

1st March 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.'*

## Message from the Headteacher

It was great to hear from some of our KS2 pupils who represented St. John's at the football matches and tournaments this week. It was clear to see the pride they had in wearing the school football kit and all trying their very best. Thank you to Mr. Smith and Mr. Cracknell for preparing and accompanying our teams. Well done to all the children who took part. You were all amazing!

Acorns class had two fantastic opportunities earlier in the week when they were visited by a dental nurse and the fire service. They learned all about their roles and explored some of the equipment used. The firefighters even brought in their fire engine! Thank you to our volunteers who came in to visit us!

World Book Day and St. John's Book Week are nearly upon us. We are holding our Book Swap Shop again this year. You are invited to bring in any unwanted books you have at home and the children will have opportunities to swap them for new ones! Please have a look at home for books you no longer require so we can reuse them and give them a new home! Please bring these books to the main office area where there will be a 'Book Swap Shop' box to put them in.

### Uniform Reminder:

Please can we remind you of the St. John's School uniform expectations:

- PE kit does not include football kits, so please ensure the correct PE uniform is worn.
- Children are expected to wear a school tie as part of the school uniform.
- If hair is shoulder length or longer, the expectation is that it is tied up.
- Appropriate school shoes should be worn - no trainers!
- On days where children are expected to change from their PE kit in to their school uniform, if this is not brought in to school, spare uniform will be sourced from school for the children to change in to.

Have a lovely weekend,  
*Mrs Monks*



## CHRISTIAN VALUE OF THE TERM:

**HOPE**

## Dates for Your Diary

MARCH	
7th	World Book Day
12th - 19th	School Book Fair
13th	STEM Fair (Note new date)
14th	Fun Science Demonstration
14th	Year 6 SATs Information Session, 3.15pm
25th	Dance Umbrella
26th & 27th	Parents' Evenings (details to follow)
27th	Easter Services (details to follow)
28th	PTA Non-uniform Day End of Term 4

## Year 5 Bikeability

E-mails have now been sent out with details of the dates for each child participating. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office.

## Hot Chocolate Friday



## 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	Ronan Eva	Jack Lilah
Ash	Willow	Frankie
Birch	Nancy	Eric
Chestnut	Riley	Grace
Elm	Noah	Leo
Hazel	Albie	Maisie
Holly	Soraya	Dorothy
Maple	Oliver	Nate
Oak	Jack S	Henry
Pine	Mason R	Poppy
Rowan	Annabelle	Murray
Sycamore	Elliott	Owen
Willow	Amelie	Wilson

### Top Doodling Class

2A  
Well done!



### Forever Sport Stars of the Day:

Year 6 Sycamore - Ethan  
 Year 6 Willow - Freddie P  
 Year 5 Pine - Frank  
 Year 5 Rowan - Teddy  
 Year 4 Maple - Sophie and Taylor  
 Year 4 Oak - No star of the day  
 Year 3 Hazel - Thomas and Elise  
 Year 3 Hollie - Zena, Tommy G and Jayden  
 Year 2 Elm - Leo and Samantha  
 Year 2 Chestnut - Nancy and Albie  
 Year 1 Ash - Jesse and Amelia  
 Year 1 Birch - Casey and Aubery

*Great Work!*

## Out of School Achievements

Rhodri has received his Beavers Bronze Award, the highest award which can be received as a Beaver.



## Mothering Sunday

at St John's Church, Midsomer Norton



Come and join us as we celebrate all those who mother and care for us.

With prayers and posies courtesy of our friends St John's School.

All are welcome!

10am Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024



## Reading in Next Steps Nursery



At Next Steps Nursery this week, we have further explored our theme; 'Spring and Growth'.

We have listened to the story 'That's Not a Daffodil' and used it as the basis for lots of learning opportunities. In the story, Mr Yilmaz (who is a keen gardener) gives a bulb to his neighbour, Tom. Tom doesn't believe that a flower will grow from it. He must be patient and attentive to reap the reward of a beautiful, bright daffodil.

The children have looked at the life cycle of a daffodil, ordering the stages and learning new vocabulary such as bulb, stem, bud and roots. They have also looked carefully at some real daffodils, looking at the difference between the closed buds and open flowers. Some children smelt the daffodils and thought that they smelt of peanut butter, bananas and onions!

We have also enjoyed sharing some favourite books from home. The children have been taking turns to bring in special items to give us insight into their hobbies, interests and family life. Lots of children have been sharing special books (especially bedtime stories!). It has been lovely to share them with each other and to listen to some that we haven't ever heard of.





## Learning in Year One



In Year One this week, we have been diving into our new English text: 'Granddad's Island'. The story is about a lovely journey Granddad goes on with Syd before staying on the island.

For our experience day we visited Granddad's attic and explored. We made a huge list of all the things we found! It was really exciting to see all of the older items that people might keep in their attic!



## DIY Bug Hotel

As part of the Rota Kids Club this term we are looking to expand our school community with some creepy, crawly critters! We will be designing and constructing a bug hotel which will be based on Zone 5 near the forest area. Before we can get started, we need your help!

As a club we are passionate about keeping our environment clean and reducing waste so we are looking for any spare materials you may want to recycle and donate to this wonderful wormy cause.



What we need:

- **Dead wood.** This is essential for the larvae of wood-boring beetles.
- **Hollow stems.** Hollow stems, such as old bamboo canes, make good nesting sites for solitary bees.
- **Stones and tiles.** Amphibians need a frost-free place to spend the winter. Providing stones and tiles in the centre of our habitat will give amphibians the cool, damp conditions they need.
- **Straw and hay.** These provide many opportunities for invertebrates to burrow
- **Corrugated cardboard.** Rolled up pieces of corrugated cardboard in a waterproof cylinder creates a home for lacewings.
- **Nectar-producing plants.** Nectar-rich flowers such as Aubretia, Bluebell, Clover, Cuckooflower, Daisy, Dandelion, Forget-me-not, Honesty, Pansy, Primrose, Sweet Rocket and Wallflower provide excellent food for butterflies.

If you have any of the above, please bring them to the main school office or speak with Miss Moody.

Many thanks for your continued support.





## LIBRARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c  
4 March

### Keynsham Library

#### Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00am 5 March  
10.30 - 11.00am

#### Storytime & Craft

Thursday 11.00 - 11.30am 7 March

#### 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 March

#### Art in the Library: Morwhenna Woolcock - The UK Islands Project

Mon - Sat during opening hours 27 Feb - 4 April

### Midsomer Norton Library

#### Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Monday 11.00 - 11.30am 4 March

#### Storytime

Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 6 March

#### World Book Day Bedtime Stories

Thursday 6.00 - 7.30pm 7 March

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## Easter Holidays, Inspired Camps

### Venues

- Northgate, Bridgwater (early and late drop and pick ups available)
  - Multi-sports and Football
- The Blue School, Wells
  - Multi-sports and Football
- St John's, Wellington
- St Mary's, Bridgwater
- North Petherton, Nr Bridgwater
- Woolavington, Bridgwater
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- Somerton Recreation Ground
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- St Benedict's, Radstock

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## Easter Holidays, Inspired Camps

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**School Book Fair**

**Tuesday 12th March to Monday 19th March**

Please note we are now a cashless school. We will be providing a QR code in order for payments to be made.





## 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:

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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 opportunity to ask questions.

For queries, please email [VRU\\_Events@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:VRU_Events@bathnes.gov.uk)  
 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>

HHH Funded spaces info coming soon!



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  
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**West Pennard Primary School**  
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