Thinking Day on Thursday.

World Thinking Day, also known as Founders Day, is held annually on 22nd February, and has been celebrated since 1926 as a day of international friendship.





It was so lovely to see so many proud children in their uniforms on Thursday. The children, who are all members of different sections of the Guide and Scout movement, were able to confidently talk about why they are proud to be part of this community and the activities they undertake.

#### Learning in Year Two



Last term, Year Two learnt about the Jewish festival of Passover. We talked about the Passover meal and the significance of each element. Next, we sampled some of the items from the passover meal. The children tasted parsley dipped in salty water, lettuce, boiled egg, horseradish and matzah crackers.





#### **Reading in Acorns**

This week in Acorns class, our story has been 'The Three Little Pigs' and we have been finding out about all our different homes. We have enjoyed retelling the story using small world figures as well as trying to build our own houses out of bricks and a little house for a pig in the woodland!







#### 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  $\pounds 2$ , 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=thet eacherthatruns1&utm\_campaign=pfpshare&utm\_term=332ca5596c6449e69917a456504b62e8 Matt Cracknell's JustGiving Page







Childcare Vouchers & TFC Accepted

# Easter Holiday Clubs

St Pauls Junior School Shepton Mallet

**Tues 2nd - Fri 5th April** 9-3pm or extend to 4pm



St Johns Primary School Midsomer Norton

Tues 2nd - Weds 3rd April 9-3pm West Pennard Primary School West Pennard

Thurs 4th - Fri 5th April 9-3pm





# \*\*\*\*\* "All 3 of my children came home full of joy."

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### Knife Crime Awareness Event for Parents and Carers

The B&NES Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP) are running a series of knife crime awareness events throughout February and March.

These events will take place in schools across the area. The first event will be held at Writhlington School on February 22nd (17.30 to 19.30), followed by Hayesfield Girls School on February 29th (18.00 to 20.00) and Cameley CEVC Primary School on March 18th (18.00 to 20.00).

The events are aimed at parents and carers who would like to know more about the dangers of knife crime or are concerned that their children are at risk. They aim to increase awareness of key issues surrounding knife crime, empowering you and your children to make informed and positive decisions to stay safe.

You will have the opportunity to hear from guest speakers with lived experience who have been personally affected by knife crime. There will also be a presentation by Street Doctors followed by a panel discussion with the apportunity to ask questions.

For queries, please email <u>VRU\_Events@bathnes.gov.uk</u> Or book your ticket now on Eventbrite:

Writhlington School, 22nd February, 17.30 to 19.30 https://KnifeCrimeAwareEventWrithlington.eventbrite.co.uk

Hayesfield Girls School, 29th February, 18.00 to 20.00 https://KnifeCrimeAwareHayesfield.eventbrite.co.uk

Cameley Primary School, 18th March, 18.00 to 20.00 https://KnifeCrimeAwarenessCameley.eventbrite.co.uk

Bath & North Somerset VRP https://bcssp.bathnes.gov.uk/vru





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#### LIBRARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Bath & North East Somerset Counci

#### Keynsham Library

 Baby Bounce and Rhyme

 Tuesday
 9.30 - 10.00am
 27 Feb

 10.30 - 11.00am

Storytime & Craft Thursday 11.00 - 11.30am 29 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 March

#### Midsomer Norton Library

Baby Bounce and Rhyme Monday 11.00 - 11.30am 26 Feb

Centenary Storytime - 1920s: Winnie the Pooh Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 28 Feb

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Board Game Saturdays Saturday 10.00 - 12.30pm 2 March

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

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