

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: LOVE



Message from the Headteacher

It's been lovely to welcome everyone back to school after the summer break. The children have returned with big smiles and plenty of energy, and it's been wonderful to see them settling back into their routines so quickly. A special welcome to our new families — we're so pleased you've joined our school community, and we look forward to getting to know you in the weeks ahead.

This term is already shaping up to be a busy and exciting one, with lots of learning, activities, and events planned. Please read your year group welcome letters to see what your child will be learning this term.

As always we have started the year reminding ourselves of the school vision 'Working together to build a firm foundation for learning and caring' and the Bible story 'Wise Man and the Foolish Man' which underpins this. In collective worship this week we have explored what this looks like in school alongside our three golden rules 'Ready, Respectful and Caring'.

Don't forget next Friday school council will be running their first 'Second Hand September' event with a clothes sale on Friday. All donations welcome. Any money raised will be spent by the school council on something they feel needs improving in school.

Mrs West-Gaul

Dates For Your Diary

September

- 9th: Year 3 Swimming starts
- 12th: Second Hand Uniform Sale
- 19th: Second Hand Book Sale
- 24th & 25th: Individual and sibling photos
- 18th: Meet the Teacher after school
- 19th: PTA EYFS New parents coffee morning at 8:30am
- 20th: PTA Outdoor Family Cinema Evening
- 25th: PTA AGM at 3:15pm
 - everyone is welcome to attend!
- 26th: Second Hand Toy Sale
- 30th: Little Acorns Stay and Play
 - Open Day for Reception 2026



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH



PRESENTS

'MONUMENTS AND MEMORIES'

AND

TOWER TOURS

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER

20TH

12PM - 5PM

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

Pupil Leadership at St John's

In class this week the children have been spoken to about leadership opportunities across the school. This year we are asking children to apply in the form of a letter for certain positions. If your child would like to apply to any of the following positions please ask them to write a letter to the named teacher explaining why they would like to do the role and why they think they would be good at it.

Leadership Position	Brief outline of duties	Year Groups that can apply	Teacher to apply to
Ethos Committee	To support with worship in class and school and to be role models for the school's Christian Values. Need to be confident to read in church services or take part in school worship. Willing to take part in at least one church service on a Sunday during the year.	Years 2-6	Mrs Bradley
Sports Ambassador	Key Responsibilities Encourage classmates to be active during playtimes, lunchtimes and after school. Support the organisation of games and activities on the playground. Demonstrate good sportsmanship, teamwork and respect at all times. Be a positive role model for behaviour, attitude and participation in PE and sport. Help staff to set up and run sports events, clubs, sports days and competitions.	Years 4, 5 and 6	Miss Moody and Miss Maggs
Reading Champion	Organise book clubs and reading corners Support peers with reading tips Recommend favourite books Help run reading events and competitions	Year 3 and 4	Mrs Monks
Digital Leader	They have special jobs like: Keeping the IT suite neat and ready to use Supporting Digital Safety Week and helping others stay safe online Promoting a love of computing and digital skills across the school Being role models for sensible and safe computer use	Years 5 and 6	Mr Howells
Happy Lunchtime Helper	Tasks: Set up, cutlery and water. Help to clear away plates Support younger members of our school with the cutting up of some of their food and encouraged to eat	Years 4, 5 and 6	Mrs Stone
House Captain	Year 6 House Captains represent our school alongside our school councillors. They lead the school tours for our new reception intake, take responsibility for collecting the house points each week and help school leaders to map out our annual programme of inter-house competitions, organising and motivating their teams. They will also be responsible for planning and leading termly house collective worships.	Year 6	Mrs West-Gaul

Awards and Achievements

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



	Star of the Week	Star Reader
Ash	Mila	Chester
Birch	Rebecca	Jesse
Chestnut	Jacob	Ava-Grace
Elm	Isla	Katie
Hazel	Harrison	Lexi
Holly	Harvey	Jasper
Maple	Orri	Sophie
Oak	Rosie	Sophia S
Pine	Brie	Sophie
Rowan	Thomas	Jack B
Sycamore	Reggie	Amber
Willow	DeWet	Ellis

General Messages & Reminders

Consents & Permissions

Please note we will continue to use the permission information, including for the use of photos, which have been previously provided to the school. Should you wish to change these, please contact the School Office: office@stjohns.mnsp.org.uk

PE / Forest School

Please refer to the list of PE & Forest School days which has recently been sent out - please note the requirements of clothing which needs to be worn and brought into school.

Forest School clothes should be those which you and your child are happy to get muddy and wet. Long sleeves and long trousers should always be worn for Forest School for protection against scrapes, stings and bug bites. Crops tops and shorts are not suitable, and your child will be asked to wear spare clothing.

Please ensure your child brings a waterproof coat and trousers and welly boots and has a spare set of clothing (particularly socks) if the weather is expected to be wet.

Everything should be clearly named - thank you for your support with this!

School Meals

Please remember to book school meals via School Grid, our new school meal booking system.

Extra-Curricular Clubs - Terms 1 & 2

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

Ignite Sport offer after-school sport clubs at St. Johns and these bookings should be made direct at: <https://www.abler.io/shop/ignitesport>.

Music Lessons

Please note all instrumental teaching from WEMA (West of England Music) will commence during the week beginning 15th September.



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.

Reading

This week the staff at St John's had a great start to the school year with some reading for pleasure training at Mr B's Emporium of Reading Delights, they also came back with lots of new books to share with the children in class! Make sure you check out our Facebook page for recommendations from the bookshop.



PTA NEWS

Dear Parents and Families

Our first ever Family Outdoor Cinema Night is 2 weeks away and we can not wait to host it! Thank you to everyone who voted – we had 3 clear favourites so decided to let a wheel of chance choose and Minecraft Movie was the winner.

-  Saturday 20th September 2025
-  Gates open 5.30pm
-  Minecraft Movie starts at 7.15pm
-  Running time 1hr 41m
-  St Johns School - Playing Field
-  Entertainment and Games before Film

We will have a Bar available plus stalls selling Sweets, Popcorn, Slushies, Hot Dogs and Candy Floss. There will also be some entertainment before the film starts.

Please purchase your tickets on the below links:

Adult £5

<https://square.link/u/032Xq4A3?src=sheet>

Child £3 - Under 3s are FREE

<https://square.link/u/sGgCefZu?src=sheet>

Family 2A 1C £13

<https://square.link/u/kMJcMwgw?src=sheet>

Family 2A 2C £16

<https://square.link/u/TQ0kRj7m?src=sheet>

Family 2A 3C £19

<https://square.link/u/QT381hrC?src=sheet>

Family 1A 1C £8

<https://square.link/u/0tSgSPKg?src=sheet>

Family 1A 2C £11

<https://square.link/u/DgjhsvoB?src=sheet>

If you require a different Family Ticket than listed above drop us a message and we can create you a payment link.

There is a back up date of Saturday 27th if we fall foul of poor weather – but fingers crossed we have a lovely Septembers evening.

We look forward to seeing you. Details of the funds raised and how these will be spent will be shared at the AGM on Thursday 25th September.

Jess
PTA Chair



Community Notices

MIDSOMER NORTON DRAMA CLUB

Mondays @ Midsomer Norton Methodist Church, BA3 2DR

**Fun • Games • Teamwork • Creative Skills
Show Making • Confidence Building • New Friends**

Ages

6 - 13 Year olds

Times

**4:15pm - 5:15pm &
5:15pm - 6:15pm**

**Free Trial
for all!**



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Attention Parents

Are you parenting a child with ADHD?

Join our **Parents Plus 'Children's ADHD Programme'** and meet other parents of children aged 6-12 in a supportive group to help your child reach their full potential.

Supporting parents to:

- Personally cope and manage stress
- Understand ADHD and how to help your child
- Problem-solve and deal with challenges
- Understand the role of medication

Supporting children to:

- Have a positive understanding of ADHD
- Gain confidence and self-esteem
- Navigate school and homework
- Manage feelings and build friendships

When: Wednesday 8th October 2025 to 3rd December 2025 (excl. half term)
Time: 1230 - 1430

Where: Radstock Children & Family Centre.

Hope House Centre, 10 Waterloo Road, Radstock BA3 3EP.

For more information, please contact:

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