

15th 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

Wow! What a busy week at St John's!

On Monday we waved 'Bon Voyage' to Mr Cracknell and a group of Year Five pupils who, along with pupils from Welton Primary and Shoscombe Primary, jetted off to Prague this week! They have visited a school where they made new friends, shared mealtimes, swam in their pool, played games in the gym and baked bread together! They have also visited the zoo and the sights of Prague. What a week they have had! We are looking forward to hearing all about their travels!

We have also enjoyed Science Week where we have embarked on interesting Science lessons, held a brilliant STEM Fair and watched in amazement at the Fun Science show led by Forensic Frank! There were so many wonderful entries to the STEM fair this year and I hoped you enjoyed visiting and experiencing the creative ideas. I am always blown away by the hard work that goes into the entries so well done to everyone who entered. Mr Smith, our Chair of Governors and one of our STEM judges, said it is the highlight of his year! Well done to Miss George for organising.

Other highlights for me include:

- The Rotakids Bake Sale and Competition - the cakes looked and tasted delicious!
- Spending time at Next Steps to see where the learning journey starts for many of our children.
- Receiving such positive feedback from the Bikeability instructors who have commented on how impressed they have been with the Year Five Bikeability groups.
- Pupil Progress meetings with all our teachers hearing what fantastic progress our pupils are making!

A reminder that the Scholastic Book fair is with us up until Monday 18th. Thank you if you have already visited.

Have a wonderful weekend and good luck to anyone taking part in the Bath Half Marathon on Sunday!

Mrs Monks



**CHRISTIAN VALUE OF THE TERM:
HOPE**

Dates for Your Diary

MARCH	
19th	Year 6 Steam Museum Trip
20th	Year 2 SS Great Britain Trip
21st	Year 4 Roman Baths Trip
22nd	Year 2 Celebration of Learning Morning, 8.30am School Hall
25th	Dance Umbrella
26th & 27th	Parents' Evenings
27th	Easter Services: 9am: A Classes and Acorns 1.45pm: B Classes
28th	PTA Non-uniform Day & Cake Sale End of Term 4



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	Ted Dexter	Oliver K Noah
Ash	Eva	Fletcher
Birch	Eric	Nancy
Chestnut	Harry	Aoife
Elm	Matilda	Myla
Hazel	Mollie	Reggie
Holly	Zena	Isaac
Maple	Luca	Eden
Oak	Matthew	Eva
Pine	Finley G	Eva
Rowan	Jake	Teddy
Sycamore	Reeva	Ethan
Willow	Freddie P	Zara

Top Doodling Class

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Well done!



Forever Sport Stars of the Day:

Year 6 Sycamore - Elliott
 Year 6 Willow - Poppy
 Year 5 Pine - Mason F
 Year 5 Rowan - Ashley
 Year 4 Maple - Nate
 Year 4 Oak - Harper
 Year 3 Hazel - Albie
 Year 3 Hollie - Soraya
 Year 2 Elm - Lola and Noah
 Year 2 Chestnut - Sunny and Kallie
 Year 1 Birch - Amelia and Charlie
 Year 1 Ash - Maeva and James

Great Work!



A big **THANK YOU**
 to all those who helped
 to make Mothering
 Sunday at St John's
 Church so special.
 The posies, prayers and
 poetry were wonderful.



THANK YOU!

Teacher-Led After-School Clubs

Please be reminded that all teacher-led after school clubs will be cancelled on:

- Tuesday 19th March (except Gardening Club) due to teacher training.
- During the week of 25th - 28th March due to Parents' Evenings.

**NON SCHOOL
& UNIFORM
CAKE SALE**

Cake donations from
Y2 & Y5
Sold at Break for 25p

28th
March



Reading in Year Five

It has been an exciting and varied term of reading in Year Five! We began by delving into the gloomy narrative poem, 'The Highwayman', which transported us to a world of mystery and romance as the Highwayman came riding, riding, riding.

From the realm of imagination and poetic refrains to the world of facts, Pine and Rowan classes have explored a range of non-fiction topics ranging from plastic pollution to the morality of zoos alongside the rich tapestry of the British monarchy. These texts not only enriched their knowledge but also instilled a sense of responsibility towards the world around them.

Thank you for the support in dressing up for World Book Day, we were blown away by the creativity of the costumes that brought many favourite literary characters to life! Our day was bookended by a fascinating author visit from Ash Bond, whose talk inspired our budding writers and storytellers, and a wholesome buddy read with Year Three that saw us share our favourite stories and love of literature with one another.

Venturing into the realm of fiction, our students embarked on a journey to the Czech Republic through the enchanting tale of the Prague Golem. Immersed in folklore and legend, they crafted their own Golems out of clay, delving deeper into the cultural heritage of this magical city. We have missed the seven lucky Year Five's who have spent the week exploring the city first-hand and are looking forward to hearing all about their adventures when they return!



Happy Easter!

All our friends at St John's School
are invited to come and share
our Easter hope on Easter Day!

10am Sunday 31st March,
St John the Baptist Church,
Midsomer Norton.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



St John the Baptist Church, Midsomer Norton with Clandown Easter Services 2024



Palm Sunday
Sunday 24th March.
8.00am Holy Eucharist
10.00am Parish Eucharist with Palm procession.
5.00pm Churches Together 'Time of Prayer'
for our Town and surrounding Villages at the Hollies.

Holy Week
Monday 25th March.
11.00am Stations of the Cross
12.00noon Holy Eucharist.

Tuesday 26th March.
10.00am Chrism Mass at Wells Cathedral.
7.30pm Holy Eucharist.

Wednesday 27th March.
11.00am Stations of the Cross
12.00noon Holy Eucharist.

Maundy Thursday 28th March.
7.30pm Maundy Liturgy with foot washing,
and the Watch until 10.00pm.

Good Friday 29th March.
12.00noon to 3.00pm Meditation on the Cross.

Easter Eve
Saturday 30th March.
7.30pm Easter Vigil.

Easter Day
Sunday 31st March.
8.00am Holy Eucharist.
10.00am Easter Eucharist.



Learning in Next Steps Nursery



At Next Steps we are learning all about Spring. We are noticing all the changes we see and are busy exploring the new plants and flowers that are appearing. We have even been busy in the garden planting our very own grass heads.

We have been learning about ways to keep healthy by packing healthy lunches and we have explored fruit and vegetables in lots of different ways. From using them to make marks with paint, to discovering the art of Italian painter Arcimboldo and creating our own pictures based on this type of technique. In Maths we have enjoyed weighing and measuring different types of fruit and vegetables too.



Rotakids Cake Sale

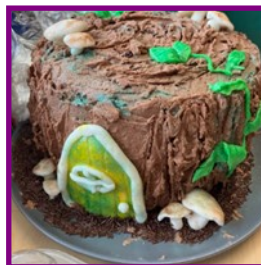
What a success! And we couldn't have done it without you!

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you to those who committed the time to creating their wonderful creations. They were all fantastic entries!

Secondly, thank you to all those who generously donated to this wonderful cause! You will be pleased to know we raised £150 for the Silver Street Nature Reserve!

Congratulations to our winner Jayden for his fabulous 'Secret Fairy Door' cake and to Amelia, Nancy, and Phillip as our runners up! You really made it difficult for the Rota kids!

Miss Moody



National Science Week



This year St. John's has made a huge effort in support and celebration of National Science Week.

We have learnt about key scientists in each year group and shared these with other year groups, the STEM Club held an assembly on the importance of asking questions, and we had a visit from Forensic Frank who explored a number of chemical reactions with us.



On top of all of this, St Johns has come out in force to compete and showcase our STEM skills and knowledge at our STEM Fair. With 101 children joining us in the hall, we had a huge range of projects. From marble runs and cardboard skate parks expertly engineered, technological feats like drone flying and website building, excellently crafted scientific discovery around the use of materials for the three little pigs homes, along with some mathematical and memory tests.



We saw such a great number of projects, our judges had a hard job to decide who stood the tallest and would claim the 1st, 2nd and 3rd standing in EYFS/KS1 and KS2.

Special congratulations to:

1st: Dylan with his project on how sugar affects our teeth and Amelia for her project on bacteria.

2nd: Leo and Isla and their project on light and prisms being the reason we see colour.

3rd: Freddie with his project on light and shadows, and Jacob and Isaac with their 'Shy Bot' Robot.



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



Live Well
Bath & North East Somerset



Support for families and young people with special educational needs and/or Disabilities (SEND).

Explore the SEND Local Offer to find out what support there is available for young people with SEND and their families. Live Well B&NES includes details of wellbeing groups, social clubs, inclusive activities, holiday clubs, mental health support services and opportunities beyond formal education.

Dedicated information sections signpost to support around benefits and funding, Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP's), health services and how to access impartial advice and guidance from specialist teams.

Parent Carers of young people with SEND can identify ways they can access support for their role as a parent **carer** of a child with additional needs.

You can also apply for your child's free Rainbow Resource card providing discreet confirmation of their additional need, and enabling them to access dedicated activity sessions, quiet spaces and support, and in some cases concessions to venues across the South West.

Visit the [SEND Local Offer](#) to find out more.





Bath & North East Somerset

Violence
Reduction
Partnership

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

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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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



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