

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

What a week we've had at St John's!

On Monday we waved goodbye to some of our Year Five children who have spent the week exploring Prague with children from other schools in the Trust. They've had an amazing week working closely with a Primary School, doing a city tour to learn more about the history of Prague, as well as visiting the zoo. We look forward to them returning to school next week to tell us all about it.

We were honoured to host Bishop Michael on Tuesday as he did his tour of the community. Whilst he was with us he met with our Ethos group to find out more about what they do in school as well as joining us for our Collective Worship. A huge thank you to the Ethos group, who told us more about the history of our school, and the choir for their wonderful singing.

Yesterday, we hosted our annual STEM Fayre which was a huge success! We had over 95 entries, a huge variety of projects which showed the passion our children have for STEM activities. A huge thank you to everyone who supported the children in creating their projects.

We have also continued our book week activities this week with our book fair being delivered and the children enjoying their bedtime stories last night.

I know this is an extremely busy term for parents so thank you again for all your support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs West-Gaul

Dates For Your Diary

March

20th Year 6 SATS Meeting 3.15pm

April

1st & 2nd Parents Evenings
2nd Easter Services:

*9am: Seedlings, Birch, Elm,
Holly, Oak, Rowan, Willow.*

*1.45pm: Acorns, Ash,
Chestnut, Hazel, Maple, Pine,
Sycamore.*

4th PTA Non-Uniform Day
End of Term 4

Local History Expert Sought

After May half term, Year Six will be studying the local history/geography of our area. It would be great if a local expert would be happy to come in (for free) to talk to the children about the local history.

If anyone is willing to volunteer to talk with Year Six, please contact the School Office.

Thank you.

Break-time Snacks

Please be reminded that we encourage children to eat a healthy snack at break time, for example fruit, breadsticks, cheese, vegetables, etc.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Awards and Achievements

Well done to all our pupils who have achieved an award.

	Star of the Week	Star Readers
Acorns	Presley Sophia	Sofia Ronnie
Ash	Zac	Aden
Birch	Paisley	Lily
Chestnut	Poppy-Rose	Harvey
Elm	Lexi	Mila
Hazel	Rosie	Aoife
Holly	Jake	Evie
Maple	Kobe	Tommy H
Oak	Darcey	Jessica
Pine	Charlie	Lyra
Rowan	Eva	Harper
Sycamore	Dylan Dougie	Phoebe
Willow	Priscilla	Jacob

Top Doodling Class



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Well done!



PE Stars of the Week

Year 6 Sycamore - Mason F
 Year 6 Willow - 'Class star of the day'
 Year 5 Rowan - Finley
 Year 5 Pine - N/A
 Year 4 Oak - Charlie
 Year 4 Maple - Flynn
 Year 3 Holly - Freddie
 Year 3 Hazel - George
 Year 2 Chestnut - Harry
 Year 2 Elm - Daisy and Ted
 Year 1 Ash - Eleanor and Jensen
 Year 1 Birch - Niamh and Oscar.

Well done!

Tesco Collection

Don't forget if you are doing your weekly shop at Tesco's over the next few weeks, we are taking part in the Stronger Starts project.

With the money raised we are hoping to purchase some music technology equipment to enhance our curriculum offer - so pop as many blue tokens in the tube as possible!



Arbor

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who have downloaded the Arbor Parent Portal - over 3/4 of you have, so that is brilliant!

For those who have not yet, **it is really important that you do so by the end of this week, because:**

- From Monday 17 March, any urgent messages about your child (head bumps, late return from a trip, school closure due to extreme weather etc) will be sent via the app as a message that will show as a notification on your mobile device
- Bookings for Parents Evenings (1st & 2nd April) will be bookable on the Portal next week, so you will need to have the app downloaded to get your preferred appointment time
- You can see immediately if there are any changes needed to the information we hold about your child - and let us know instantly the changes required
- This will be the main method of reporting absences
- We will not be using ParentMail at all from Monday 17 March
- This will eventually (expected next school year) be where you will book school meals and pay for items such as trips (replacing ParentPay).

Medical Conditions - Parent Portal/App

If you need any help accessing the Arbor Portal, or if you have not received your 'Welcome to Arbor' email with your log-in details, please contact the office: office@stjohns.mnsp.org.uk

For those who have downloaded the app - we have noticed a blip in the system: if your child has more than one medical condition, only one will show on the app, even though we have more on your child's profile - please be assured that we are aware, though your changes may not show. This has been raised with our IT support, and will hopefully be resolved very soon!

Farewell to Chrystal, Welcome Jess!

We'd like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to Chrystal Stevens, who is stepping down as Chair of our Parent Teacher Association (PTA). Chrystal has dedicated an incredible amount of time and energy to our school community, and her contributions have been invaluable. Her passion and commitment have made a real difference to the lives of our children and the overall school experience. We thank her wholeheartedly for her hard work and dedication.

While we are sad to see Chrystal go, we are delighted to announce that Jess Hart has been appointed as our new PTA Chair. Jess is eager to get started and is already planning for upcoming events. She is keen to hear from parents and welcomes any ideas or suggestions you may have.

Please join us in thanking Chrystal for her outstanding service and in welcoming Jess to her new role. We look forward to working with Jess and the entire PTA team to support our school and our children.

Get Involved! The PTA is always looking for new members and volunteers. If you'd like to get involved, please contact Jess Hart at stjohnsmsnpta@outlook.com.



**The Book Fair will continue at St. John's
until Monday 17th March.**

Reading in Next Steps Nursery



At Next Steps this week we have been looking at the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar, by Eric Carle.

Following our topic this term 'In the garden', the children have enjoyed talking about minibeasts that they are familiar with.

During the story, the caterpillar eats a lot of foods and gets very big! We've then talked about the cocoons that caterpillars build, modelling other names for them such as a chrysalis'.

At the end of the story, the children were excited to see the beautiful butterfly, using colour and shape language to describe what they'd seen.

Citizenship and Character Award



This week, some of our children have been working towards their Citizenship and Character Award by making dream catchers (Wellbeing Me). This is really easy to do and only requires a pipe cleaner, some string or wool, some beads and some feathers. There are plenty of simple instructions available with a quick Google search!

Dream catchers have their origin in North American Indian culture. People hung their dream catchers above their beds to protect them from bad dreams. They are really fun to craft and make beautiful bedroom decorations, so why not have a go yourself!



STEM Fair

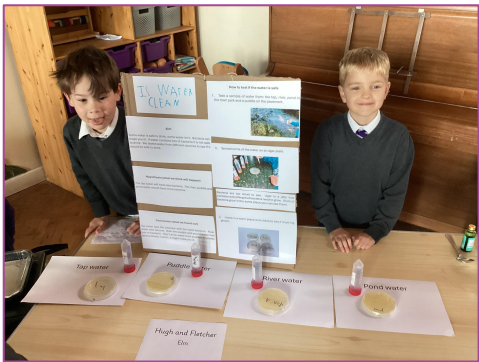
Our STEM Fair Winners!

EYFS/KS1

1st	2nd	3rd
Alfie	Hugh and Fletcher	Leo

KS2

1st	2nd	3rd
Lucy	Arianna and Aurelia	Harry



Mr Smith's Running Challenge 2025

This year, I have decided to complete my first marathon in London and in the build up will be doing two half marathons in Bath and Reading. I am raising money for the Army Benevolent Fund which supports British soldiers, veterans and their families. I have a very ambitious goal to raise £2,000 so any donations would be enormously appreciated. I will be completing the following events:

- Bath Half Marathon - 16th March (Bib Number: 2678)
- Reading Half Marathon - 23rd March
- London Marathon - 27th April

<https://events.armybenevolentfund.org/s/22801/37738/e>

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Bath Half and thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,
Mr Smith



SEND Local Offer Information Event

Somer Centre, Midsomer Norton BA3 2UH
Monday 24th March, 10am - 2pm (drop in)

Come along to meet & chat to representatives from local groups, organisations & services. Free parking & refreshments.

Bath & North East Somerset Council
Improving People's Lives

Live Well B&NES
B&NES Parent Carer Forum

Youth Info B&NES

ATTENDANCE MATTERS AT ST JOHNS

Every school day counts!

Children are required, by law, to attend school for 190 days of the year.

The government state that children's attendance should be **at least 95%**.

Attendance Level	Absent Days	Hours of Lost Learning
100% EXCELLENT	0 - 3.5 days absent	0 - 9.5 hours of lost learning
98% Good	4 - 7.5 days absent	22-41 hours of lost learning
95% REQUIRES IMPROVEMENT	9.5 - 17 Days absent	52 - 93.5 hours of lost learning
90% PERSISTENT ABSENTEE	19 - 27 days absent	104.5 - 148.5 hours of lost learning
85% CRITICAL CONCERN	28.5 - 38 days absent	155.5 - 209 hours of lost learning

We are here to support you!

If you need support getting your child to school, please speak to a member of staff who will be willing to help.

01761 412019

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Easter Holiday Camps

St Benedict's Primary School

Monday 14th - Thursday 17th April

Multisports and Football camp

£20 Per day
10% Whole week discount
15% Sibling discount

Inspired Schools
07494175299
hello@inspiredschools.co.uk
inspiredschools.co.uk/parents

<https://inspiredschools.ipalbookings.com>

SCAN ME

For paid places

Limited free places available for children on benefit related free school meals

Happy Healthy Holidays FREE Places

- Register for our community now
- Booking goes live at 10.00am on Monday 17th March

SCAN ME

Mini Mojos

Club certificates awarded!

Easter Holiday Clubs

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

Childcare Vouchers & TFC Accepted

St Johns Primary School
Midsomer Norton
BA3 2JN

Mon 7th - Thursday 10th April
9-3pm
HHH 9-1pm, extend till 3pm

★★★★★

"All 3 of my children came home full of joy."

Register for our community & BOOK NOW!

HAPPYMOJOS.CO.UK

OR USE OUR HANDY QR CODE PAID SPACES

Happy Healthy Holiday FREE Spaces

TO BOOK, GET YOUR CODE FROM YOUR SCHOOL OFFICE.

Inspired by the iconic Parisian Waiters' Race (first held in 1914), Bath is holding its own hilarious Waiters' Race around the Royal Crescent! Turn up at 10.45am on Monday 7 April for this spectacle of over 120 apron-wearing, waiters and waitresses, armed with trays of drinks (non-breakable!) and a bun each, as they run a team relay race around this historic site. The winner is the team who crosses the finish line first, so come along and cheer on the crazy waiting-teams as they raise money to support charity, Hospitality Action



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