

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 has been a wonderful first full week of the new academic year. The Senior Leadership Team carried out a learning walk this week and were very impressed with how well the children have settled into their new routines across the school. Our Year 3 children have made a great start to their swimming lessons, showing confidence and enthusiasm, and children across the school have begun applying for their pupil leadership roles which we will endeavour to decide upon shortly.

A reminder that on Thursday 18th September you are warmly invited to our 'Meet the Teacher' event after school. This is a valuable opportunity to visit your child's new classroom and speak with their teacher.

We are also very excited to welcome our new Reception children for their first full week with us next week. To help new families connect, the PTA will be hosting a coffee morning for our Reception parents on Friday 19th September – we hope many of you will be able to join us.

Thank you to all of you who have supported our first 'Second Hand September' clothing sale today. Next week it will be the turn of our second hand book sale. Any donations can be put in the blue bin outside of the main office.

Mrs West-Gaul

Dates For Your Diary

September

- 19th: Second Hand Book Sale
- 18th: Meet the Teacher after school
- 19th: PTA EYFS New parents coffee morning at 8:30am
- 20th: PTA Outdoor Family Cinema Evening
- 24th & 25th: Individual and sibling photos
- 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

Awards and Achievements

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



	Star of the Week	Star Reader
Ash	Ariella	Shaylun
Birch	Eden	Leo K
Chestnut	Ruby	Serena
Elm	Stanley	Fred D
Hazel	Hugh	Melania
Holly	Dylan	Zachary
Maple	Mackenzie	Aurelia
Oak	George	Aoife
Pine	Jayden	Matthew
Rowan	Evie	Darcey
Sycamore	Henry	Chloe
Willow	Elsie	William

Top Doodling Class

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Well done!

Ignite Sports Stars of the Week

Year 4 Oak - Eva
 Year 4 Maple - Alina
 Year 3 Holly - Dylan
 Year 3 Hazel - Ted
 Year 2 Chestnut - Leo G
 Year 2 Elm - Oscar
 Year 1 Birch - Rebecca
 Year 1 Ash - Woody

Hot Chocolate Friday



General Messages & Reminders

Donations for Books

As a school we are looking to increase the number of books in our school and class libraries. If anyone knows of any local companies who may be willing to make a donation to support this, please let us know. Thank you.

Storage Unit Required

We are looking for a small shelved storage unit, similar to an 'IKEA Kallax'. If anyone has one which they would be willing to donate please contact Mrs. Flagg to discuss further. Thank you.

Lost Property

A reminder that all lost property is located in front of the Pottery/Year Four entrance. Please have a look through the containers there for items.

Please ensure that all items brought into school are named - if you purchase labels through MyNameTags, the school will receive a percentage of the sale - please ensure you use the code 31825 for the School ID.



Second Hand September

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

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 in Year Six

Within their first weeks of Year Six, both Willow and Sycamore class have been thoroughly enjoying exploring their transition text, *Once Upon an Ordinary School Day*.

Through engaging discussions and thoughtful reflections, pupils have been delving deeper into the story's themes and characters. Alongside this, they have been building upon their vocabulary and comprehension skills during whole class Guided Reading sessions, setting a strong foundation for the year ahead.

Children have also selected books that they would like to personally read for pleasure, choosing some fantastic titles including *The Last Bear*, *The Secret Garden*, and *Alex Rider: Stormbreaker*.

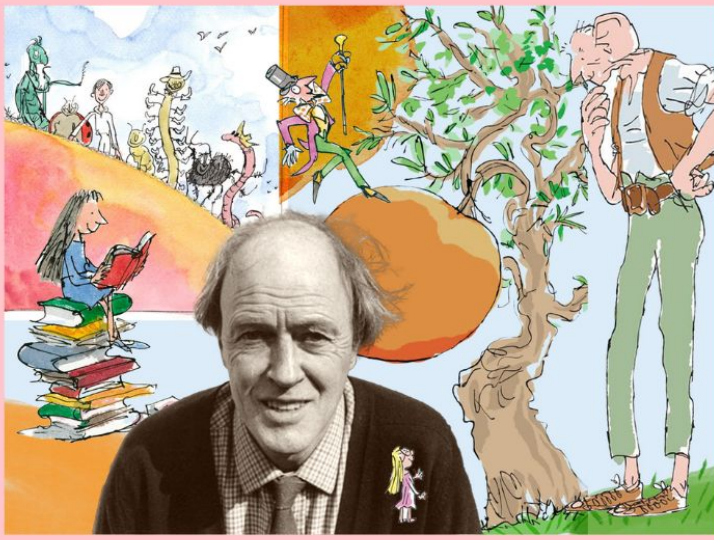
We look forward to hearing all about these books as the children explore them further both inside and outside of school!

Guitar Lessons



Guitar lessons are offered at St. John's via the West of England Music organisation with a teacher visiting the school weekly to provide individual and group lessons.

There is still availability for lessons starting this term and further details are available from the WEMA website: www.wema.org.uk



ROALD DAHL DAY

SATURDAY 13TH
SEPTEMBER 2025

WHY NOT TRY SOME OF THESE IDEAS AT HOME!

1. Roald Dahl Storytime

- Read aloud a favourite Roald Dahl story or chapter from books like *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Matilda*, or *The BFG*.
- Encourage your children to act out parts of the story or discuss their favourite characters and why.

2. Create a Roald Dahl Character

- Using simple art supplies, draw or craft with your children to create your favourite Roald Dahl character.
- Ask questions about the character's traits and story role, fostering comprehension and creativity.

3. Roald Dahl-themed Snack Time

- Make simple snacks inspired by the stories, such as "Gobstoppers" (colourful candies), "Chocolate River" (chocolate milk), or "Witches' Treats" (fruit or cookies).
- This can be a fun way to connect storytelling with sensory experiences.

4. Watch a Roald Dahl Adaptation

- Watch a child-friendly film or animated adaptation of a Roald Dahl book together.
- Afterwards, discuss what they liked about the story and characters.

5. Roald Dahl Word Games

- Play simple word games using vocabulary from Roald Dahl books, such as "find the rhyming word" or "make silly sentences" with Dahl-inspired words.
- This supports literacy and vocabulary development in a fun way.

PTA NEWS

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/kMJcMwqw?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/0tSgSPKq?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 September's 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.

Join us at our AGM this September where we'll share a full rundown of the 2024 - 2025 fundraising and how it's been spent – and we'll also be electing our St Johns PTA committee for 2025–26.

We have the following roles available

 Treasurer

Want to get involved this year?

Whether you're full of ideas, super organised, or just want to support the school community, we'd love to have you on the team!

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Thursday 25th September

 3pm

St John's School Hall



Childcare and Entertainment available

There is no expectation to volunteer at every event or fundraiser – we all do what we can when we can - please get in touch via the below form:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DQSlkWdsW0yxEjajBLZtrQAAAAAAAAAAAAAAMAAN1llqIUNEpYMzhHVFFXWkUyRDhXUjcyS1RUVUs2MC4u>

Community Notices



NHS
Royal United Hospitals Bath
NHS Foundation Trust

Community day

Saturday 13 September, 12 – 4pm

Join us at the RUH and Lansdown Cricket Club, entry is free

- Meet RUH staff
- Emergency vehicles
- Live music (12:30 – 9:30pm)
- Health checks and information
- Art workshops (12.30 – 3.30pm)
- Careers information
- Food and drink
- Family-friendly activities
- Fundraising for RUHX
- Meet PAT dogs

The RUH, where you matter



Find out more

In partnership with:



Poster removal date: 14 September



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:	Supporting children to:
→ Personally cope and manage stress	→ Have a positive understanding of ADHD
→ Understand ADHD and how to help your child	→ Gain confidence and self-esteem
→ Problem-solve and deal with challenges	→ Navigate school and homework
→ Understand the role of medication	→ 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:
Louise Belson 07530-263259 Louise.Belson@bathnes.gov.uk
or Joan Cooper 07875 488581 Joan.Cooper@bathnes.gov.uk

ParentsPlus
Empowering Professionals to Support Families



VOLUNTEER WITH US!

Sendias Bathnes offers **free, impartial and confidential** information, advice and support to children and young people (aged 0-25) with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their parents and carers

We are now recruiting for Meeting Support Volunteers
to join our friendly and professional team

Are you able to give a few hours a week / fortnight to support families in meetings, taking notes for them? This is an interesting and flexible role during term time and full training is provided

For further information and to apply please visit
sendiasbathnes.org.uk/volunteer-us

Closing date: 5pm on 26th September 2025

Call us: 01225 394382
Email us: sendias@bathnes.gov.uk
Text: 07530263401



BATH CHILDREN'S LITERATURE FESTIVAL

26 SEPTEMBER - 5 OCTOBER
2025



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DISCOVERY DAYS

at WEMA Music Centres

Our free-of-charge Discovery Days take place each term and are the perfect chance to try out our Music Centres, meet new friends, and experience the fun of playing in an ensemble. Bring your enthusiasm and see where music can take you!

Ensembles available for a wide variety of instruments, ages and playing levels.



Sign up using the QR code or
visit wema.org.uk/discoveryday

