

Weekly Newsletter: 19th September 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: LOVE



Message from the Headteacher

Thank you to everyone who supported this week's second-hand book sale – it was lovely to see so many families getting involved. Following on from last week, I'm delighted to share that the second-hand uniform sale raised an impressive £87.70. Our final sale of the term will be a second-hand toy sale, taking place next Friday.

This week, children (and staff!) thoroughly enjoyed Wake and Shake Wednesday in celebration of National Fitness Day, and it was wonderful to see so much energy and enthusiasm. Thank you also to those who joined us for the 'Meet the Teacher' event on Thursday – we hope you found it valuable. Today's PTA coffee morning was a warm welcome for our new parents, and we are grateful to everyone who came along. Don't forget to grab your tickets for tomorrow's PTA cinema night!

Looking ahead, next week is another busy one. Years 1, 2 and 3 will enjoy a special author visit on Monday, flu vaccinations are taking place on Tuesday, and individual and sibling photos will be held across Wednesday and Thursday. PTA will be holding their annual AGM in the school hall after school on Thursday - please do come along and get involved in fundraising for our school!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs West-Gaul

Dates For Your Diary

September

- 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: Year Five Trip to We The Curious.
- 30th: Little Acorns Stay and Play
 - Open Day for Reception 2026

October

- 2nd: EYFS & KS1 Phonics Workshop for parents
- 3rd: Year Six History Trip
- 8th: Harvest Festival, 9am.
 - Reception parents welcome to join us.



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
Acorns	Toby Hope	-
Ash	Freddie	Edie
Birch	Finley	Harper
Chestnut	Hudson	Milo
Elm	Bellatrix	Ted
Hazel	Daisy	Shontae
Holly	Poppy	Toby
Maple	Freddie	Shakai
Oak	Nancy	Myka
Pine	Millie	Caiden
Rowan	Albie	Louie
Sycamore	Ella	Luca
Willow	Ella	Teddy

Top Doodling Class



Chestnut

Well done!

Out of School Achievement

Henry D in Year 6 won third place in the U11 Quadrathlon at the Yeovil Games on Saturday.

He competed in the long jump, 75m, 600m and howler throw.



Hot Chocolate Friday



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General Messages

Harvest - Wednesday 8th October

We will be celebrating Harvest on Wednesday 8th October and will once again be supporting Bath, Keynsham and Somer Valley Foodbank and requesting donations are brought into school before Tuesday 7th October.

Should you be able to support this cause, please see the list of suggested items which are required.

School Lunch Bookings

We have been informed by the MNSP central catering team that the SchoolGrid (lunch booking) system has now been limited so that **bookings can only be made up to midnight of each Thursday, for the following week's meals.**

You may not have noticed the change from last year, and have continued to book by the deadline, which is brilliant. For those who have been booking/changing meals daily - this will no longer be possible. This is in place so that the kitchen can order the correct amount of food for the week ahead.

We will reinstate a reminder email each Thursday lunchtime to remind you. If you have any issues, please let us know.

Will your child be starting school in September 2026?

We will be continuing our successful Little Acorns 'Stay & Play' sessions throughout the Autumn and offering a play session led by our experienced early years teacher and a 'Open Day tour of the school. Refreshments will also be provided.

The next sessions, which all commence at 9.30am, will be held on:

- Tuesday 30th September
- Tuesday 14th October
- Tuesday 18th November
- Tuesday 16th December

We are also holding an Open Evening on Tuesday 4th November, 6pm.

For further details and to book your attendance, please contact the school office:
office@stjohns.mns.org.uk



Bath, Keynsham
& Somer Valley
Foodbank
Together with Trussell



Biscuits
Chocolate bars
Curry Sauce (Jars)
Custard (Tinned)
Dental
Deodorant
Long Life Juice
Mash (Instant)
Milk (UHT)
Noodles / Kettle
Rice Pudding (Tinned)
Shampoo
Soup (Tinned)
Vegetarian Tinned Meals
Fish (Tinned)
Pasta Sauce (Jars)

Bath, Keynsham & Somer Valley Foodbank can only accept non-perishable food items (tinned and dried goods), which do not spoil or decay. All items should be unopened and in date. We have no storage facilities for fresh food so if you collect fresh food we would prefer you to arrange for it to go elsewhere. If you need any ideas of where to send it, we can help.

Thank you so much for your support!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS AT ST JOHNS

Every school day counts!

Children are required, by law, to attend school for 190 days of the year.

The government state that children's attendance should be **at least 95%**.

We are here to support you!

If you need support getting your child to school, please speak to a member of staff who will be willing to help.



100% EXCELLENT	4 - 7.5 days absent = 22-41 hours of lost learning
98% Good	9.5 - 17 Days absent = 52 - 93.5 hours of lost learning
95% REQUIRES IMPROVEMENT	19 - 27 days absent = 104.5 - 148.5 hours of lost learning
90% PERSISTENT ABSENTER	28.5 - 38 days absent = 155.5 - 209 hours of lost learning
85% CRITICAL CONCERN	

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St John's C of E Primary School



Final
places



Years 1 & 2
Football
Monday



Years 3 - 6
Football
Tuesday



Years 1 - 3
Dodgeball
Wednesday

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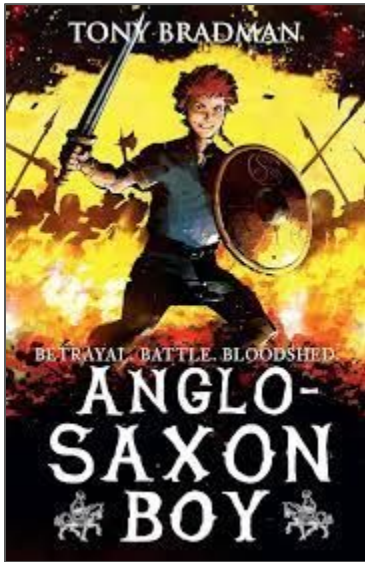
Whether your child is new to the sport, or an experienced player, our sports clubs provide an environment that is engaging for all. We believe in providing children with lots of individual time on the football, or with the dodgeball in hand, to improve their skills and confidence, as well as tailored games to improve their game understanding, tactical awareness and teamwork.

For more information
check our website

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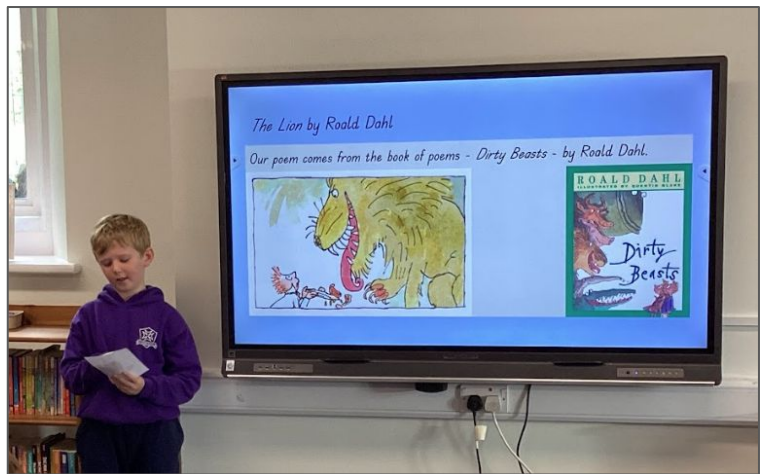
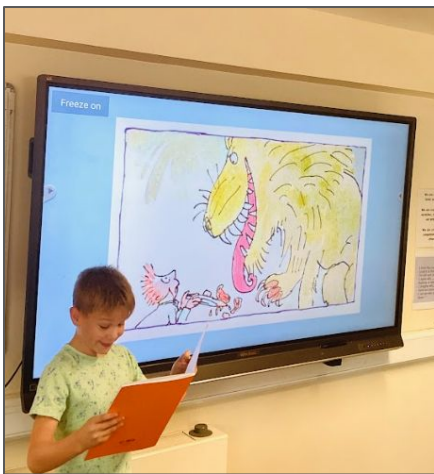
Reading in Year Five



Year Five have had a fantastic week of reading, with plenty of enthusiasm and engagement on display!

In our Guided Reading lessons, we've continued diving into *Anglo-Saxon Boy* by Tony Bradman. This exciting historical novel has helped us explore the lives of the Anglo-Saxons through the eyes of Magnus, the protagonist (main character). We've been sharpening our retrieval and inference skills as we dig deeper into the plot, asking thoughtful questions and backing up our answers with evidence from the text.

Last week, we also celebrated Roald Dahl Day with a lively reading and performance of *The Lion*, a humorous poem from Dahl's *Dirty Beasts* collection. Year Five threw themselves into the challenge, working on their volume, pace, and expression to bring the poem to life. It was a joy to see their confidence grow as they explored how voice can shape the meaning and mood of a piece.



Second Hand September

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.

SEND

At St John's our Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator (SENDCo) is Mrs Monks.



If you have any questions or concerns about your child, your first point of contact is always their class teacher but, I can be contacted via the school office if you would like to meet with me directly.

Over the last couple of weeks your child's teacher has been getting to know them and working with them to determine how best to support them.

If your child is on the SEND register, over the next week they will bring home their Individual Support Plan (ISP).

Please contact the school office if you have not received this by Friday 26th September.

A SEND Individual Support Plan (ISP) is a personalised document designed to outline the specific special educational needs of your child and the tailored support they will receive to help them succeed. It identifies their strengths, areas of need, and the strategies or interventions that will be used to support their learning and development.

This plan ensures that support is targeted, consistent, and regularly reviewed, enabling your child to make progress academically, socially, and emotionally within the school environment.

There will be a chance to review and discuss this ISP at our October parent's evening appointments.



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.

Included:

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



OPEN EVENING : TUES 4TH NOV 6-7PM

CONTACT US:

EMAIL: OFFICE@STJOHNS.MNSP.ORG.UK

WWW.STJOHNSMSN.CO.UK

PTA NEWS

Family Outdoor Cinema Night Update

We have been checking the weather forecast (constantly) and can confirm if the weather lets us down we can move the cinema inside.

A final decision will be made on Saturday regarding the location. We are still hopeful but wanted to reassure you no one wants to get drenched! Please check the PTA Facebook page for updates

<https://m.facebook.com/groups/225019237854017/?ref=share&mibextid=wwXlfr>

If you have been holding off getting your tickets please come along and support us, it may just look a little different! In light of potential changes we will also adjust the offerings to:

- Bar
- Sweets
- Popcorn
- Hot Dogs
- and Hot Chocolate

There will also be a reduced capacity if we are inside so please get your tickets asap. We will confirm when sold out. If we are inside the timings could also be changed as we will not be waiting for sunset - details to be confirmed should this decision be taken likely doors open 6pm and film starts at 6.30pm

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/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 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.

PTA AGM 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!

📅 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=DQSIkWdsW0yxEjaJBLZtrQAAAAAAAAAAAAAAMAAN1llqIUNEpYMzhHVFFXWkUyRDhXUjcyS1RUVUs2MC4u>

Community Notices



VOICES FOR LIFE

Bath Children's Choir

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6-11 Years

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Bath Abbey



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

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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
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The B&NES Specialist Autism Support Service (SASS) is a team of specialist practitioners aiming to empower education colleagues, families and young people across B&NES to access the most appropriate support and information.

Our range of Padlets



with supporting
resources and
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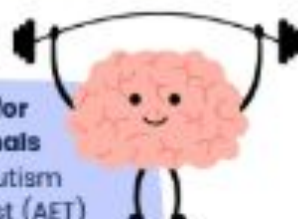
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**Training for
professionals**

including Autism
Education Trust (AET)
training: so that staff
supporting your child can
access updated support
and information



**Parent/Carer
Coffee Mornings**

led by SASS team members
at Longfellow's Cafe, BA3 3A
- see the dates [here](#)



**Universal Level Support
available through SASS
for families**

this support can *always* be
accessed, even if a referral for
targeted/specialist support
for a young person has not
been accepted*

Regular newsletters
including best practice
updates, new resources...
and more
[https://padlet.com/SASS
Bathnes/newsletter](https://padlet.com/SASSBathnes/newsletter)



**Sharing of
resources**

including our [SASS
Specialist Guide for
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SASS Choir
whole family
welcome!
See our
flyer [here](#)



**Supportive School /
Setting Audits**

Using the AET
Standards Framework
see our audit
resources [here](#)



**Training for
parents/carers**
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[Cygnat](#) training -
our training overviews
can be found [here](#)



*Our universal offer is available to those with a B&NES home address, between the ages of 0-18, or those residing in B&NES with an EHCP aged between 18-25. It is available to all professionals working in B&NES. No autism diagnosis is required to access our coffee mornings, SASS Choir or our parent workshops on supporting diagnosis/autistic identity. We will not request confirmation of diagnosis when you initially call our Wednesday helpline.



For information about training and events, and one-page profiles of the team members,
please visit: <https://padlet.com/SASSBathnes/Updates>



Where support to implement best practice regarding autism and SEND is required,
please also consider contacting the **Inclusion and SEND Advice Service**:
<https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/inclusion-and-send-advice-service>

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Music Production Courses

Want to learn about music production and get a solid grounding in production techniques? WEMA have partnered with Bath College to run three 10-week courses.

Students will create an original piece of music using Logic Pro X with prompts provided by Bath College lecturers and WEMA staff. All levels of experience welcome.

Course 1: Wednesdays, 24 Sep-3 Dec (Oct half term off).

Course 2: Wednesdays, 4 Jan 2026 - 25 Mar (Feb half term off)

Course 3: Wednesdays, 22 April - 1 July (May half term off)

Details and booking at:
wema.org.uk/music-production-courses



In partnership with
 **Bath College**



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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



WEST OF ENGLAND
**MUSIC
AND ARTS**

Wind Band & Instrument Lessons For Adults

Looking to join a wind band? Want to learn a wind instrument from scratch?

Good news - we're planning two new opportunities in Bath, from September 2025

- Wind Band: for woodwind, brass and percussion players of Grade 3 standard upwards. Traditional wind band repertoire.
- 6.50pm-7.50pm at Hayesfield School, Bath.
- Lessons & Ensemble: For adults keen to learn a wind instrument from scratch.
- 5.45pm-6.45pm at Hayesfield School, Bath.



Register your Interest at:
wema.org.uk/adult-wind-band