

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: PEACE



Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back to term 2! We've had a particularly busy start to the term this week. On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome prospective families to our first Open Evening of the year. Our Year 6 House Captains represented the school with great maturity and pride, extending a warm welcome to our guests, serving refreshments, and conducting informative tours of the school. They were excellent ambassadors and a real credit to our school.

On Wednesday, our newly appointed Anti-Bullying Ambassadors took part in their initial Diana Award training session. During the day, they explored the different forms that bullying can take, developed strategies for supporting their peers, and learned how to promote kindness, inclusion, and respect within the school environment. They returned with a range of thoughtful ideas on how to continue fostering a positive and supportive atmosphere across our school.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Shoebox Appeal. The School Council members worked diligently to wrap and prepare the donations, which are being sent next week to bring comfort and joy to children and families in need.

Finally, today I had the privilege of presenting our Golden Behaviour Awards to those pupils whom teachers felt had been exemplary role models throughout the last term. These children consistently demonstrate our school values in all that they do - well done!

Hope you all have a lovely weekend.
Mrs West-Gaul

Dates For Your Diary

November

- 11th Remembrance Day - Wear Red non uniform day for the Poppy Appeal
- 18th Little Acorns 'Stay and Play' session for children starting school in September 2026, 9.30am
- 29th Christmas Fete, 11am- 2pm

December

- 3rd Christingle Service, 3.30pm, St. John's Church
- 3rd PTA Wreath Making Workshop, 6-9pm
- 4th Year One Nativity, 5pm
- 10th Year Two 'Carols by Candlelight', 3.15pm, St. John's Church
- 11th Acorns Nativity. 1.30pm
- 12th PTA Elfridges
- 17th Christmas Dinner Day
- 18th Christmas Services at St. John's Church:
9am: Acorns, Ash, Chestnut, Hazel, Maple, Pine, Sycamore
1.45pm: Birch, Elm, Holly, Oak, Rowan, Willow
- 19th PTA Non-Uniform Day

Awards and Achievements

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



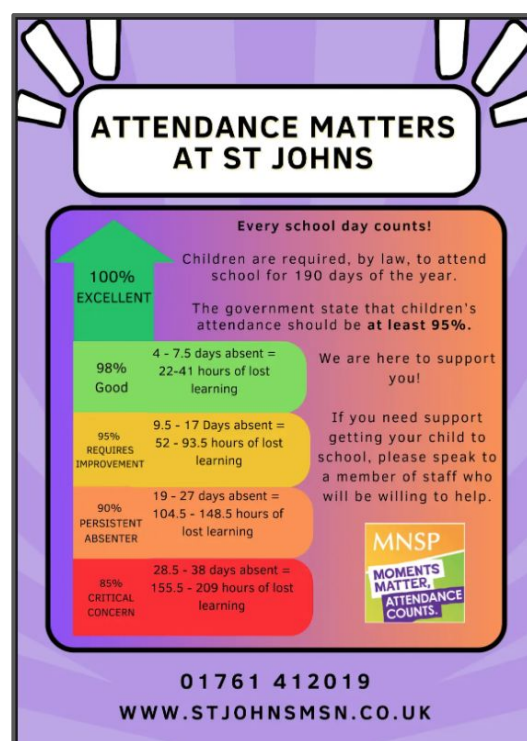
	Star of the Week	Star Reader
Acorns	Codie-Leigh Oakley	Eddie Mila
Ash	Ruby H	Alfie
Birch	Presley	Tallulah
Chestnut	Albert	Oliver
Elm	Beya	Lilah
Hazel	Shontae	Blake
Holly	Zachary	Alice
Maple	Evie	Jake
Oak	Mason	Lucas
Pine	Bethany	Tommy H
Rowan	Olivia	Todd
Sycamore	Leo	Eden
Willow	Maisy	April

Top Doodling Class

ACORNS



Well done!



PE Achievements of The Week

Year 6 Sycamore - Amber (terrific teamwork) and Lyra (playing fair)
 Year 6 Willow - Mabel (calm and confident) and Eddy (fantastic focus)
 Year 5 Rowan - Jessica (caring and kind) and Louie (terrific teamwork)
 Year 5 Pine - Charlie (excellent effort) and Kobe (calm and confident)
 Year 4 Maple - Kara and Lola (amazing ability)
 Year 4 Oak - Sonny (fantastic focus) and Evelyn (amazing ability)
 Year 3 Holly - Zachary and Daisy (fantastic focus)
 Year 3 Hazel - Remy and Willow (calm and confident)
 Year 2 Chestnut - Elsie and Hudson (fantastic effort)
 Year 2 Elm - Bella and Stanley (fantastic focus)
 Year 1 Birch - Phoebe and Alex (caring and kind)
 Year 1 Ash - Evie and Leo (playing fair)



General Notices

Ignite Sports After-School Clubs

Ignite Sports 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, and cost £4 per session. They are led by the PE Coaches from Ignite Sports - 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](#)



Christmas Dinner - Wednesday 17th December

Christmas dinner will be available on Wednesday 17th December. If you would like your child to have this, please ensure the school dinner is booked in advance via School Grid as usual. It would help with numbers if bookings could be made by 3rd December.



'Wear Red' Non-Uniform day for the Poppy Appeal - Tuesday 11th November

As part of our support for the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal, children are invited to come to school wearing **RED** and to bring a donation for the appeal. Our House Captains will also be collecting donations at the school gates on the day.

Appropriate Weather-proof Clothing / Footwear

As the weather becomes more wintery, please can all parents and carers ensure that their children are provided with an appropriate, weather proof coat **every day in school**. There are a number of children arriving each day without appropriate outdoor coats. The children will play outside at breaktime and lunchtime every day in all weathers (unless particularly bad), so will always require a coat.

Also, as the field is becoming more muddy with the change in the weather, if your child would like to play on Zone 2 (school field) or Zone 5 (woodland play), please provide them with a spare pair of old shoes/trainers/wellies (not football boots) to change into. This is not only to protect the children's school shoes, but also the schools carpets and furnishings.

Please ensure all coats and shoes are clearly named.

MY NAME TAGS

REDUCING YOUR CHILD'S LOST PROPERTY IN SCHOOLS/PTAS

EMMA 01773 774 127

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

School ID: **31825**

www.MyNameTags.co.uk

Reading in Next Steps Nursery



This week, the children at Nursery have enjoyed sharing some 'Traditional Tales'. The children have particularly liked hearing the story of 'The Gingerbread Man'.

They joined in with the rhyme "run, run, as fast as you can!" and laughed as the sneaky gingerbread man escaped several hungry characters along the way! The children were very good at realising the fox was not to be trusted, and that the gingerbread man was soon going to be eaten.



Once we had read the story, the children asked if they could make some gingerbread man pictures. Using a stencil, coloured card and tissue paper, they cut out gingerbread man shapes and decorated gum drop buttons and faces. They had great fun and enjoyed making some wonderful artwork to take home and share with their families.



School Council Notices

As part of our support for the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal, our House Captains will be selling poppies and a range of stationery items **every lunchtime** until we sell out.

Items available include poppies, slap bands, rulers, lanyards, and lots more. All items are available **for a donation**, with all proceeds going to the Poppy Appeal.



In addition, we will be holding a **'Wear Red' non-uniform day on Tuesday 11th November**. Children are invited to come to school wearing red and to bring a donation for the appeal. Our House Captains will also be collecting donations at the school gates on the day.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support for this important cause.





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



Primary School Christmas Dinner

Menu

17th December 2025

Slice of Turkey with Gluten Free Stuffing
Wrapped in Bacon. (GF)
Vegan Quorn Fillet with Gravy (V) GF / DF
Christmas Cracker Parcel
with Tomato Sauce (V)
Served with:- Carrots, Peas
and Roast Potatoes, Chipolata Sausage.

Christmas Tree Ice Cream
Christmas Biscuits (G/F - D/F - Dietary Pupils Only)



Please can we remind you that if your child attends breakfast club, to **please book your child's place at breakfast club via Arbor Parent Portal.**

If you are unable to because it is a last minute booking, or you are having issues with using Arbor, please contact the office to book in. There have been a large number of children arriving without places booked, which causes issues with staffing levels and the records that we have to keep.

Many thanks for your support,
Mrs Pritchard and Miss Whittles
(Breakfast Club Supervisors)



PTA NEWS

PTA Christmas Fete – Saturday 29th November – 11am – 2pm.

Free Entry – no booking needed

Raffle with lots of fabulous prizes – tickets coming home in bags soon – please return to the PTA white box outside of reception with payment included

Hot Food and Drinks along with a Bar and Refreshments available, Festive Games and Lucky Tombola's, The School Market with the opportunity to purchase your child's Christmas decorations, School Choir performance, Face Painting and Glitter Tattoos and Christmas Crafts, Cookie Decorating and Letters to Santa. We are also inviting some local businesses to share their crafts and gifts with us in a Market Stall room.

PLUS Christmas mini Photoshoot with Roxy K-B Photography – please email roxykingmanbowers@gmail.com to book and see our facebook pages

Passports for games on Sale 10th, 11th, 12 November and 24th, 25th, 26th November at 3pm outside of the pottery room

We need 4 volunteers from each year group to help run a game across the fete. Games have been allocated to year groups as below and each volunteer is asked to give 45 minutes to ensure we can have games. PTA and teachers are all allocated so we need the support of the whole school community.

Christmas Tree Pong - Reception

Grinch Grab - Year 1

Rudolph's Hoopla - Year 2

Snowman's Nose - Year 3

Shoot the Elf off the Shelf - Year 4

Santa Duck Race - Year 5

Reindeer Marshmallow Grab - Year 6

Please sign up here - Thank you in advance volunteersignup.org/3YLQ3

Santa's Grotto at the Fete - Saturday 29th November – 11am – 2pm

Come and enjoy a Christmas story with Santas elves in a cosy grotto, before meeting the big guy himself and receiving a special gift to take home.

£4 per child – booking required.

Grotto slots on sale, 10th, 11th, 12 November and 24th, 25th, 26th November at 3pm outside of the pottery room or email stjohnsmsnpta@outlook.com to book your slot

Wreath Making – Wednesday 3rd December – 6pm – 9pm

We are delighted to be hosting Helen from Poppies of Paulton to help us create our own gorgeous wreaths with her expert guidance. All materials are provided. Bar is available – why not make it extra special and pre order a bottle of wine or prosecco!

£35 per person including a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie – booking required and limited spaces so please do not delay - <https://square.link/u/uz5cWqlr?src=sheet>

Elfridges – Friday 12th December – during school day

Children are invited to visit St Johns School PTA 'Elfridges' to choose a gift for loved ones – lots of brilliant gifts have been purchased for mums, dads, siblings, grandparents or anyone special to you!

Slips coming home in bags soon – please return to the PTA white box outside of reception with payment included by November 21st

ST. JOHN'S PTA
ELFRIDGES

A shop especially for Children to choose a present for their special person or people!

£3 Per Gift

Please return booking forms by 21st November.

Children choose on 12th December

St John's PTA
Santa's Grotto
Saturday 24th November
11am-2pm

Enjoy a 1:1 meet and greet with Santa and a present!

Email stjohnspta@hotmail.com to book your slot!

£4 Per Child

**CHRISTMAS
MINI
PHOTOSHOOT**

ST JOHNS SCHOOL,
MIDSOMER NORTON

SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

11:30AM - 2PM

WHATS INCLUDED?

- 10 minute slot
- 2 digital images
- An option to purchase more photos and prints

£20

SEND ME A
MESSAGE TO BOOK

ROXYKINGMANBOWERS@GMAIL.COM

Roxy K-B
Photography

St John's PTA
**WREATH
making
WORKSHOP**

Wednesday 3rd December 6-9pm

Includes Mulled Wine & Mince Pie

£35 Per Person

Bar will be open!

Limited spaces available

Book here!

Community Notices

Bath & North East Somerset Libraries

Gift a Book

We'd like your help in spreading some festive joy this season!

Gift a Book to someone who might not receive a gift or who might be lonely over the festive period.

When can I donate?
Until Saturday 22 November 2025

Where can I donate?

- Bath Central Library
- Midsomer Norton Library & Advice Service
- Keynsham Library & Advice Service
- Bath Housing, Welfare & Advice Service
- Chew Valley Library, Love Weston Library, Moorland Road Community Library, Radstock Community Hub & Library, Saltford Community Library, Timsbury Community Library

What can I donate?

- Books can be new or as new. Your book will be opened by someone on Christmas day as a present.
- Fiction books for all ages (please no non-fiction or spoken word titles)



Bath & North East Somerset Council
Improving People's Lives

For more information:
library_events@bathnes.gov.uk

Bath & North East Somerset Libraries

Gift a Coat

Donate a coat to someone who might need it to keep warm this winter.

When can I donate?
Until Saturday 31 January 2026

Where can I donate?

- Midsomer Norton Library & Information Services
- Bath Central Library
- Bath Housing, Welfare & Advice Services
- Keynsham Library & Information Services

What can I donate?

- Coats, bodywarmers, waterproof trousers, hats, scarves or gloves that are new or as new. Your donation will go to people who need warm items over the colder months.
- Warm items for adults and children
- Please hand donations to a member of staff



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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Here's what is happening in your Libraries this week

w/c November 8 2025

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

Bath Central Library

The Bath Indie Book Fair
Come join Peirene Press in Bath to celebrate indie publishing and pick up some Christmas presents
Saturday 8 November 10.30-4.00pm

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

Keynsham Library

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

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

Midsomer Norton Library

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

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

Board Game Saturday's
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>

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WEST OF ENGLAND
MUSIC AND ARTS



Our Music Centres bring together young musicians to perform in ensembles and groups, build skills, and have fun!

- Improve musical ability
- Inclusive and welcoming
- Take part in concerts
- Make friends

MUSIC CENTRES



Sessions run on Saturday mornings and weekday evenings during term time. Open to all - from beginners to advanced players.

Ensembles include chamber groups, orchestras, bands, choirs, and rock & pop groups.

Centres in: Little Stoke, Bath, Backwell, Keynsham, and Yate.

For more details go to:
wema.org.uk/wema-music-centres

St John's Church, Midsomer Norton

CRIB FESTIVAL 29th-30th November 2025

We would very much like to invite you to submit a nativity scene into the festival.

- The scene can be just Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus.
- You can use shepherds, sheep, Wise Men, angels, camel, donkey.
- Your nativity scene can be inside a container or displayed without.
 - You can use a bought or handmade Nativity.
- It can be made of china, wood, plastic or glass, plaster or paper, etc.
 - Any size can be used.
 - Battery operated star/lights may be used.

We sincerely hope you will take part in the festival and would be grateful if you would fill out the form at the bottom of this letter and return it to the school office.

Further details will be given at a later date.

Thank you for giving thought to participating.

Yours in anticipation,
Heather Hill
07882734507

I/We will be able to take part in the crib festival.

Signed (Print) _____

Signature _____

Contact number _____



Mayor of Midsomer Norton's

Christmas Card Competition

Anyone who lives or works in the Midsomer Norton area is welcome to enter our Christmas Card Competition.

There are two age categories – 16 years and under & over 16 years. Please use the template provided or a piece of A4 or A5 paper. Card designs must have a Christmas theme, and can be in any media but must be flat.

Hand completed designs can be posted in the post boxes provided at Midsomer Norton Library, open 9.30-5.00 Mon, Tues, Thurs, 9.30-5.00 Wed, 9.00-4.30 Fri, 9.30-1.00 Sat. Or to Midsomer Norton Town Council Offices, Somer Centre, Gullock Tyning, Midsomer Norton, BA3 2HQ between 10.00am and 5.00pm. Deadline for entries is 4.30pm on Friday 21st November.

The winner and runner up in both age categories will receive gift vouchers of £20 and £10 respectively and a certificate, which will be presented at the Town's Christmas Light Switch-on, on Thursday 27th November at 7.00pm.

If you have questions please contact the council on 01761 418701, info@msn-tc.gov.uk.

Midsomer Norton Town Council Christmas Card Design

Name:
Contact Details
Email:

Age:
Telephone: