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Weekly Newsletter: 9th May 2025

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: FRIENDSHIP



## Message from the Headteacher

Yesterday we marked the 80th anniversary of VE Day across the school. Ms Banwell led an assembly on the importance of the occasion and children across the school, but particularly our Year 6's, shared their knowledge of the events which led up to the end of the war. We observed the two minute silence at 12 and classes continued their work on VE day in their classrooms throughout the day.

This week Mr Williams, CEO of our Trust, visited St John's for a learning walk. He was really impressed with the learning behaviours across the school and how well the children were able to articulate their learning.

Next week is SATs week for our Year 6 children who have been working incredibly hard all year. We wish them all they very best in showing their knowledge in these summative assessments. Don't forget breakfast club is open from 8am for Year 6 children from Monday to Thursday.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs West-Gaul

## **Dates For Your Diary**

May

12th - 15th KS2 SATS Week

PTA Doughnut Sale, 3pm 21st:

**Rotakids Cake** 22nd:

Competition

PTA Non-uniform Day 23rd:

Last Day of Term Five

June

Start of Term Six 2nd: 18th

Sports Day

(full details to follow)



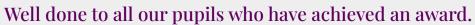
#### A sad goodbye to a cherished member of staff

Last Friday we were informed that Mel Attwood, a former teaching assistant at St John's, passed away. Mrs Attwood retired last year but worked here for over 20 years. She was a caring, considerate member of the school community and will be missed by everyone who knew her.

We have not informed the children directly as Mrs Attwood worked predominantly with the current Year 7 children in her final years at St John's. However we wanted to inform you all as we know some of you will have known Mrs Attwood from your older children attending St John's.

Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends at this time and we have sent a card from the whole school community to let them know we are thinking of them.

## Awards and Achievements





	Star of the Week	Star Reader
Acorns	Eli Dougie	Freddie Alex L
Ash	Lyra	Hudson
Birch	Stanley	Paisley
Chestnut	Harlowe-Rose	Sofia
Elm	Рорру	Fletcher
Hazel	Eva	Lucas
Holly	Shakai	Betsy
Maple	Reuben	Daisy
Oak	Jack B	Mollie
Pine	Nate	Amber
Rowan	Рорру W	April
Sycamore	Fin G	Frankie
Willow	Noah C	Ralphy

## **Top Doodling Class**



## **ACORNS**

Well done!



## PE Stars of the Week

Year 6 Sycamore - Dougie

Year 6 Willow - Isobelle

Year 5 Rowan - Poppy W

Year 5 Pine - Chloe

Year 2 Chestnut - Alfie

Year 2 Elm - Daisy

Year 1 Ash - Dexter

Year 1 Birch - Albie

Well done!

#### **Bristol Sport After-School Clubs**

The after-school clubs offered by Bristol Sport Foundation for Term Six are now available to book.

Please see the attached poster for further details regarding the clubs and booking information.

## **Hot Chocolate Friday**



## 80th Anniversary of VE Day



Year Two were very lucky to be visited by Gail and Jane on May 6th. They brought in their beautiful bollard covers that they have made to decorate the area outside the Co-op in Paulton. They represent the different servicemen (and women) who fought in the Second World War and were designed to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE day. Gail Garlick told us all about how they had made them and some of the fascinating history of the local area during the Second World War.







Yesterday, Acorns had a great time finding out about VE Day and why we commemorate it.

We took part in lots of activities including making hats and bunting and decorating biscuits which we then enjoyed at our special party in the afternoon!









## Relationships, sex and health education (RSHE)

At St John's, we believe that promoting the health and wellbeing of our pupils is an important part of their overall education. We do this through our personal, social, health and emotional (PSHE) curriculum. PSHE covers many topics including all kinds of relationships, physical/emotional health and the skills needed to live in the wider world. The aim of our PSHE curriculum is to help pupils make safe and informed decisions during their school years and beyond.

**Relationships, sex and health education (RSHE)** is the statutory element of our PSHE curriculum and all schools in England are required to teach. We will be teaching lessons about RSHE/RHE as part of our Jigsaw PSHE unit '**Changing Me'** next term. During these lessons, pupils will be able to ask questions, which will be answered factually in an age-appropriate manner. Each pupil's privacy will be respected, and no one will be asked to reveal personal information.

We want to assure parents that our curriculum is taught in an age-appropriate manner and provides pupils with the time to ask questions in a safe environment and ultimately receive factual information, rather than hearing content second hand or via online platforms. In the 21<sup>st</sup> century pupils are exposed to so many of the incorrect messages about their bodies, relationships and expectations. The prevalence of sexual images in social and other media make it important that all young people have a place to discuss pressures, check facts, dispel myths and ultimately feel safe. Jigsaw PSHE is a carefully planned curriculum and is there to ensure our pupils can navigate the world around them safely.

You may find that your child starts asking questions about the topic at home, or you might want to take the opportunity to talk to your child about issues before the work is covered in school. If you head to the school website, you will be able to see the content of the lessons. Please do not hesitate in contacting your class teacher if you wish to have any further information about the materials used in class.

Mrs Stone

## Recycling



## Recycling Reminder

Led by our School Council, St John's is improving our recycling - showing that we care about our planet and our environment!

In order to more effectively 'reduce, reuse and recycle' we are putting the following in place:

- All leftovers and packaging from packed lunches must be taken home every day, for disposal at home
- Plastics and cans are being collected and recycled separately
- Food waste is being collected and recycled separately
- We are continuing to recycle paper and cardboard throughout school

## Year Six

Earlier this month, our amazing Year Six children had the opportunity to get involved with the Midsomer Norton High Street Regeneration Programme. Both classes were visited by members of the regeneration team, Beth and Nick, who took the children out to the local area to discover more about our local history and how the High Street is likely to change over the coming years.

Our children were very keen to share their thoughts about what Midsomer Norton should look like in the future and they did St. John's proud with their incredibly mature ideas. Beth and Nick will visit us again before the summer holidays and we are very excited about collaborating with them further.



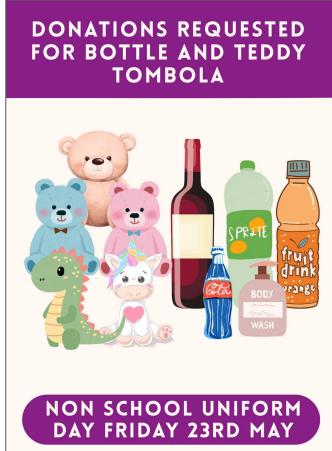












#### **PTA Book Swap & Wine Event**

St John's PTA are holding this lovely evening event on Friday 16th May from 6.30pm



Come along, buy a drink at our bar, relax, chat and socialise.

Please let us know below if you would like to come along by clicking the link below - we need an idea of numbers for catering purposes. Please complete a form for each attendee, so that we have a list of who to expect.

Book Swap & Wine Evening Sign Up Sheet

We look forward to seeing you there!

Gemma & Sarah

PTA Event Organisers





## **AFTER** SCHOOL CLUBS



Our after school clubs are designed with an emphasis on fun. With a variety of sports clubs delivered throughout the academic year, there will be plenty of opportunities for your children to be active and to fall in love with sport.

## St. John's, Midsomer Norton-Term 6

Monday (02/06/25 - 14/07/25)

- Reception to Year 2 Dodgeball-18 Spaces
- Years 3 to 6 Jailbreak-18 Spaces
- -£24.50 in total for 7 weeks (£3.50 per person, per session)

Tuesday (03/06/25 - 15/07/25)

- Reception to Year 2 Cricket-18 Spaces
- Years 3 to 6 Cricket-18 Spaces
- -£24.50 in total for 7 weeks (£3.50 per person, per session)

Wedneaday (04/07/25 - 16/07/25)

- Reception to Year 2 Football-18 Spaces
- Years 3 to 6 Football-18 Spaces
- £24.50 in total for 7 weeks (£3.50 per person, per session)

Time- 15:00-16:00

\*If you are booking onto a club after the start date, please note that the price is automatically adjusted on the booking page.

TO BOOK:





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**Bristol Sport Foundation** 

## **IMAGINE Midsomer Norton**

Free Drawing + Painting Workshops

#### Landmarks of Midsomer Norton

Outdoors Meet + Sketch the Town 15 May 2025 1-2pm (adults)

#### **Hollies Council Chambers** 15 + 16 May 2025 3:30-5pm (4-14 yrs)

Come along to a free art workshop with local artist so Slade. Create artworks of your favourite places and buildings in Midsomer Norton.

No experience needed. All materials provided. Your creation will become part of a vibrant, large-scale artwork displayed on the high street for everyone to see!



IMAGINE Midsomer Norton is a new project Midsomer Worton exploring the future of the town centre.









## **IMAGINE Midsomer Norton**

Free **Portrait** Workshops



## We Are Midsomer Norton!

**Hollies Council Chambers** 15 + 22 May 2025 3:30-5pm

Come along to a free portrait drawing and painting workshop with local artist Steve (Griff) Griffiths, celebrating the stories of Midsomer Norton people.

Materials provided - please feel free to bring along an image of yourself or a family member to work from. Suitable for all ages.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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In December 2024, you shared your ideas for Midsomer Norton town centre. Those ideas are now being transformed into a shared vision for the town centre, including a set of exciting public realm design possibilities.

Visit the Hollies Chamber (next to the library) to see the first ideas, have your say, and meet the design team. Your feedback will help to shape our next steps.

You can also learn about the reset of Bath & North East Somerset Council's Local Plan - a long-term plan for housing and economic growth in the wider area.

Open to all! Free family activities and refreshments available.

Thursday 15 May, 1pm to 5pm Friday 16 May, 10am to 5pm Saturday 17 May, 10am to 2pm Hollies Chamber, Midsomer Norton High Street what3words: ///vivid.dozens.restored
More info and have your say online: www.bathnesregen.co.uk
Email: regeneration\_team@bathnes.gov.uk

