

Purple Pages



Weekly Newsletter: 17th 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

What a fantastic week we've had! Our Little Acorns Stay and Play Open Morning was buzzing with excitement, and we were thrilled to welcome so many future Reception children and their families. A huge shout-out to our confident Year 6 tour guides who showed off the school with pride — you were simply brilliant!

We also had a special treat during collective worship, led by Mr Brixey from Ignite Sport. The interactive activities had everyone on their toes! And a big congratulations to Henry from Willow Class, who was the overall quiz champion — well done, Henry! Keep your eyes peeled for the clubs Ignite Sport will be offering next term. There's something for everyone to get involved in!

A quick reminder to all parents: please sign up to speak to your child's teacher at Parents' Evening next week. It's a great chance to catch up on your child's progress and share any questions.

Term 1 finishes on Thursday 23rd with Non-Uniform Day — and don't forget the PTA school discos in the evening to celebrate the end of term!

Have a lovely weekend, everyone!

Mrs Monks

Dates For Your Diary

October

21st & 22nd	Parents' Evenings
23rd	PTA Disco & Non Uniform Day
24th	INSET Day

November

3rd	Children return to school
4th	Open Evening for prospective parents, 6pm
11th	Remembrance Day - Wear Red for the Poppy Appeal
29th	PTA Christmas Fete

After School Clubs Next Week

A reminder that due to the Parents' Evenings next week, ALL teacher-led after-school clubs will be cancelled this week. The Ignite Sport clubs will continue as usual.

Ignite Sport After-School Clubs

Ignite Sport are pleased to share their after school clubs for term 2:

Mondays: Year 1 & 2 Football

Tuesdays: Year 1-3 Dodgeball

Wednesdays: Year 4-6 Dodgeball

These all run 3pm-4.15pm, starting w/c 3rd November and cost £4 per session

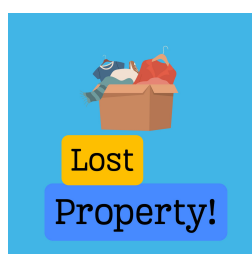
They are led by the PE Coaches from Ignite Sport - Mr Brixey and Coach Tom, who the children know well from activities in school time.

[Please click here to book your child's place for term 2](#)

Lost Property

The lost property boxes will be cleared out on the morning of the last day of term (Thursday 23rd Oct) and any items will be donated locally or recycled as appropriate.

Please take a few minutes to have a check through for any of your child's belongings - they may not realise they are missing if they are forest school or non-uniform items, so a quick check is always worthwhile!



Awards and Achievements

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



	Star of the Week	Star Reader
Acorns	Mila Edward	-
Ash	Ruby R	Ruby H
Birch	Sophia	Freya
Chestnut	Aiden	Ruby
Elm	Aidie	Stanley
Hazel	Libby	Casey
Holly	Alfie	Oliver
Maple	Arianna	Matilda
Oak	Aoife	Loula
Pine	Zena	Tommy G
Rowan	Lola	Olivia
Sycamore	Bo	James
Willow	Josh C	Olivia

Top Doodling Class



ACORNS

Well done!

Hot Chocolate Friday



Out of School Achievement

Well done to Leah and Kara who participated in the Wincanton and Castle Cary carnivals with their twirling troop, competing against many other twirl teams in the processions. Their troop took 1st place in both carnivals!



PE Achievements of The Week

Year 6 Sycamore - Sophie (Going above and beyond) and Owen (terrific teamwork)
 Year 6 Willow - Jude (calm and confident) and Isla (Terrific teamwork)
 Year 5 Pine - Flynn (fantastic focus)
 Year 5 Rowan - Evie (fantastic focus) and Jack Howells (playing fair)
 Year 4 Oak - Albie, Rosie (amazing ability) and Nancy (fantastic focus)
 Year 4 Maple - Evie, Corey (playing fair) and Betsy (fantastic ability)
 Year 3 Holly - Nancy (fantastic focus) and Oliver (playing fair)
 Year 3 Hazel - Blake (calm and confident), Maeva (terrific teamwork) and Melania (playing fair)
 Year 2 Chestnut - Jack (terrific teamwork) and Ruby (kind and caring)
 Year 2 Elm - Albie and Lottie (amazing ability)
 Year 1 Birch - Sophia (huge helper), Lexi (fantastic focus) and Finley (playing fair)
 Year 1 Ash - Shaylun(excellent effort) and Sofia (fantastic focus)



Reading in Year One

In Year One at the moment, we are reading the story of 'The Little Red Riding Hood'.

Children have sequenced the story and acted it out in small groups, using the story language, character voices and facial expressions.

We have really enjoyed exploring traditional stories in English this term.



Come and join us at the end of half-term as we celebrate the heroes of the Christian Church at our

All Saints Family Service
on **Sunday 2nd November at 10am**

at St John's Church, Midsomer Norton.



All are welcome!

If any our young friends from St John's School would like to help out and read some prayers please come early so we can give you a job!



School Council Notices

This year St John's school council is supporting the **Samaritans Purse Shoebox Appeal!** School council is asking the children in each year group to bring in a specific item that we can use to pack our boxes. If you have any shoeboxes (or know of a business who can supply some) or wrapping paper they would also be greatly appreciated!

Reception: Toys • Toy cars • Animal figures • Building blocks • Skipping rope • Tennis ball • Yo-yo • Spinning top • Mini frisbee • Fidget spinner • Finger puppets • Slinky • Travel games • Small musical instruments • Small puzzles etc.	Year 1/2: School supplies • Pens • Pencils & sharpeners • Crayons • Felt tip pens • Ruler • Eraser • Writing pads or notebook • Solar calculators • Geometry set • Glue stick • Pre-inked Stampers • Colouring books • Watercolour paint set (solid only) • Safety scissors • Craft kits
Year 3/4: Personal care items • Comb • Hairbrush • Toothbrush • Flannel • Bar soap (packaged and/or in a container) • Sponge • Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils (Fill an empty container with non-liquid items such as sunglasses or flannel to make use of the space) • Non-liquid lip balm • Nail clippers and file • Stick deodorant • Compact mirror	Year 5/6: Accessories and Other items • Hat • Gloves • Sunglasses • Cap • T-shirt • Socks • Flip-flops • Small backpack, handbag or drawstring bag • Hair bows or clips • Friendship bracelets (woven with yarn or embroidery thread) • Watch • Wind-up Torch • Necklace or bracelet • Stickers





School Council Notices

Please bring your item into class by Wednesday 4th November so that school council can get packing!

If you would like to also make your own box over half term and would like this included in our delivery then please bring it into school for collection by Friday 6th November.

A suggested donation of £5 is essential to cover project costs including collection, processing, shipping, project materials and training local churches to lead a safe, well-organised children's event where your shoebox will be given to a child in need.

Give online at Follow Your Box and you can print out a barcode. If you email the barcode into school we can ensure it is put into one of the boxes. This will enable us to tell you which country your shoebox gets sent to.

Step 1



Find a Shoebox

Start with a medium sized shoebox. If you want to wrap it, cover the box and lid separately. You can use your own shoeboxes or order our colourful [preprinted](#) ones.

Attach the [boy/girl label](#) to the top of your shoebox. Mark if your gift is for a boy or a girl and select an age category 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14.

Step 2

Fill it With Gifts

Fill your shoebox with a selection of fun toys, school supplies and personal care items. If possible, include one or two extra special items you know a child will love such as a doll, cuddly toy or deflated football with pump. See our [Gift Suggestions](#) below for more ideas.



Step 3



Make Your Project Donation

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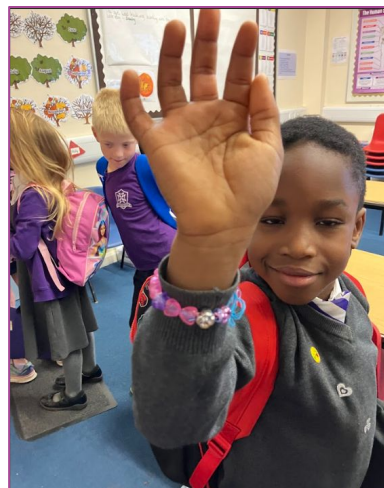
Citizenship and Character Award

This term, the children have shown wonderful enthusiasm, curiosity, and kindness, all qualities we celebrate through our Citizenship and Character Award.

From exploring science by creating colourful rainbows and going on exciting bug hunts, to demonstrating teamwork and creativity while making friendship bracelets, the children have truly shone.

They also took part in an engaging online exercise activity as well as calming things down with some mindful colouring.

We are so proud of how they have supported one another, shown respect, and embraced every new challenge with positivity and a smile.



General Notices

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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MOMENTS MATTER.
ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

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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 term 2

St John's C of E Primary School

Best Seller!

Years 1 & 2 Football Monday

Years 1 - 3 Dodgeball Tuesday

NEW!

Years 4 - 6 Dodgeball Wednesday

BOOK ONLINE HERE!

SCAN ME

why join...?

- Inclusive for all Abilities - Activities are adapted so every child can join in and shine!
- Safe, Supervised, and Structured - Every session is led by qualified coaches with years of experience!
- Smiles every Session - Children leave buzzing with energy and stories to tell!
- Fun Guaranteed - Fun, games based sessions with plenty of action!

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

PTA NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to be planning our annual PTA Christmas Fete, and one of the highlights is always our raffle! This year, we would love your help in securing some fantastic prizes.

Do you own a business, work for a company that might be willing to donate, or know someone who could contribute a prize? Whether it's a product, a voucher, an experience, or a special treat, every donation helps us raise vital funds for our school.

If you can help, please get in touch with Jess at stjohnsmsnpta@outlook.com or drop off donations at the school office by 14th November. Your generosity makes a huge difference, and we truly appreciate your support!

Jess
PTA Chair



🇬🇧 🇪🇺 Disco Tickets on Sale 🇪🇺 🇬🇧

📍 Tickets will be for sale at 3pm on Mon 20, Tues 21 and Wed 22 October at school by pottery room

Or available via payment link - please provide name and class <https://square.link/u/Vl4nS4yl?src=sheet>

🇬🇧 Disco Tickets £3

🔍 Tuck shop - all items 50p

🌟 Glow Sticks and Light up Rings 50p

Games and Entertainment during the Disco 🇪🇺

📅 Thursday 23rd October

🕒 YR, Y1, Y2, Y3 - 5-6pm

🕒 Y4, Y5, Y6 - 6.30pm-7.30pm

Please drop off and collect

Community Notices

FUTURES

A FESTIVAL OF DISCOVERY

Doing Together for the Future

Friday 31st Oct, 10am - 1pm, Bath Spa Locksbrook Campus

Craft, make, explore and do together!
Discover how artists, dancers and designers uncover new ideas and drive positive change, in areas like urban spaces, climate change, and cultural exploration.





EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c October 20 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
Drop in suitable for parents & carers with children aged 0 - 5 years.

Board Game Saturdays
Drop in. Suitable for all ages.

10.30 - 11.00am
Every Wednesday (term-time only)

Every Saturday
12.30-4.00pm
*subject to exhibition room being available

Keynsham Library

Fashion Museum, Bath
Drop in. Hands-on design activities. A chance to hear about the museum's brilliant collection

Baby Bounce & Rhyme
Drop in suitable for parents & carers with children aged 0 - 5 years.

Storytime
Drop in suitable for parents & carers with children aged 0 - 5 years.

Thursday 30 October
Friday 31 October
9.30am - 4.00pm

9.30 - 10.00am & 10.30 - 11.00am
Every Tuesday (term-time only)
10.30 - 11.00am
Every Thursday (term-time only)

Midsomer Norton Library

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Every Saturday

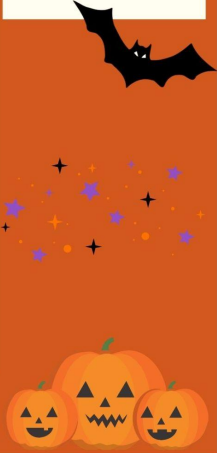
Mobile Library

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>

Spooky fun at B&NES Libraries during Half Term Week

In all B&NES Libraries join us for some festive fun with Halloween themed colouring and crafts in our children's area.
Monday 27 October - Friday 31 October.
During opening hours.





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