

Weekly Newsletter: 3rd October 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

It has been another exciting and enriching week here at school, full of opportunities for our pupils to learn beyond the classroom.

On Tuesday, our Year Five pupils spent the day at *We The Curious*, where they immersed themselves in a world of scientific discovery and hands-on exploration. Their enthusiasm and curiosity were wonderful to see.

On Wednesday, our Years Five and Six pupils had the privilege of attending the Bath Literature Festival, where they enjoyed an engaging workshop led by Martin Brown, the illustrator of *Horrible Histories*. It was a fantastic chance to see how creativity and history come together through art and storytelling.

Today, our Year Six pupils have been out in Bristol learning more about the city's history and exploring the important topic of the transatlantic slave trade. This thought-provoking trip has helped them to deepen their understanding of the past and its significance in today's world.

Next week our parents evening appointments will go live for Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd October. We also have our Harvest Festival where we warmly invite our Reception parents to attend to see their children be formally welcomed into the St John's family.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs West-Gaul

Home School Agreement

Please see the Home School Agreement at the end of this week's Purple Pages. You will all recognise this as the agreement previously sent out and signed. Whilst we are not requesting that these be signed again, we would like to provide this information as a reminder of the expectations and act as a prompt for discussions at home.

Dates For Your Diary

October

8th:	Harvest Festival, 9am.
	Reception parents welcome to join us.
14th	Little Acorns Stay and Play - Open Day for Reception 2026
21st & 22nd	Parents' Evenings
23rd	PTA Disco & Non Uniform Day
24th	INSET Day

10am Sunday 5th October at St John's Church.

HARVEST FESTIVAL



Come and join us at our Family Service
as we give thanks for creation
and for the life-sustaining produce of the earth.



All are welcome!

Awards and Achievements

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



	Star of the Week	Star Reader
Acorns	Daisy Jett	-
Ash	Chester	Alex
Birch	Eron	Presley
Chestnut	Leo W	Sammy
Elm	Niamh	Oliver
Hazel	Poppy P	Eva K
Holly	Daisy	Charlie
Maple	Darcey	Emilee
Oak	Loula	Sophia L
Pine	Soraya	Rhodri
Rowan	Fleur	Jack H

Top Doodling Class



ACORNS

Well done!

PE Achievements of The Week

Year 6 Sycamore - Aoife and Leo
 Year 6 Willow - Dilly and Dewet
 Year 5 Pine - Ezra and Amelia L
 Year 5 Rowan - Max and Lola
 Year 4 Oak - Emily and Harry
 Year 4 Maple - Shakai and Aurelia
 Year 3 Holly - Zack and Alice
 Year 3 Hazel - Willow, Remy and Blake
 Year 2 Elm - Oliver and Miley
 Year 2 Chestnut - Eleanor, Noah and Emillia
 Year 1 Ash - Bonnie and Freddie
 Year 1 Birch - Millie, Presley and Tallula



Hot Chocolate Friday





**REDUCING YOUR CHILD'S
LOST PROPERTY IN SCHOOLS/PTAS**




24% of every order will be donated to our PTA/School!
Just use our school ID on the checkout.



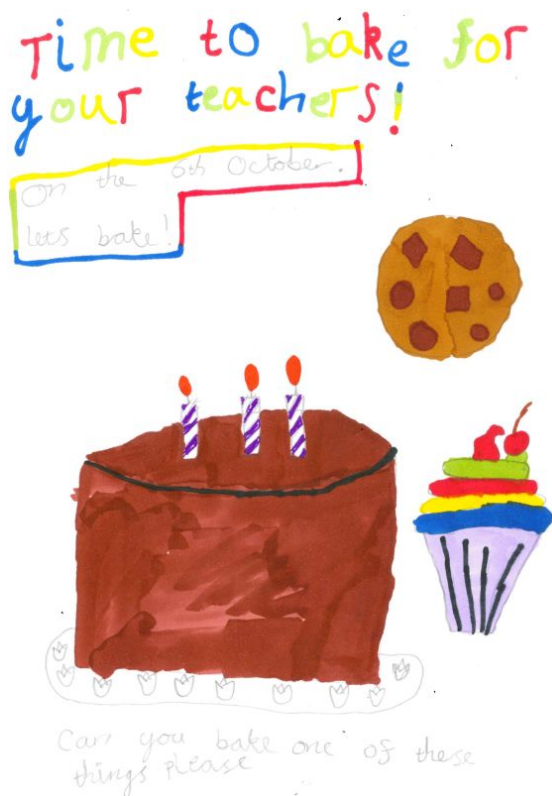
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Pupil Leadership at St John's

Message from our Charitable Giving Group

We will be celebrating Harvest on Wednesday 8th October and will once again be supporting Bath, Keynsham and Somer Valley Foodbank. We need your help in supporting this cause with the list of items requested. Please put any donations in the blue bin by the main office by Tuesday 7th October.



Message from our House Captains

Next Monday, we'll be celebrating **National Teacher Day** – a special chance to say *thank you* to all the wonderful teachers and staff who work so hard for our children every day.

To help make the day extra sweet, we'd love for the children to **bring in a homemade or shop-bought sweet treat** (cakes, biscuits, muffins, slices, etc.) to share in the staffroom.

Your kind contributions will help us fill the staffroom with goodies and smiles, and give our amazing teachers a well-deserved treat.

Thank you for helping us show our appreciation! ❤️



Bath, Keynsham & Somer Valley
Foodbank
Together with Trussell

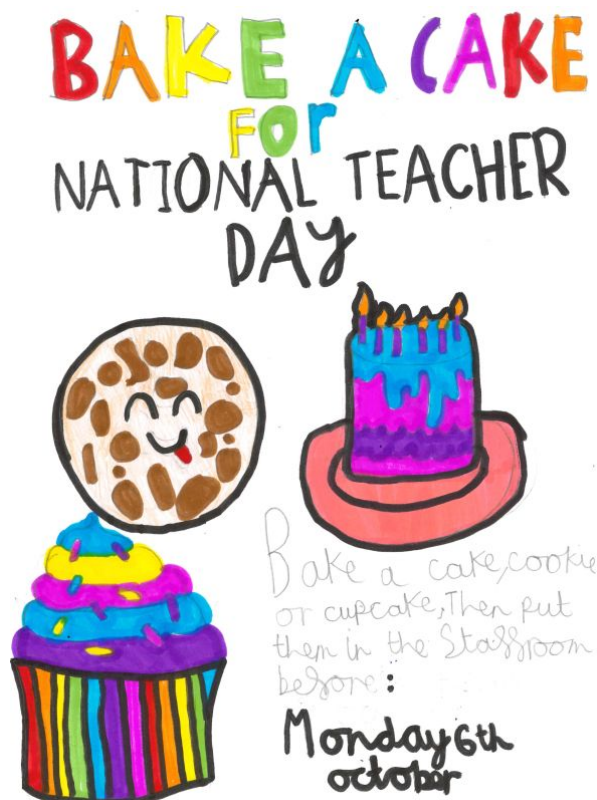


Biscuits
Chocolate bars
Curry Sauce (Jars)
Custard (Tinned)
Dental
Deodorant
Long Life Juice
Mash (Instant)
Milk (UHT)
Noodles / Kettle
Rice Pudding (Tinned)
Shampoo
Soup (Tinned)
Vegetarian Tinned Meals
Fish (Tinned)
Pasta Sauce (Jars)



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!



General Messages

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.

MNSP MOMENTS MATTER. ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

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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WWW.STJOHNSMSN.CO.UK

St John's C of E Primary School

WILL YOUR CHILD BE STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2026?

COME AND SEE WHAT MAKES ST JOHN'S A SPECIAL PLACE TO LEARN AND GROW

**Open evening
Tuesday
4th November
6pm - 7pm**

- Presentation by the Headteacher
- School tours by Year 6 pupils

STAY & PLAY SESSIONS

TUESDAY 14TH OCT 9:30

TUESDAY 18TH NOV 9:30

TUESDAY 16TH DEC 9:30

CONTACT US:
EMAIL: OFFICE@STJOHNS.MNSP.ORG.UK
WWW.STJOHNSMSN.CO.UK

ignite sport

after school sports clubs

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

BOOK ONLINE HERE!

SCAN ME

why join...?

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

www.ignite-sport.co.uk

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Years 1 - 6

09:00 - 15:30

OCTOBER CAMPS

St John's C of E Primary School, Redfield Rd, BA3 2JN

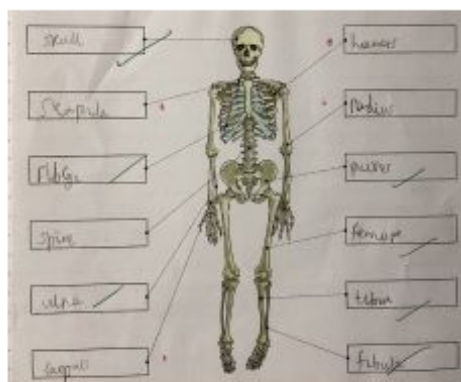
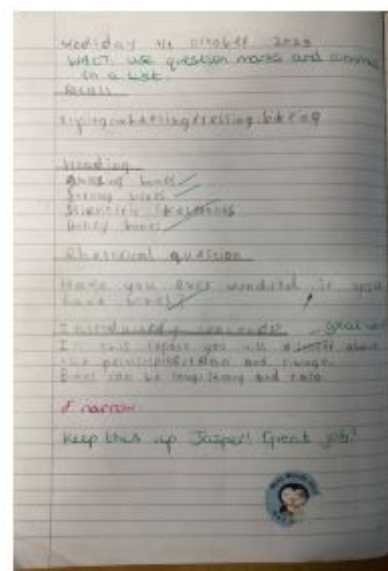
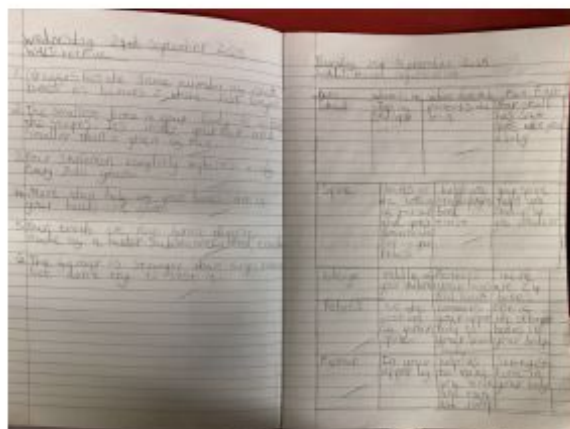
football camp Monday 27th Oct

halloween camp Tuesday 28th Oct

www.ignite-sport.co.uk

Reading in Year Three

This term, Year 3 is exploring the fascinating topic of skeletons and how we move. Through hands-on activities, discussions, and investigations, the children are learning about the different types of skeletons, the names and functions of key bones in the human body, and how our muscles and joints work together to help us move. This science topic links directly to our English work, where the children are beginning to write their own non-chronological reports all about skeletons. They will be using facts they've learned in their Guided Reading sessions to organise their writing, use technical vocabulary, and present information clearly and accurately. It's a great opportunity for them to connect their learning across subjects and develop both their knowledge and writing skills.



Sport

A huge well done to all our amazing Year 5 and 6 boys and girls who took part in today's Cross Country Event at St John's School! From the very first stride to the final sprint, the effort, positive attitudes, and incredible sportsmanship on display were nothing short of inspiring. It was fantastic to see everyone encouraging one another, pushing themselves, and most importantly, having lots of fun!

We are so proud of each and every runner.

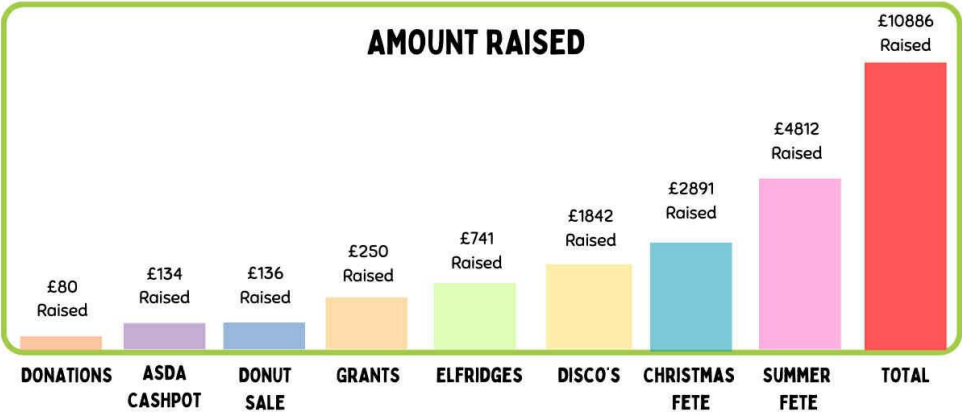


PTA NEWS

ST JOHNS COFE PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA LOOK WHAT WE DID

2024-2025 School Year!

We're thrilled to share the incredible results of our recent fundraising efforts. Thanks to YOUR support, we've come closer than ever to reaching our fundraising goal.



WHERE DID THE FUNDS GO?



YOUR GENEROSITY EQUALS OUR SUCCESS!

Community Notices

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c October 06 2025

Here's what is happening in your Libraries this week

For any ticketed events, the link will be online via Social Media or via the blog.

Bath Central Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme 10.30 - 11.00am
Drop in suitable for parents & carers with children aged 0 - 5 years.
Every Wednesday (term-time only)

Board Game Saturdays Every Saturday
Drop in. Suitable for all ages. 12.30-4.00pm

Lego Lab
Drop in. Family fun with Lego. Suitable for all ages.
*subject to exhibition room being available

Keynsham Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme 9.30 - 10.00am & 10.30 - 11.00am
Drop in suitable for parents & carers with children aged 0 - 5 years.
Every Tuesday (term-time only)

Storytime 10.30 - 11.00am
Drop in suitable for parents & carers with children aged 0 - 5 years.
Every Thursday (term-time only)

Midsomer Norton Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme 10.30 - 11.00am
Drop in suitable for parents & carers with children aged 0 - 5 years.
Every Monday (term-time only)

Storytime 10.30 - 11.00am
Drop in suitable for parents & carers with children aged 0 - 5 years.
Every Wednesday (term-time only)

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Mobile Library

The Mobile Library may stop near you! Pop in for a visit, return your books, collect a reservation & choose something new to read. You can do all this & more with your B&NES or LibrariesWest library card.

For the Route Timetable, please visit:
<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/mobile-library-service>

Bath & North East
Somerset Council

Improving People's Lives

Cosy Up with a good Children's Library book this autumn. How about trying:

The Last Pebble by Alex Horne

Izzy the Inventor and the Unexpected Unicorn by Zanna Davidson

Code Name Kingfisher by Liz Kessler



Bath & North East
Somerset Council



School Aged Health Service Webinars for Parents

The School Aged Health Service is offering free webinars focused on Sleep and Emotional Health and Wellbeing for parents and carers of primary school-aged children. These sessions will provide information and practical tips to help children build healthy sleep habits and emotional resilience.

To sign up, please scan the QR code below. These webinars are also available to view afterwards via the School-Aged Health Service website under 'Helpful Advice':

Sleep Webinar



Dates: **Weds 22nd Oct 25**

Time: 13:00-14:00

Date: **Weds 3rd Dec 25**

Time: 13:00-14:00

<https://baneschildandfamily.co.uk/services/school-aged-health-service-5-19-years>

Home School Agreement

St John's School is committed to cooperating with individual families and their children to provide the highest quality of education.

This education will be based on a partnership of shared values and beliefs, will be challenging, engaging and will extend to achievement from 2 – 11 years of age.

At St John's we recognise that each child has different circumstances. Therefore the resources and opportunities that are given may differ to ensure that equity is achieved.

PARENT/GUARDIAN

I/We will:

Attendance:

- Ensure that my/our child goes to school daily and on time in accordance with the school's attendance policy.
- Attend parents' evenings and discussion on my/our child's progress, aiming for positive, productive outcomes and working towards moving my child on in their learning.

High Expectations for Learning:

- Adhere to the school uniform policy.
- Support the school's policies and guidelines for positive behaviour and make the school aware of any concerns.
- Support my/our child to complete their homework by the set date each week.

Online safety:

- Monitor and act upon my/our child's use of social media and electronic devices.

Conduct and communication:

- Communicate positively with all school staff.
- Work positively to understand that all decisions are made in the best interests of the children.
- Understand that provision may appear different for individual children.

Community:

- Give support where possible with PTA and fundraising activities for the benefit of a variety of causes and also our school.
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PUPIL

I will:

Attendance:

- Attend school daily and on time.

High Expectations for Learning:

- Arrive at school ready and prepared for the learning to take place.
- Be responsible for doing my best in class and complete any homework on time.
- Tell a member of staff if I am worried or unhappy.
- Wear the correct school uniform with pride.

Online safety:

- Use devices safely and in line with school policy.
- Always be respectful when communicating online.
- Conduct and communication: Be Ready, Respectful and Caring.
- Accept responsibility for my mistakes and positively rebuild relationships.

Community:

- Remember that I represent my school both at school and outside.
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SCHOOL

The School will:

Attendance:

- Support families in achieving daily attendance in line with school policy.

High Expectations for Learning:

- Provide a high standard of education, within a broad, balanced and enriching curriculum that strives to meet the individual needs of every pupil.
- Encourage the pupils to do their best at all times and celebrate your child's academic and personal achievements.
- Provide an environment where learning is enjoyable, valued, stimulating and challenging.
- Arrange parents' evenings during which progress will be discussed, as well as celebrating strengths and explaining how we can support and scaffold your child in their areas for development.
- Promote each pupil's health, safety and happiness.

Conduct and Communication:

- Always make considered decisions based on the best interests of the children.
- Be open and welcoming and offer opportunities for parents to become involved in the life of the school.
- Have open lines of communication with parents and respond in a timely manner to emails via the office

Community:

- Encourage your child to become an active member within our community, taking care of their belongings, surroundings and others around them