

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another school year, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and partnership throughout the year. It has been a year full of learning, growth, and wonderful achievements, and I am incredibly proud of all our pupils.

From exciting class projects and school trips to sports days and musical performances, our children have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm and resilience. Their hard work, creativity, and kindness have shone through in so many ways.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff team, who go above and beyond to create a nurturing and inspiring environment for all of our children. Their commitment makes our school a truly special place.

A special mention to Mr Smith, Mrs Forse and Ms Banwell who are leaving our staff team this year. They have all contributed so much to St John's and we will miss them next year. I am sure you will join us in wishing them the very best for their next adventures.

To those families who are moving on - especially our Year 6 leavers - we wish you all the very best in your next steps. You will always be part of the St John's family.

I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved, restful summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year ahead.

Mrs West-Gaul

Dates For Your Diary

September

1st INSET DAY 1
2nd INSET DAY 2
3rd Children return to school
9th Year 3 Swimming starts
24th and 25th Individual and sibling photos
18th Meet the Teacher after school
19th PTA EYFS New parents coffee morning at 8:30am
25th PTA AGM at 3:15pm - everyone is welcome to attend!
27th PTA Outdoor Family Cinema Evening
30th Little Acorns Stay and Play - Open Day for Reception 2026

Extra-Curricular Clubs - Terms 1 & 2

Please note, all clubs will commence the week beginning 8th September.

Thank you for your kind donation of £60. We really appreciate it.

Your donation will support [vital helplines](#), provide [life-saving information](#) and maintain [online peer support services](#) for people when they need it most. With your donation, we can continue to [campaign](#) and protect the rights of people with mental health problems.

Mental health isn't hidden anymore. It's on the front pages. On the political agenda. Spoken about by royalty. For millions of people, mental health is now something to be honest about – not ashamed of.

With the support of people like you, the Mind community has been at the heart of this transformation.

Here are some of the things we're proud of from our latest impact report:

In one year

- Mind responded to over **128,000** queries to our support and information helpline
- our mental health information was accessed **21.4 million** times
- almost **2 million** people had a conversation about mental health as a result of Time to Talk Day.

But we know there's much more to do.

Thank you again for your valuable support. With your help, we will not give up until everyone experiencing a mental health problem gets the support and respect they deserve.

Awards and Achievements

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



End of Year Awards

Certificate of Sporting Excellence
Frank

Jane Hughes Award
Certificate of Music and Drama
Lucy

The Lisa Rupprecht Award
Memorial Cup for Endeavour
Rocco

Certificate of Achievement
Harry and Seth

The Progress Award
Frankie and Nyla

The St John's Values Award
Sidney and Noah R

The Personal Development Award
Kara and Isabelle



Top Doodling Class

HAZEL

Well done!

Sport at St. John's

We will be working with Ignite Sport from September who will be offering after-school sport clubs.

Please see the letter to parents with a link for booking sessions.

Out of School Achievements

Congratulations to Stephen, in Acorns, who won first prize for his entry into the Midsomer Norton Fayre competition!
Well done!



Hot Chocolate Friday





Mini Mojos

Summer Holiday Clubs

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

<p>St Johns Primary School Midsomer Norton BA3 2JN</p> <p>28th - 30th July, 4th - 7th August, 11th - 13th August 9-3pm HHH 9-1pm, extend till 3pm</p>	<p>West Pennard Primary School West Pennard BA6 8NT</p> <p>24th - 25th, 28th - 30th July 9-3pm HHH 9-3pm</p>
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"All 3 of my children came home full of joy."

Register for our community & **BOOK NOW!**

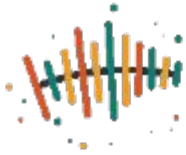
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OR USE OUR HANDY QR CODE PAID SPACES



Happy Healthy Holiday FREE Spaces

TO BOOK, GET YOUR CODE FROM YOUR SCHOOL OFFICE.



West of England MUSIC

There are now spaces available for guitar lessons starting in September, places are limited so if interested please find more information from this link'

<https://wema.org.uk/music-hub/young-people-families/learn-to-play/>

Reading in Acorns

This term we have loved exploring lots of story and information books linked to our topic 'Down at the bottom of the garden'. We have found out all about different plants and animals that we might find in our gardens and we particularly enjoyed watching our caterpillars grow and change into beautiful butterflies!



Reading in Nursery



This week, the children at Next Steps have been enjoying story books all about starting school.

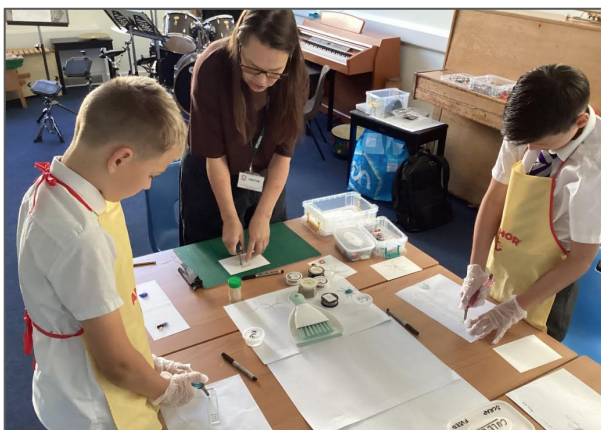
The children have particularly enjoyed listening to 'The Colour Monster Goes to School' and have been laughing lots about the unusual items Colour Monster wants to take with him (including moon boots and bat repellent!). Colour Monster tries to guess what school might be like, and the adventures he will have once there. Colour Monster experiences a range of emotions throughout his day, and we have been able to use this to talk about our own feelings when things seem uncertain or new.

This story is the transitional text for our pre-school children who are joining St John's. It will be re-shared with them when they start school in September, and their new teachers will work with them to enjoy lots of creative and playful activities based upon the book.

Learning in Year Five

After a fantastic workshop earlier this term with a visiting glass artist, Year Five (Pine and Rowan classes) were thrilled to finally take home their fused glass bugs this week.

Each unique creation, complete with painted eyes, is part of the class's colourful army of bugs. The children loved designing their creatures and were so proud to see the finished results after firing in the kiln!



Sports Coach

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Ignite Sport is very excited to be coming to St. John's C of E Primary School from September.

Through positive experiences of PE, after school sports clubs and holiday sports camps, our coaches will strive to engage and inspire as many children as possible at St. John's to be **active**, **healthy** and **fulfilled** for life.

I founded **Ignite Sport** in November 2024 following a 22-year career in the education, sports coaching and charity sectors. From 2014 to 2024, I designed and directed Bristol Sport Foundation's Forever Sport programme from the ground up and a team of two to a team of over 50 coaches.

I was fortunate to have a very active childhood with lots of opportunities to play sport and I firmly believe that early access to a broad array of sports is a key ingredient for children to build a positive long-term attitude towards sport and physical activity.

Ignite Sport's clubs and camps will provide safe, inclusive, fun and active opportunities for the children at St. John's to take part in sports activities at the end of the school day and during the school holidays.

Sport and exercise develop skills for life – from collaboration and courage to teamwork and determination. **Ignite Sport** believe that most importantly it should be fun and challenging for everyone, regardless of the level of competition and participation. We look forward to teaching and coaching your children next year.

We have extended your after school sports clubs to 75 minutes to ensure that the children enjoy a full hour of physical activity and sport. Our term 1 clubs are now live for bookings!

Please find the link to our booking page here - <https://www.abler.io/shop/ignitesport>.

Best wishes,

Tom Monks
Ignite Sport's Managing Director and Founder

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.

PTA NEWS

Dear Parents and Guardians

St John's PTA are delighted to announce a new event for Term 1 of the next academic year.

We will be hosting a Family Outdoor Cinema Night.1 on Saturday 20th September.

But we need your help to decide on a film! Please vote on the attached so we can see what is most wanted.

Please fill in this form: [FORM](#)

More details of the event to follow but for now save the date!

Thanks
PTA



Autumn Invitation

Dear Y6,

It has been great watching you progress through your time at St John's School. We will miss you!

But moving up to secondary school doesn't have to mean goodbye, St John's is still your parish church and we would love to know how you are getting on!

*After the summer, why not join us for our **Tower Tours** between 2-5pm on **Saturday 20th September**?*

*Or better still why not come to our **Y7 drop-in** after school in the church between 3.30-5pm on **Wednesday 15th October**. It will be a time to catch up with some old friends and enjoy some refreshments and possibly some cake! So make a note in your diary, we would love to see you.*

Have a wonderful summer and a great start at secondary school. We hope to see you in the autumn!

*Best wishes from **Guy, Philip and all at St John's Church**.*





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.

 PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2025 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 14 th July – 31 st 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 50p 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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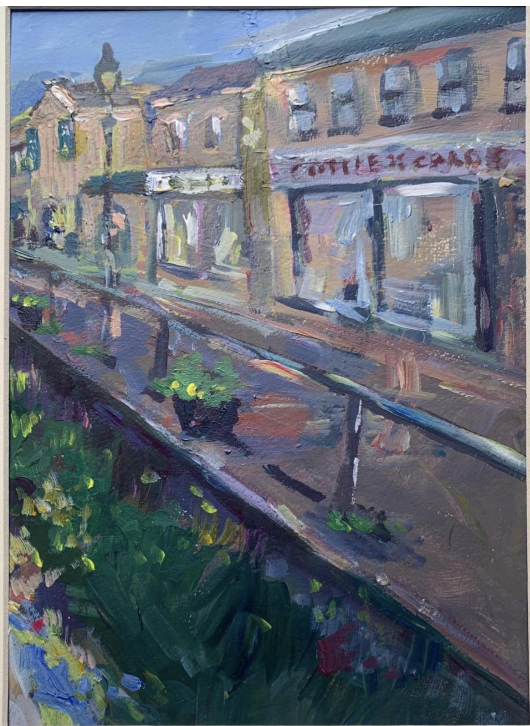
Shape Your High Street

This summer, the heart of Midsomer Norton will be transformed into a vibrant celebration of creativity and collaboration with the launch of Shape Your High Street – a weekend-long free high street trail of creative works by four local artists.

Each artwork, created in collaboration with the community of Midsomer Norton, celebrates the town’s culture and identity and expresses hopes for its future.

The trail can be explored at your own pace throughout the weekend, or there are a series of free events and performances which you can find out about here:

<https://www.44ad.net/imagine-midsomer-norton.html>



IMAGINE Midsomer Norton

Shape your High Street

Arts Weekender 25-27 July 2025

Come and join us!
Landmarks by Jo Slade
Poetry by P Burton-Morgan
Portraits by Steve 'Griff' Griffiths
Music by China Blue Fish and Trevphonic
All created with the community of Midsomer Norton

More Info + Events

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

Enquiries: IMAGINEartcomm@gmail.com
Info: www.bathnesregen.co.uk www.44AD.net

IMAGINE Midsomer Norton

Arts Weekender 25-27 July 2025

Thank you to the IMAGINE artists, local businesses, groups, and community of Midsomer Norton. Your creativity, support, and imagination have turned this project into a truly memorable celebration of our wonderful high street!

Zen Rebel Cafe
Fri 25 July
Arts Weekender Launch Event
6-8pm

P Burton-Morgan
Breathless - a 50+ poem poetry trail woven throughout MSN featuring poetry from award-winning local poet P Burton-Morgan & community poets aged 4-96 yrs. From Bob's Palais to canoeing down the high street, from biking to Weston to dropping in at the skatepark...

China Blue Fish
Home for me - a song for MSN, written by singer songwriter China Blue Fish and producer Trevphonic. Featuring voices from the community, beautiful sounds of 'The Good Morning Choir' and inspiration from 'The Dunkerton Carting Boys'. A song of heart, where old time mining song meets modern electronic beats.

Steve 'Griff' Griffiths
We Are Midsomer Norton! - a portrait series celebrating bold thinkers, creators, and workers of MSN. This is who we are – proud, united, and welcoming. Join us, and be part of something special.

Jo Slade
Landmarks - a display of artwork celebrating iconic sites, reflecting the town's identity today while expressing local hopes and aspirations for the future. Created by artist Jo Slade in collaboration with the MSN community.

Town Park Amphitheatre
Sat 26 July
Performances - 11am
Guided walk - 12pm
Refreshments + Craft Stall

MAP NOT TO SCALE
Not all premises + features included

A visual guide to IMAGINE Arts Weekender participating locations. Some artworks are viewable only during location opening hours.

Bikeability Learn to Ride

BANES has launched the summer programme and still have places available for the Bikeability Learn to Ride summer training.

This module is for children who can't ride a bike, aged between 7 to 16 years old.

To reserve* a place, parents or guardians can fill the form [HERE](#)

Course	Learn to ride training
Cost	£15 per rider
Duration	Two sessions of 45 minutes
Bike & helmet loan	Available and free of charge
Location	Odd Down Sport Ground cycle track Chelwood Road, Bath BA2 2PR
Dates available	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wednesday 30 and Thursday 31 July• Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13 August
Time slots available	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10:00-10:45• 11:00-11:45• 13:00-13:45• 14:00-14:45

**Please be aware that we operate on a first-come, first-served basis. If a place is reserved for your child, we will email you payment instructions to secure your booking.*

Free bus travel

We have been informed by B&NES that during the summer holidays, under 16 year olds (5 - 15) can travel for FREE on buses across WECA.

Further details are available on the website:

<https://www.westofengland-ca.gov.uk/news/kids-go-free-on-the-wests-buses/>

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Bath Royal
 Literary and Scientific Institution

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

JULY - OCTOBER

Did you know about the Academy of Imagination's fantastic summer activities?

-  **Design a T-shirt Competition**
All summer
-  **Storytelling with Objects**
7th AUGUST
-  **Gaming!**
26th AUGUST
-  **Drawing from Fossils**
28th AUGUST
-  **Playing with Printing**
12th/14th/19th/21st AUGUST
-  **Children's Exhibition Tours**
16 Queen Square, Bath
www.brli.org

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SCALES & TAILS ENCOUNTERS SUMMER TOUR

Monday 4th August
Saltford
Keynsham
Oldland Common

Friday 22nd August
Frome
Midsomer Norton + SEN Session

Tuesday 26th August
Lyde Green + SEN Session
Bradley Stoke

TICKET RELEASE DATE: 1st JULY
PRE-RELEASE RESERVE - VIA EMAIL BELOW
TICKETBOOKINGSTE@OUTLOOK.COM

All Locations, Times and Details will be released alongside tickets on 1st July. If you wish to reserve tickets for the events please email us.
 Adults tickets will be £2 each and Child tickets will be £10 each



