

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

Thank you to everyone who supported our Poppy Appeal this year, our Wear Red Day alone raised an impressive £116 and we are waiting for the final total from our Poppy sales. On Tuesday, each class spent the afternoon reflecting on Remembrance Day. Children took part in a range of thoughtful activities, including exploring the different colours of poppies and their meanings, painting the clay poppies they created in Forest School, reading wartime newspaper articles, and discussing what peace means in today's world.

Year 2 also visited our local cenotaph, where they laid a beautiful wreath made from their own handprints. They were especially fortunate to meet a representative from the Royal British Legion, who spoke to them about the importance of remembrance and the significance it still holds today.

This week has also been Anti-Bullying Week, with the theme of 'Using Your Power for Good'. Our newly appointed Anti-Bullying Ambassadors did a fantastic job planning a week that celebrated our differences and highlighted the positive impact we can have on one another. They led an inspiring assembly on how we can use our actions and voices for good, and today they organised a whole-school Kindness March, which every child took part in with great enthusiasm.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs West-Gaul

Dates For Your Diary

November

- 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	Lola Reuben	Monty Floella
Ash	Edie	Frankie
Birch	Stephen	Sophia
Chestnut	Oliver	Charlie
Elm	Lottie	Ronan
Hazel	Ayda	Maeva
Holly	Jesse	Arya
Maple	Arianna and Aurelia	Betsy
Oak	Emily	Finn
Pine	Caiden	Dorothy
Rowan	Todd	Elise
Sycamore	Carly	Ella
Willow	Isla	Jack D

Top Doodling Class

ACORNS



Well done!



Hot Chocolate Friday



PE Achievements of The Week

Y6 Willow: Jack S - Playing Fair and Poppy H - Playing Fair
Y6 Sycamore: Chloe - Terrific Teamwork and Nate - Fantastic Focus
Y5 Pine: Xander- Super Safe, Tommy H - Amazing Ability and Matthew - Independent Learner
Y5 Rowan: Maisy - Excellent Effort and Fleur - Calm & Confident
Year 4 Oak: Sophia S - Amazing Ability and Grace - Fantastic Focus
Year 4 Maple: Sophie - Amazing Ability and Jennifer - Calm and Confident
Year 3 Holly: Dylan - Excellent Effort and Poppy-Rose - Calm and Confident
Year 3 Hazel: Libby and Hugh - Really Resilient
Year 2 Chestnut: Hudson - Amazing ability and Ruby - Caring and kind
Year 2 Elm: Katie and Ronan - Fantastic Focus
Year 1 Birch: Sophia - Fantastic Focus , Jeffery and Molly - Playing Fair
Year 1 Ash: Eli and Leo - Amazing Ability and Ivy - Caring and Kind.



General Notices



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.



Somervale Car Park

Please could we remind everyone that the Somervale Car Park operates with a one way system, entering near the Redfield Road and exiting at the far end. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

Reading in Year Six

Year Six have been exploring the exciting topic of volcanoes through a mix of non-fiction and fiction texts during guided reading, using their VIPERS skills to deepen understanding and build confidence in reading.

From analysing factual information about how volcanoes form to diving into dramatic adventure stories inspired by volcanic settings, pupils have been enthusiastically applying vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval, and summarising strategies.

Alongside this, they have been enjoying reading for pleasure, with favourites like *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* sparking lively discussions and a growing love of reading.

ignite sport
after school sports clubs
term 2
St John's C of E Primary School

Best Seller!
Years 1 & 2 Football
Monday

NEW!
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

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

TUESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 9:30am

TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER 9:30am

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

Year Two Visit to Midsomer Norton War Memorial



This week Year Two created a bank of poppies to display on the school drive for Remembrance Day.

Later in the week we visited the War Memorial in Midsomer Norton as part of our Remembrance commemorations.

This term we are learning all about World War 1 and both classes made poppy wreaths to lay on our visit.

After laying our wreaths we took a moment to remember the brave people who had fought in all the wars and conflicts, we said a prayer for them.

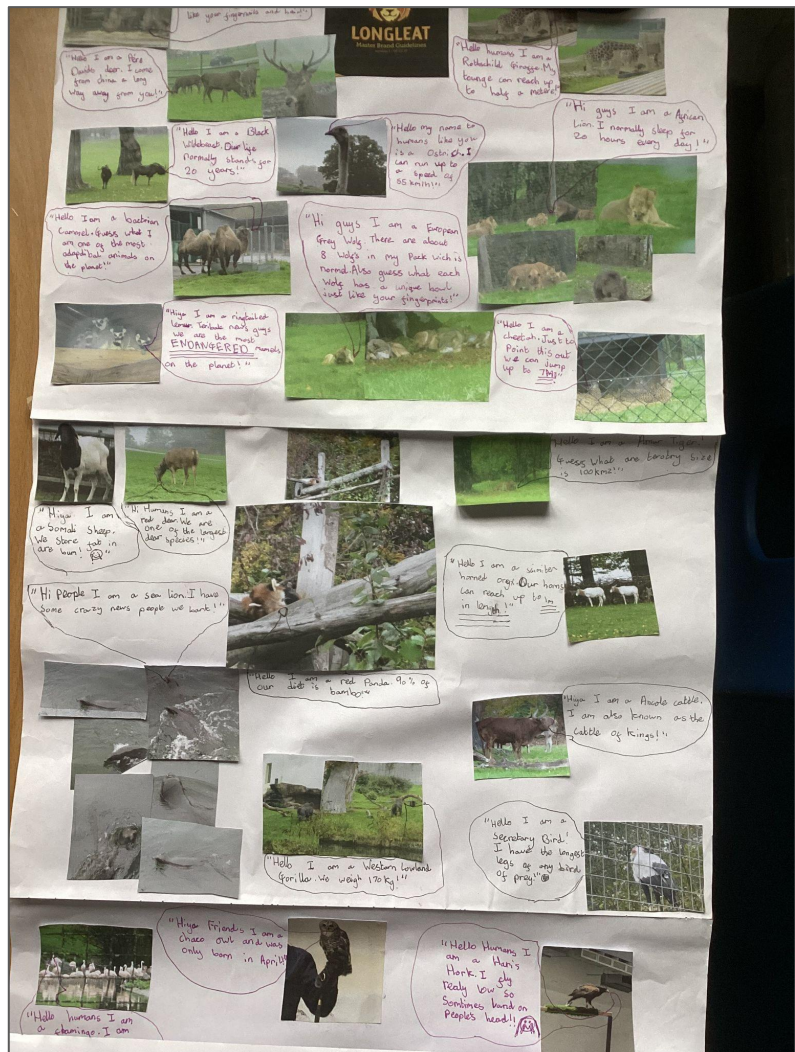


Out of School Achievements

Myka from Oak Class went to Longleat in half term and made this wonderful poster about all the animals that she saw there.

She brought this in and told the class about her experience.

Well done Myka!
Mrs Vu



Finley took part in the Remembrance Parade, now he's an invested Scout.

Fleur and Lola (Rowan) collected at Shepton carnival on Thursday evening for Time Is Precious.

They had a fabulous time
collecting and enjoyed dancing
to all the floats at the end.



PTA NEWS

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

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



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, Salford 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)



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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 17 2025 For any ticketed events, the link will be online via Social Media or via the blog.

Bath Central Library

Authors in the Library - Paula Harmon Friday 21 November 2.00 - 3.00pm
Paula writes female led mysteries set in the Edwardian and late Victorian era. This talk asks 'Why write about female sleuths in an era when women couldn't and didn't do anything?'

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

Keynsham Library 9.30 - 10.00am & 10.30 - 11.00am
Baby Bounce & Rhyme 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
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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>

As the nights draw in, curl up with a children's Library book.
How about trying:

The World's Worst Alien by Alice Primer

Birdie by J.P. Rose

Heidi by Johann Spyri



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Knife crime awareness events

Bath & North East Somerset
Violence Reduction Partnership

Join us at

Radstock Youth Hub Thursday 20 November 5.30pm to 7.30pm	Peasedown St John Primary School and Nursery Wednesday 10 December 6.00pm to 8.00pm	Newbridge Primary School Wednesday 21 January 2026 6.00pm to 8.00pm
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Parents and carers in B&NES are invited to learn about the devastating impact of knife crime and how they can support young people to steer away from its dangers at this event.

You will hear from a guest speaker with lived experience who has been personally affected by knife crime. There will be an opportunity to hear about the support available for children and families in B&NES and view a partnership film on county lines.

There will also be a panel discussion with an opportunity to ask questions.

Free tickets can be booked in advance via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk), search for **B&NES VRP** to find your nearest event.

The event is organised by the Bath & North East Somerset Violence Reduction Partnership which aims to prevent and reduce violence in our area.

Any questions about the event can be emailed to
VRP_Events@bathnes.gov.uk

Or book your ticket now on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk)

For more information visit
[Bath & North East Somerset Violence Reduction Partnership \(VRP\)](https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/vrp)

 [asvrp](https://www.facebook.com/asvrp)  [@asvrp](https://twitter.com/asvrp)

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Town Hall Engagement Event - Thursday 27th November

Midsomer Norton Town Council is delighted to invite residents to a special Town Hall Engagement Event on Thursday 27th November 2025, coinciding with the festive Christmas Lights Switch-On celebration at The Hollies.

The Town Hall doors will be open from 5pm, welcoming the community to an informal and festive evening at Midsomer Norton Town Hall, where residents can:

- View the progress of the Town Hall refurbishment through visual displays.
- Enjoy festive refreshments.
- Share feedback and ideas about the future use of the Town Hall.

As part of the event, residents will be encouraged to complete a short questionnaire to help shape how the Town Hall can best serve the community going forward. Your input will be invaluable in guiding future plans and ensuring the Town Hall remains a vibrant and inclusive space for all.

The Midsomer Norton Town Hall Transformation Project continues to progress with plans to revitalise this historic building into a modern, accessible, and multifunctional space for the community. The project aims to preserve the heritage of the Town Hall while enhancing its facilities to support events, meetings, and local services.

Thank you to Norton Hill Farm, Silver Street for supplying for the Christmas Tree. Council staff will be on hand to speak with attendees and gather feedback.

We look forward to welcoming you to this exciting event and hearing your thoughts on the future of Midsomer Norton Town Hall.

For more information and updates, please visit our website or follow us on social media.

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 _____