

# Purple Pages



Weekly Newsletter: 11th July 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

We must start this weeks Purple Pages with a huge thank you to our PTA and all of the volunteers who helped at the summer fete last week. They raised a grand total of £4812.37 profit. Thank you also to all of you for coming along and supporting the event. I think you'll all agree it was another incredible fundraising event which all goes towards supporting the school in developing our offer to the children.

This week has been 'Arts Week' at St John's. Our work this year has been based around the painting 'A Regatta on the Grand Canal' by Canaletto. Each year group has taken a different part of the picture and used a variety of media to represent it in their own way. Please do stop by our art gallery after school today and first thing Monday morning to look at the children's work. A huge thank you to Mrs Vu, our Art Lead, for organising the week.

As well as Arts Week there have also been lots of other enrichment activities taking place across the school. Year Six have had their local trip exploring the land uses of Midsomer Norton and how this has changed over time, On Tuesday they also had a visit from an artist. Choir have had their lunchtime concert in Church, which was spectacular. And the PSCOs have spoken to our Year Six children about online safety and their role as members of the community.

Your children's end of year reports have been sent this week. For your child's most up to date attendance figure, please check your Arbor app. Should you wish to discuss anything further, please make an appointment with your child's class teacher before the end of term.

*Mrs West-Gaul*

### Dates For Your Diary

#### July

14th	8:00- 8:3am, Art Gallery in the Studio
15th	Year Six Production, 6pm: "High School Musical"
16th	Acorns Trip to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm
17th	PTA Year Six Leavers' Party
18th	Year Six Leavers' Assembly, 1.45pm

### Extra-Curricular Clubs

#### Terms 1 & 2

The list of extra-curricular clubs, organised by our teachers, for terms 1 and 2 has now been sent out. Please ensure that your complete the form indicating your child's preferences by next Monday, (14th July). Please note, all clubs will commence the week beginning 8th September.

#### Clubs cancelled next week

A reminder that clubs on Wednesday and Thursday next week have been cancelled. Please arrange to collect your child(ren) at 3pm.



# Awards and Achievements

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



	Star of the Week	Star Reader
Acorns	Alfie Leo P	Ruby Sophia
Ash	Jenna	Emilia
Birch	Hugo	Freddie W
Chestnut	Daisy M	Sofia
Elm	Melania	Ayda
Hazel	Lucas	Aoife
Holly	Darcey	Jennifer
Maple	Jayden	Daisy
Oak	Lola	Charlie
Pine	Reggie	Bo
Rowan	Olivia	April
Sycamore	Fin W	Frankie
Willow	Murray	Molly



## Top Doodling Class

**HAZEL**

Well done!



## PE Stars of the Week

Year 6 Sycamore - Rex  
 Year 6 Willow - Murray  
 Year 5 Rowan - Jacob  
 Year 5 Pine - Reggie  
 Year 4 Maple - Tommy G and Soraya  
 Year 4 Oak - Jack B and Mollie  
 Year 3 Holly - Alina  
 Year 3 Hazel - Imogen  
 Year 2 Elm - Casey  
 Year 2 Chestnut - Harvey  
 Year 1 Ash - Taylor  
 Year 1 Birch - Stanley

Well done!

## Hot Chocolate Friday



## Join the Doodle Summer Challenge!

1st July – 31st August

Keep kids learning over the holidays  
 + earn FREE pin-badges + certificates!



Scan the QR code or visit  
[doodlelearning.com/challenge](https://doodlelearning.com/challenge)  
 to find out more.



# Out of School Achievements



Harry from Oak Class was pleased to receive 100m swimming certificate at the weekend - well done Harry!



Henry in Year 5 was awarded Most Improved Junior Athlete at Somer AC's end of season presentation.

## Lost Property

There is a lot of lost property in boxes outside the Pottery Room entrance. Please come and retrieve your items - any items remaining at the end of term will be disposed of.



## 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  
BA6 8NT

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



*"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.

## Cake Sale in support of MIND.

On Monday 14th July, our wellbeing rep pupils will be holding a cake sale after school, in support of the mental health charity 'Mind' <https://www.mind.org.uk>

All cake slices / cupcakes and biscuits will be 50p each.

Any donations of bakes would be very happily received - please bring them to the pottery room on Monday morning.



# Reading in Year One



In Year One this week we enjoyed reading our favourite book from the book corner.

Here are some things that a few of our children said about their chosen book:

"I like it because I like telling the time and I like wolves"

"It's my favourite because I like geography and I like learning about the UK"

"I like it because I have a different version at home"

"I like learning about spiders"



# Learning in Year Six

## Year 6 Local Studies Field Trip

This week, our amazing Year 6 students have been out in the local area conducting research about how Midsomer Norton has evolved as a settlement. By carrying out an architectural survey of the town centre, a field sketch of the railway centre and a landscape survey near the old train line, the children were able to determine that Midsomer Norton previously functioned as a medieval market town and then later as an important centre for industry. They also noted the importance of agriculture in the surrounding area, too. Furthermore, the children did a land-use survey of the town centre to prove that the area presently has a tertiary (service) function.



# New Payments Systems

**Please be aware that from the end of this school year, St John's Primary School will no longer be using ParentPay as our payments system.**

This will be replaced by two systems:

## **Arbor Parent Portal**

From 1st September, we will be using Arbor Parent Portal to take payments for all trips, breakfast club, after school nursery care, costs associated with clubs and any other general activities/items.

Once the items have been made live, you will be able to see these on the portal, so that you can book sessions and make payments as necessary.

You should already have accessed your Arbor Parent Portal, but if you have not, or are having any issues, please contact the school office.

If you need to book breakfast club or Nursery after school club for the first week of the school year, please email the school office and we will add your child to the register and add any charge to the system.

Please ensure that any ParentPay debts are cleared at your earliest convenience in order to help with a smooth transition from ParentPay to Arbor.

## **SchoolGrid**

All school meals will be ordered and paid for via a new system called SchoolGrid from September.

Please look out for an email from SchoolGrid (this will be sent to the child's 1st priority contact, as per the details held on Arbor), which will be sent to your inbox in the next week. It is really important that you follow the instructions in the email to set up your account. Once you have, you will be able to start ordering and paying for your child/ren's school meals for September onwards.

School meals will continue to be ordered and paid for via ParentPay until the end of this term. Any credits/debts in the school meals accounts will be transferred to your SchoolGrid account.

## **Nursery Fees/Invoices**

For those of you who are expecting to pay for nursery fees during the Summer - this is the only item that will continue to be payable via ParentPay. This is due to the nature of the invoicing system. Your July and August invoices will be added to ParentPay. Please ensure that your balances are cleared at your earliest convenience, to ensure a smooth transition to Arbor payments in September.

**If you have any questions about any of the above, please contact the school office.**



# Summer Holiday Camps

**Midsumer Norton**  
**28<sup>th</sup> July - 15<sup>th</sup> August**  
 • St Benedicts  
 • Football  
 • Multi-Sports



Presentation ceremony on the final day



Inspired Schools  
 01278 550945  
 hello@inspiredschools.co.uk  
 inspiredschools.co.uk/parents

**£20** Per day

**10%** Whole week discount

**15%** Sibling discount

<https://inspiredschools.ipalbookings.com>

**Happy Healthy Holidays FREE Places**

- Register for our community now
- Booking goes live at 10.00am on Monday 23rd June

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

For paid places



## ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH PRESENTS 'MONUMENTS AND MEMORIES' AND TOWER TOURS

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER  
 20<sup>TH</sup>  
 12PM - 5PM**

**REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE**

### Second Hand September

In September St John's School Council will be holding a number of second hand events.

**Friday 12th Sept: Second Hand Uniform Sale**

**Friday 19th Sept: Second Hand Book Sale**

**Friday 26th Sept: Second Hand Toy Sale**

Everything will be sold for a contribution and all proceeds will be spent by the School Council members on ways to improve our school!

If you have any contributions, please pop in the blue bin outside the main school office.

Watch this space for more details.

**GET Ready for**  
**SECOND HAND SEPTEMBER**



## PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2025



[moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free](https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free)

### ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

Kids under 6 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

### ASDA

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

### ASK ITALIAN

Kids under 10 eat for £1 during school holidays

### BEEFEATER

Kids Eat FREE with Newsletter Voucher this Summer

### BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main

### BILLS

Kids Eat Free weekdays, 21st July - 29th Sept

### BREWERS FAYRE

Kids Eat FREE with Newsletter Voucher this Summer

### BREWDOG

2 Kids eat free with 1 adult, 19th July - 31st August

### BURGER KING

From 28th July - 31st August, Kids Eat Free (via app)

### CHIQUITO

Kids eat FREE Daily Until August 31st

### DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

### FRANKIE & BENNY'S

Kids Eat Free from 14th July - 31st August 2025

### FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

### GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

### HARVESTER

Kids eat for £1, Mon - Fri via the App

### HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

### IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

### LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

### MARCO PIERRE WHITE

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

### MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

### PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

### PREMIER INN & TRAVELODGE

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

### PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

### PUREZZA

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

### SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

### SIZZLING PUBS

Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

### TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

### TESCO

Kids Eat FREE with a 60p spend until Aug 31st

### TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

### THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

### TOBY CARVERY

Kids eat for £1 all day (weekdays) until Aug 29th

### WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

### YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

### ZIZZI

Kids eat free this summer holidays (ex Saturdays)

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**Kids Summer Activities**  
 Everyone welcome. Free, family activities at Old Printworks Arts  
 lostrobot.org / @studiolostrobot / Waterloo Road, Radstock, BA3 3EP

SCAN ME  


**JUNKSTRUMENTS**  


Making noisy instruments with scrap materials  
 10 - 12pm and 1 - 3pm  
 Wednesday 23 July  
 Thursday 24 July  
 Friday 25 July

EXPLORE THE HISTORY OF PROTEST IN FASHION  
**PROTEST FASHION**  
 Make your own  
 Logos  
 Slogans  
 Stickers  
 Tote bags  
 Pin bags

Materials provided, or bring your own  
 10 - 12pm and 1 - 3pm  
 Thursday 31 July

**Comic Creations**  


Make your own characters and comic strips  
 10 - 12pm and 1 - 3pm  
 Tuesday 26 August  
 Wednesday 27 August




 Supported using public funding by  
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**FREE**

# Found in Combe Down: Archaeology from the Area

## Saturday 19 July 2025

### Church Rooms – The Avenue Combe Down 11am to 3pm

Join us in Combe Down for a close look at this village's archaeology. Have a go at some creative crafts, see maps and pictures showing Combe Down's special places.

Find out about the village's important role in local history and see archaeological finds from the Roman villa and the stone mines that built Bath.






## Victoria Art Gallery, Bath

Throughout the school holidays, enjoy free family craft sessions in our new modelling room. Get hands-on with art and nature: paint with colourful pens, create butterfly bracelets, make birds with bright paper feathers, and decorate oak trees and leaves for our special display. Sessions run 10.30am–12.30pm on selected dates from 25 July to 22 August.

For those keen to explore further, our NEW Mini Makers workshops are perfect for budding artists up to 11 years old. Create nature-inspired art, from origami bird mobiles and leafy designs to printed artworks and poetry decorations. Booking is recommended to secure a spot. These expert-led sessions run on select dates from 23 July–21 August, session times are 10.30am–12.30pm and 1.30–3.30pm. £5 per making participant

Little artists and curious minds can enjoy our new Art Explorers family area, designed to encourage discovery and play in the gallery setting.