

22nd 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

Years Two, Four and Six have been out and about on time travelling educational visits this week!

Year Six, or should I say, evacuees, together with their gas masks and lunch wrapped up in brown paper, were transported back in time when they visited the Steam Museum.

Year Two also went back in time, as they joined Brunel aboard the SS Great Britain, and Year Four were treated to the Roman Baths.

Well done to our Year Two children and thank you if you were able to join the Celebration of Learning this morning. It was lovely to hear all about their learning.

With only four more days of Term Four left, if you haven't already, don't forget to make an appointment to speak with your child's class teacher during parents evenings being held on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. It is an invaluable opportunity to discuss and celebrate your child's learning and progress so far and also how they can be supported further.

Our Easter Services at St. John's Church are taking place on Wednesday 27th at either 9.00am or 1.45pm. Please join us if you are able to.

Best wishes,
Mrs Monks



CHRISTIAN VALUE OF THE TERM: HOPE

Dates for Your Diary

MARCH	
25th	Dance Umbrella
26th & 27th	Parents' Evenings
27th	<u>Easter Services:</u> 9am: Acorns and A Classes (1 Ash, 2 Chestnut, 3 Hazel, 4 Maple, 5 Pine, 6 Sycamore) 1.45pm: B Classes (1 Birch, 2 Elm, 3 Holly, 4 Oak, 5 Rowan, 6 Willow)
28th	PTA Non-uniform Day End of Term 4
APRIL	
15th	Return to school for Term 5
22nd - 24th	Year 4 Kilve Court Camp

After-School Clubs

Details of the clubs offered for Terms 5 and 6 have now been sent out via ParentMail. Please discuss these with your child(ren) and ensure you have responded by Monday morning, 9am, if they wish to join a club.

Reminder: All teacher-led after school clubs will be cancelled during the week of 25th - 28th March due to Parents' Evenings.

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	Leo G Tommy	Oscar Dexter
Ash	Aubrie	Daisy
Birch	Harlowe-Rose	Toby
Chestnut	Grace	Loula
Elm	Sophie	Emilee
Hazel	Bella	Jack H
Holly	Daisy	Brie
Maple	Avery	Amber
Oak	DeWet	Jacob
Pine	Mason F	George
Rowan	Poppie T	Zachary
Sycamore	Esme	Jasper
Willow	Harry	Tyler

Top Doodling Class

2A
Well done!



Forever Sport Stars of the Day:

Year 6 Sycamore - Phoenix
 Year 6 Willow - Jayden and Harry
 Year 5 Pine - Finlay W
 Year 5 Rowan - Reid
 Year 4 Maple - James and Henry S
 Year 4 Oak - William
 Year 3 Hazel - Elise and Max
 Year 3 Hollie - Reuben
 Year 2 Elm - Darcey
 Year 2 Chestnut - Eva A
 Year 1 Birch - Elijah and Arya
 Year 1 Ash - Melania

Great Work!

Out of School Achievement

Harry from Hazel class, and others from Writhlington boys Gymnastics squad took part in competition at Swindon on Sunday.

Harry was pleased to earn a silver medal for trampette and bronze medal for overall.



Parking at Somervale

Please do not park in the disabled bay at Somervale at drop off and pick up times.

Please also note that Somervale School has also arranged a Parents' evening on Wednesday 27th March so parking will be very limited and you may wish to park in the town centre and walk to the school. Please note there will not be parking available for parents in our school car park.

School Book Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who supported us last week at the book fair by buying books.

We raised £932.54 which is amazing!



Learning in Year Six



This week, Year Six finished off their WWII History topic with a trip to STEAM Swindon - Museum of the Great Western Railway.

They took part in two WWII Discovery Sessions (experiencing life as an evacuee in 1939 and exploring public air raid shelters) and toured the museum to see how the railway services were affected by the war.



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.



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.



NHS App

An NHS app that offers simple and straightforward advice and helps parents make informed decisions on the best course of action, whether that's to treat at home, to make a GP appointment, or to head to A&E.

Each of the illnesses has a home care plan to help you provide the best support for your child, and give you confidence in caring for them when they are unwell.

<https://bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/health-and-care/health-advice-and-support/handi-app/>

Please could we also remind you of our 48 hour rule for sickness and diarrhoea.

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 endeavour 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



LIBRARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c
25 March

Keynsham Library

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00am 26 March
10.30 - 11.00am

Storytime & Craft

Thursday 11.00 - 11.30am 28 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 30 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

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Bath & North East Somerset Libraries

DESIGN A FUTURE LIBRARY COMPETITION

We want you to design a future library.

What will libraries in the next one hundred years look like?
How will people borrow books and find information out?
Let your imagination take you on a journey into the future.

We want you to use your design and imagination skills to design a future library. Your design could be a picture, a plan or even a 3D model.

Hand your completed design and entry form into a member of staff by **Saturday 20 April 2024**.

For full competition details: <https://bit.ly/FutureLibraryComp>

We're very pleased to be partnering Bath Spa University's undergraduate Architecture students on their project to Design a Library.



Bath & North East Somerset Council
Improving People's Lives

BATH SPA UNIVERSITY

100 YEARS
Bath & North East Somerset Libraries
1924 - 2024



Scan for more info

Wells Cathedral School Easter Swimming

EASTER SWIMMING!

2nd April - 19th April
Check our website for details

121 Lessons	10:00 - 13:00
Fun with Floats	13:00 - 13:45
Public Swim	14:00 - 14:45



BRISTOL SPORT FOUNDATION

ACTIVE. HEALTHY. HAPPY.

We deliver fun and inclusive sport and physical activity sessions in Greater Bristol to provide children with opportunities to enjoy being active and fall in love with sport.

Find out what Clubs, Hubs & Camps we have available at your school and in the local area at www.bristol-sport-foundation.org.

BRISTOL SPORT FOUNDATION



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
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."

Let's Play, Move, Create, Discover & Nourish

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OR USE OUR HANDY QR CODE



Family Holiday Activities

EXPLORE • CREATE • DISCOVER

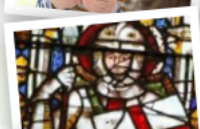
Book online at wells cathedral.org.uk/holidays



Spring into life

April 2024

Celebrate Easter and Springtime with our family trail (available throughout the holiday) and our themed craft activities!



Treasure Hunt Tuesday 2 April

Follow our Easter crosses trail, collecting beads to make your own cross necklace.



Easter Gardens Wednesday 3 April

Follow our Easter story trail then make your own Easter garden to tell the best part of the story.



Get Growing Thursday 4 April

Decorate a mini pot and get planting!



Spring into life Friday 5 April

Celebrate new life with our spring themed crafts.



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



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.

