

Purple Pages



Weekly Newsletter: 20th June 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: HONESTY



Message from the Headteacher

This week we held our annual Sports Day, a huge thanks to Mr Smith for organising both the field and track events and to all of you that were able to join us as spectators. Congratulations to **Harris** House who were this year's winners, the other houses positions are as follows -

1st: Harris	2568 points
2nd: Kelston	2475 points
3rd: Sperring	2442 points
4th: Mayne	2306 points

Today we have welcomed our new families to St John's with them attending our Teddy Bears Picnic. It was lovely to see so many familiar faces as well as new ones joining St John's for the first time.

This time of year is an exciting one with children joining us in Reception, our Year Six moving on to secondary school and others moving on to their next class. The classes for next year have been announced further on in this newsletter. The children will have the opportunity to meet their new teacher and explore their new classrooms during the shuffle up morning on Thursday 3rd July. With this in mind, it is time to announce some new staff joining us in September. Miss Taylor and Miss Locke will be joining the team and are looking forward to working alongside you on your child's learning journey next year.

Mrs West-Gaul

Car Parking

Could we please remind everyone to be careful where you park your cars when dropping off and collecting from school.

Please ensure cars are parked appropriately and do not block any access. Thank you.

Dates For Your Diary

June

26th Little Acorns Stay & Play, 9.30am
DoodleMaths Parent Workshop, 2.45pm

July

1st: Year Three Trip to Stonehenge
2nd: WEMA Choir Festival
4th: PTA Summer Fete and Non-Uniform Day
7th Sycamore Geography Field Trip
9th Willow Geography Field Trip
15th Year Six Production, 6pm:
"High School Musical"
18th Year Six Leavers' Assembly, 1.45pm

Come and join us for our Patronal Festival

**A family service celebrating
the birth of St John the Baptist**



**10am Sunday 22nd June,
St John the Baptist Church,
Midsomer Norton.**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Class Structure 2025/26

Current Class 2024/25	Class for 2025/26	Teacher
Acorns (please see separate letter)	1A Ash	Miss Maggs/Mrs Powell
	1B Birch	Miss George
1A Ash	2A Chestnut	Mrs Haigh
1B Birch	2B Elm	Miss Taylor
2A Chestnut	3B Holly	Miss Moody
2B Elm	3A Hazel	Mr Yarlett
3A Hazel	4B Oak	Mrs Vu
3B Holly	4A Maple	Miss Wood
4A Maple	5A Pine	Mr Howells
4B Oak	5B Rowan	Miss Perkins
5A Pine	6A Sycamore	Miss Locke
5B Rowan	6B Willow	Miss Drew
*Support staff will be deployed across the school		

Awards and Achievements

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



	Star of the Week	Star Reader
Acorns	Eden Chester	Leo P Leo K
Ash	Sammy	Lyra
Birch	Ronan	Eva
Chestnut	Nancy-Rose	Poppy-Rose
Elm	Lexi	James
Hazel	Myka	Mason
Holly	Evie	Myla
Maple	Amelia L	Isaac
Oak	Thomas	Aoife
Pine	Oliver	Leo
Rowan	Henry	William
Sycamore	Isla	Harry
Willow	Arthur	Isabelle H



Top Doodling Class

HOLLY

Well done!



PE Stars of the Week

Year 6 Sycamore - Finley G and Poppy
 Year 6 Willow - Ashley and Alfie
 Year 5 Rowan - Jude and Harper
 Year 5 Pine - Tyler
 Year 4 Maple - Brie and Ezra
 Year 4 Oak - Bella
 Year 3 Holly - Shakai
 Year 3 Hazel - Riley

Well done!

Out of School Achievement

Hugo & Leo in Birch Class took part in their first Taekwon-Do tournament last weekend and won medals!

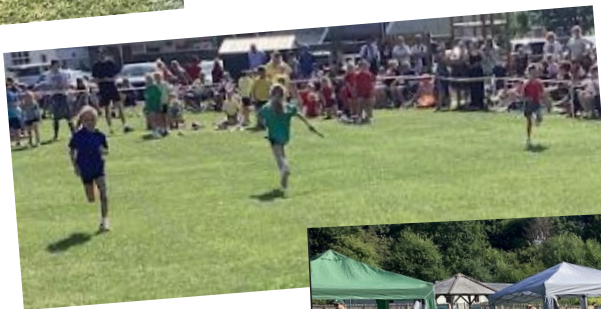
Leo got Gold in Patterns and Hugo got Bronze in patterns! They also took part in a High Kick event.



Hot Chocolate Friday



Sports Day



Reading in Year Four

This term, we have been exploring *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown. The children are thoroughly enjoying discovering more about Roz and following the exciting adventures she undertakes.

This week in Forest School, we have been creating our own wild robots using clay. We are eagerly looking forward to finding out what happens next in this captivating story!

Doodle Maths Parent Workshop



Doodle Maths Parent Workshop

We are pleased to invite you to a DoodleMaths Parent Workshop on **Thursday 26th June from 2:45 - 3:00pm.**

This short session will be delivered by a representative from DoodleMaths and will reintroduce how the app works, highlight its many benefits and show how it supports your child's maths learning at home.

Earlier in the week, we'll be relaunching DoodleMaths with the children. Thursday's workshop will give you a helpful overview of what they've been introduced to and how you can get involved.

We hope you can join us!

Reminders

Somervale Year 11 Leavers Day

Please note Somervale School will have the Year 11 Leavers Day on Thursday 26th June. There will therefore be a huge amount of congestion in the car park on that day so please consider either walking or parking elsewhere on that morning.

Midsomer Norton Town Fayre Saturday 12th July, 12.30pm-5pm

Entries may be brought to the School Office on the morning of 10th July, as the organisers will be happy to collect these. Please note, we will be unable to accept entries on any other day and arrangements would need to be made to deliver them to the show directly. It would be lovely to see St. John's well represented at the show!

Don't forget, we will also be participating in the Maypole Dancing, so please do come and watch!

Recycling

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



School Open Days

Will your child be starting school in September 2006, or perhaps you know a family with a child looking to start school?

We are offering new 'Stay and Play' sessions to introduce you and your child to the school. These will be informal, fun play sessions led by our experienced early years teacher and will include a tour of the school, with opportunities to view life at St. John's and ask any questions.

The first session will be held on:

Thursday 26th June at 9.30am.

To register your interest, please contact the School Office:
office@stjohns.mnsp.org.uk

 **St John's**
C of E Primary School

JOIN OUR LITTLE ACORNS

Will your child be starting school in September 2026?

Join us for our new **'Stay and Play'** sessions to introduce you to our school.

First session: Thursday 26th June at 9:30am

Included:

- Play session led by experienced early years teacher
- 'Open Day' tour of the school
- Refreshments

THURSDAY
26TH JUNE
9:30

TUESDAY
30TH SEPT
9:30

TUESDAY
14TH OCT
9:30

OPEN EVENING : TUES 4TH NOV 6-7PM

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PTA News





Summer Holiday Clubs

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



St Johns Primary School

Midsomer Norton
BA3 2JN

**28th - 30th July, 4th - 7th
August, 11th - 13th August**
9-3pm
HHH 9-1pm, extend till 3pm



West Pennard Primary School

West Pennard
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**24th - 25th, 28th - 30th
July**
9-3pm
HHH 9-3pm



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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

AGE RESTRICTION
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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS

YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate material than YouTube, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to young viewers. One investigation found that YouTube Kids had shown videos that promote skin bleaching, weight loss, drug culture and firearms to children as young as two, as inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.

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CENSORED

BE WARY OF ADVERTISING

Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features pervasive advertising before a video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family friendly and are subject to a strict review process, it's worth noting that YouTube Kids collects information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.

BUY NOW!

DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE

YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the reward system of points or virtual stickers, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to switch off. Research has shown that spending too much time using digital services such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.

SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED

YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, enabling you to set screen time limits and curate the content children are able to view; however, children are often more tech-savvy than we think. They can easily bypass or tweak these settings if they have access to the associated Google account password, thereby exposing themselves to age-inappropriate and potentially dangerous content.

AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION

There is also a risk of children accessing videos that contain disinformation and misinformation. A BBC investigation found that some YouTube channels are using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to create misleading 'scientific' videos that are recommended to children as educational content. These videos included conspiracy theories and ideas that lack scientific backing.

DATA COLLECTION RISK

While there are limits on the data that YouTube can collect on children under 13, children can still inadvertently give away sensitive information when using YouTube Kids. The platform collects data on children's viewing habits, content searches and location, which YouTube and third-party advertisers can use.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PARENTAL CONTROLS

YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as 'Preschool' or 'Younger'. You can also turn off the search function, so that only those videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.

CHECK WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the 'Recommended' icon at the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos they've been viewing, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's 'My Activity' page.

SET TIME LIMITS

The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits screen time and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about and of keeping an eye on what they're watching.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced journalist with more than 10 years of experience covering the technology industry. Previously a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly is now a freelance journalist, editor, and copywriter. Her bylines include Forbes, TechRadar, Tes, The INQUIRER, The Metro, Uswitch, and WIRED.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/youtube-kids-2025>

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Support Line

by parents for parents



Looking for....

- a supportive ear to **listen**
- ideas from **parents** who know about SEND
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KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY CONNECTED

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PLAY & WELLBEING GROUP MIDSOMER NORTON

Come and be part of a welcoming space where families with primary aged children and siblings can grow, play, and connect through planned activities and free play with their child(ren).

Facilitated by our Play Support Workers, our weekly sessions are designed to support both children and parents by encouraging positive interactions in an inclusive and friendly environment.

Through shared play experiences, families can:

- Build confidence
- Support with wellbeing
- Develop social skills
- Strengthen bonds that carry over into everyday life at home
- meet other parents/carers and feel a real sense of belonging and community.

**SCAN BELOW TO
REGISTER YOUR
INTEREST!**

Where?
Somerset Centre, Gulluck
Tyning, Midsomer Norton,
Radstock
BA3 2UH

When?
Starts Thurs 5th June
3.30pm - 4.45pm
Term Time Only



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)

Wednesday (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.

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For more details, and to book your place, please contact: musicoffice@wells cathedral.org.uk



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Summer Soccer Camps

Tuesday 22nd – Friday 25th July
Tuesday 29th July – Friday 1st August

Summer Early Bird Discount Prices
Online bookings received by Monday 30th June
Individual Days: £23 Full Week (4 Day Week): £82

Standard Summer Prices
(Bookings made after Monday 30th June)
Individual Days: £27 Full Week (4 Day Week): £95

Full Week Sibling Discount details available on website
Soccer camps are aimed at boys and girls aged 7-11

Course Times: 9:30 – 3:15
(can arrive from 8:45)

Example of Our Day Plan

8:45 - 9:30 Sign in / Arrival Games
9:30 Welcome / AD Rules
9:45 Fun football activity
10:45 Snack break
11:00 World Cup Style Football Tournament
12:30 Lunch
1:15 Tournament continued
2:45 Daily Awards
3:00 - 3:15 Sign Out

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What Parents Say

I found Active Development when I was looking for activities for my older boy 12 years ago. He loved it and attended 3 years on the trot. Then years later my younger boy has just attended his first sessions and also loved it. Both boys didn't know any other children and were very young, but because of the friendly, fun, inclusive and attentive atmosphere they both wanted more. So thank you lads for setting up such a great active place for children to enjoy and grow.

Jo, Parent,
St Nicholas Primary School

My child has really enjoyed the Football Camps with Nathan and his team. They are always very polite and great with the children. Looking forward to next year and my younger one will be able to go too. Definitely recommend. 5 Star all round.

Samantha, Parent,
Chewton Mendip

I can't thank active development enough for the football holiday clubs they have provided over the years. Owen first attended when he was age 7 and every year since he has enjoyed being part of the sessions. The coaching, structure of the day and enthusiasm of all the coaches is amazing. Owen always leaves wanting more and the smiles on the children's faces at pick up says it all.

Amy, Parent,
St John's Primary School

Thank you all the last couple of weeks. They had the best time and have already asked when the next camp is!

Katherine, Parent, Westfield Primary School

They have had the best two weeks with you all, so a massive thank you. Not done anything like this before and has already asked me if we can come next time.

Kim, Parent,
Norton Hill Primary School

Oh heyyyyyyyy class of 2025!

Do you have a little one starting their school journey in September?

Come along to our school starter socials and let them make friends with their new classmates (& make sure there are plenty of friendly faces on that playground for you too!)

Find your school below and book tickets for the corresponding date and time from the events list. We can't wait to welcome you!

August

19th at 3pm = St Johns Primary

All sessions will take place in either the **2-3pm slot** or the **3-4pm slot**, and you are very welcome to pop into the cafe for coffee & snacks etc afterwards.

Tickets admit one school newbie and one adult and include a small goody bag for each child.

Spaces are limited on each sesh so get booking people!

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