

28th 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

We have reached the end of Term Four and what a busy week!

Our final Year Five Bikeability group finished off what has been hugely positive and rewarding cycling training for those who took part. The instructors were very complimentary about our cyclists and praised their effort and exemplary behaviour! Well done Year Five!

For those of you who were able to make the journey to The Forum on Monday night for the Dance Umbrella, thank you for showing your support! It was a wonderful evening and all the children were just perfect! Our stars shone brightly and the Barbies (and Ken) danced the night away! A big thank you and well done to Miss Drew and Mrs Jewell for choreographing the dances.

Thank you for attending meetings with your child's teachers this week. I hope you found them informative. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to make contact with your child's teacher after the Easter holidays.

We braved the rain and enjoyed two wonderful Easter services yesterday. For those of you who were able to attend, I am sure you will agree the children were fantastic, particularly the Ethos Committee who held the service together with their readings, and our musicians who confidently showcased their wonderful talents to such a large audience. The choir brought tears to our eyes as they sang two stunningly beautiful songs from 'The Greatest Showman'. A huge thanks to Mrs Bradley and Miss Wood for their efforts in preparing the children for the service.

We are welcoming Mrs West-Gaul back at the beginning of Term Five following her maternity leave. I know she is looking forward to returning and re-joining the team here at St John's!

At the end of a busy term and a week of very late nights for our teachers, I would like to say a huge thank you to all our staff for everything they do to ensure your children are well cared for, taught in the best way they can be and continue to feel happy during their time in school!

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter break.

Best wishes,  
*Mrs Monks*



## CHRISTIAN VALUE OF THE TERM: HOPE

### Dates for Your Diary

APRIL	
15th	Return to school for Term Five
22nd - 24th	Year Four Kilve Court Camp

### Parking

Please be reminded to be considerate of all our neighbours when parking near the school during drop-off and collection times. If the car park at Somervale is full, please consider using the car parks in the town centre and walking the short distance.

### After-School Clubs

Confirmation e-mails for after-school clubs have now been sent out and these will commence the first week back after Easter.

Please note, there are still a few spaces available for Forest School Club which is open to Acorns and Year One on Mondays. If you are interested, please e-mail 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	Serena Aden	Beya Tommy
Ash	Hugh	Blake
Birch	Harry	Harlowe-Rose
Chestnut	Evelyn	Sophia L
Elm	Darcey	Aurelia
Hazel	Jessica	Todd
Holly	Amelia L	Amelia S
Maple	Sophie	James
Oak	Mabel	Finley
Pine	Isla	Kara
Rowan	Alfie	Nyla
Sycamore	Zack	Ronnie
Willow	April	Evie

### Top Doodling Class

2A Well done!



### Forever Sport Stars of the Day:

Year 6 Sycamore - Pheonix, Miley and Nikita  
 Year 6 Willow - Josh, Jacob, Amilee and Charlie  
 Year 5 Pine - Poppy and Reggie  
 Year 5 Rowan - Ralphy, Izzy, Bella, and Murray  
 Year 4 Maple - Owen, Luca, Rudi, and Eden  
 Year 4 Oak - Josh, Teddy, and Blake  
 Year 3 Hazel - Bella, Jack H and Todd  
 Year 3 Holly - Brie, Ezra, Xander, and Oscar  
 Year 2 Elm - Myla and Betsy  
 Year 2 Chestnut - Thea and Finn  
 Year 1 Birch - Poppy-Rose, Sofia, and Harvey  
 Year 1 Ash - Daisy and Harrison

### Handball Inter-house Tournament Winners:

Year 3 Holly - Yellow House  
 Year 3 Hazel - Red House  
 Year 5 Rowan - Blue House  
 Year 5 Pine - Green House

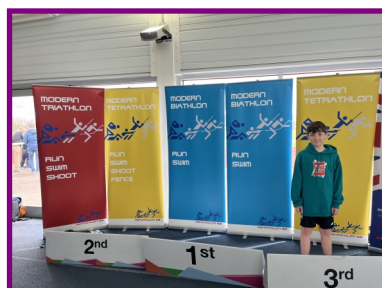
*Great Work!*

## Sporting Achievement



Last weekend, Ronnie and Henry represented St John's at the British Schools National Modern Biathlon Champions at Bath University. Both boys achieved personal bests across the running and swimming events and represented St John's excellently amongst a sea of private education establishments.

We are extremely proud of both boys representing St John's on the national stage - well done!



## Learning in Acorns

This week Acorns were lucky enough to have a visit from Champions who brought one of their big lorries with a kind donation of play sand for our sand kitchen!

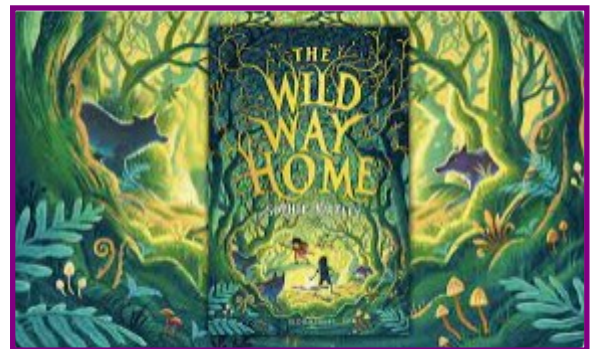
We loved watching the lorry tip out all the sand!



## Reading in Year Three

During our Guided Reading lessons, Holly and Hazel classes have been reading 'The Wild Way Home' by Sophie Kirtly, who studied Writing for Young People at Bath Spa University.

The story is partly set in the Stone Age and the children have been enjoying getting to know the characters and predicting what will happen in the story. They found the way Hartboy's spoke particularly funny and enjoyed copying the caveman-like speech.



## Learning in Year Five



This week in Year Five we have been looking at relief printing with some inspiration from artist John Fellows. The children had to design and create their printing blocks before rolling the paint and printing their designs.

The children enjoyed the small project and reflected well on what they could do to improve their prints if they completed it again.

# Happy Easter!

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

10am Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March,  
St John the Baptist Church,  
Midsomer Norton.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



 **DOWNSIDE SCHOOL**

## SUMMER NETBALL CAMP

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coach

Ages 9 - 12

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St John the Baptist Church, Midsomer Norton with Cladown

### 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.



# TIMSBURY LIBRARY EASTER LEGO CLUB

**SOP PER CHILD**




**Saturday  
6th April  
10am-11:30  
am**

# FREE EASTER CRAFTING WORKSHOP

**2ND APRIL 2024 10.00 - 11.30AM**

From making Easter Chicks, to designing an Easter Garden there's something for everyone to enjoy Children of all ages welcome accompanied by an adult

**REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED**



For more information - 01761 437962  
office@radstock-tc.gov.uk

## LIBRARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES Easter Holidays

### Bath Central Library

**Knit Two, Share One - knitting & Crochet group for any age/ability**  
Thursday 10.00 - 12.00pm 4 & 11 April

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**Norland Nannies Community Sewing Bee - Stitching session for any age or ability.**  
Friday 10.00 - 12.00pm 5 & 12 April

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**Board Game Saturdays**  
Saturday 12.30 - 4.00pm 6 & 13 April

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**Easter Crafting Drop In**  
Mon - Sat during opening hours 30 March - 13 April

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**Art in the Library: with Bath Open Studios**  
Mon - Sat during opening hours 3 - 27 April

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**Sensory Space, for families with children and young adults with sensory needs**  
Mon - Sat, Book a Session via Eventbrite

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**Lego Lab, Family Fun Drop In**  
Mon - Sat During opening hours

For any ticketed events, the link will be online via the blog.  
Visit [bathneslibraries.wordpress.com](http://bathneslibraries.wordpress.com)

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### Keynsham Library

**Easter Crafting Drop In**  
Mon - Sat during opening hours 30 March - 13 April

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**Sensory Space, for families with children and young adults with sensory needs**  
Mon - Sat, Book a Session via Eventbrite

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**Board Game Saturdays**  
Saturday 12.30 - 4.00pm 6 & 13 April

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**Art in the Library: Morwhenna Woolcock - The UK Islands Project**  
Mon - Sat during opening hours 27 Feb - 4 April

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### Midsomer Norton Library

**Easter Crafting Drop In**  
Mon - Sat during opening hours 30 March - 13 April

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**Sensory Space, for families with children and young adults with sensory needs**  
Mon - Sat, Book a Session via Eventbrite

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**Knit Two, Share One - Drop in. Knitting, Crochet and Fibre Arts group for any age or ability.**  
Thursday 10.00 - 12.00pm 11 April

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## 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](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



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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-sportfoundation.org](http://www.bristol-sportfoundation.org).

 **BRISTOL**  
SPORT FOUNDATION



HHH Funded  
spaces info  
coming soon!

# Mini Mojos

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



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# Spring Play

"Life is more fun if you play games."  
- Roald Dahl



Bath Area Play Project

## Come OUTSIDE & PLAY!

All Playdays run from  
11am-2pm Outdoor Play for families  
with children of all ages!

Wednesday, 10th April  
Midsomer Norton  
Orchard Hall and Park  
BA3 2RD

Thursday, 11th April  
Alice Park  
BA1 6EW

No need to book

Sensory & Messy Play

Marble Run

Spring arts and crafts

Sports and games

Inflatable

Bunny hunt

Woodwork

Football coaches

Obstacle Course



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# 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.

