

Purple Pages



Weekly Newsletter: 28th November 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: PEACE



Message from the Headteacher

This past week has been a fantastic demonstration of the high standards and engaging learning environment we cultivate at our school. We opened our doors to several visitors, all of whom left incredibly impressed by our dedicated pupils and staff.

On Tuesday, we welcomed our School Improvement Partner, who conducted a 'deep dive' review into our teaching and curriculum delivery in History and Geography. The outcome was overwhelmingly positive. We were particularly impressed with the depth of knowledge and skills the children demonstrated and their ability to confidently articulate their learning and make connections between topics.

The positive feedback continued on Wednesday, when we hosted a group of teachers from Minehead. They spent the day observing our Year 5 and 6 classes. They commented specifically on the exemplary learning behaviours they witnessed, noting the sense of calm across the school and the focus and engagement displayed by our older pupils in their lessons.

Finally, on Thursday, our focus turned to Religious Education and the wider spiritual life of the school. We were delighted to welcome Paul Marvin, our Christian Distinctiveness Lead, who spent the day reviewing our RE teaching, talking to children and assessing personal and spiritual development across the school. Another glowing report to end our week.

Well done to all our pupils for being such wonderful ambassadors for our school!

Hope you all have a lovely weekend and we look forward to welcoming you on Saturday for our Christmas Fete.

Mrs West-Gaul

Dates For Your Diary

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



St John's Primary School, Midsomer Norton

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Awards and Achievements

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



	Star of the Week	Star Reader
Acorns	Remi Mom	Florence Hugo H
Ash	Arthur	Dougie
Birch	Delilah	Daisy
Chestnut	Taylor	Jack
Elm	Betsy	Aidie
Hazel	Eva	Hugh
Holly	Sofia	Harry
Maple	Kara	Arianna
Oak	Myka	Kallie
Pine	Dorothy	Isaac
Rowan	Elise	Jesse
Sycamore	Sophie	Lyra
Willow	Ralphie	Lottie

Top Doodling Class

MAPLE



Well done!



Hot Chocolate Friday



Well done to last week's Stars of the Week.

PE Achievements of The Week

Year 6 Sycamore - Oliver (Terrific Teamwork) and Charlie (Playing Fair)
 Year 6 Willow - Finn (Playing Fair) Texa (Terrific Teamwork)
 Year 5 Pine - Ezra and Reuben (Fantastic Focus)
 Year 5 Rowan - Freya (Playing Fair) and Thomas (Calm & Confident)
 Year 4 Maple - Arianna (Fantastic Focus) and Mackenzie (Calm and Confident)
 Year 4 Oak - Riley and Eva (Fantastic Focus)
 Year 3 Holly - Charlie (Amazing Ability), Alice and Jesse (Fantastic Focus)
 Year 3 Hazel - Eva (Playing Fair) and Blake (Amazing Ability)
 Year 2 Elm - Aidie and Sofia (Playing Fair)
 Year 2 Chestnut - Jenna and Eleanor (Caring and Kind)
 Year 1 Ash - Chester and Izzy (Fantastic Focus)
 Year 1 Birch - Alex (Terrific Teamwork) and Eden (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.



Request for Dolls, Clothing and Accessories

Next Steps Nursery are looking for donations of roleplay dolls, dolls clothing and accessories. If you have any that you would be willing to donate, please bring them directly to the nursery, or drop them off at the main school office. Many thanks in advance!

Thank You



Christingle Service

On Wednesday 3rd December at 3.30pm we will be celebrating Christingle at St John's Church.

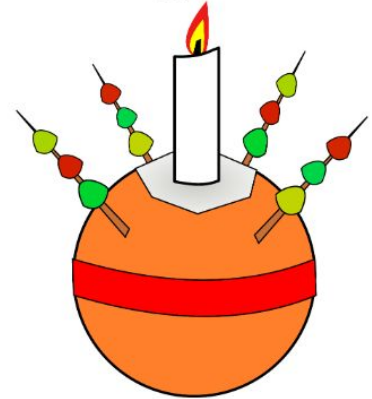


As always we will be collecting for The Children's Society, so this week each child has brought home a collection candle to fill with your small change and then take to the service where they will be collected in.

So that we can gauge the number of families to expect, please could you complete this Google Form:

[>> Christingle 2025 Numbers](#)

Christingle Service



Come and join us after school on
**Wednesday 3rd December at
3.30pm**

**St John the Baptist Church,
Midsomer Norton.**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing lots of you there!

Advent Sunday Family Service

**St John the Baptist Church
Midsomer Norton.**



Advent

10 am Sunday 30th November 2025.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

5 - 11
Years
Old

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sport**

09:00
-
15:30

**DECEMBER
HOLIDAY
CAMPS**

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

**Monday 22nd December
Christmas Party**

**Tuesday 23rd December
Nerf Combat, Dodgeball
& Archery Camp**

**BOOK HERE
SCAN ME**

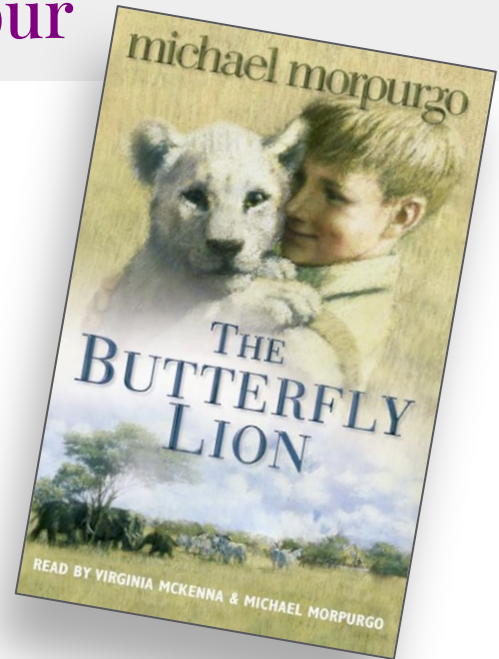


Reading in Year Four

In Guided Reading this term, we have read the Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo. This is a lovely book about a boy who adopts a lion. The inspiring magic of a white lion brings friendship and hope to a lonely ten year old.

Miserable at his boarding school, Bertie runs away. He is rescued by a kind old lady who tells him of how another Bertie, a little boy from a long time before, saved an orphaned lion cub in Africa. The symbol of the white lion becomes an emblem of hope as well as a link across generations.

The children loved how Michael Morpurgo skillfully weaves together magical and real stories.



My Book Review

Title: The Butterfly Lion

Author: Michael Morpurgo

Did you like the book?
Rate the book by colouring in the stars.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

What was your favourite part?
The part where Bertie got to keep the lion.

Draw your favourite scene from the book.

My Book Review

Title: The butterfly lion

Author: Michael Morpurgo

Did you like the book?
Rate the book by colouring in the stars.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

What was your favourite part?
When the lion made their lives better.

Draw your favourite scene from the book.

My Book Review

Title: The Butterfly Lion

Author: Michael Morpurgo

Did you like the book?
Rate the book by colouring in the stars.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

What was your favourite part?
My favourite part was when Bertie and the lion first met.

Draw your favourite scene from the book.

My Book Review

Title: The butterfly lion

Author: Michael Morpurgo

Did you like the book?
Rate the book by colouring in the stars.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

What was your favourite part?
My favourite part of the book is when Millie gets her kite in the tree and Bertie gets it.

Draw your favourite scene from the book.

PTA NEWS



St John's PTA

Christmas Fete

Everyone Welcome!

Saturday 29th November

11am-2pm

**St John's School
Midsomer Norton
BA3 2JN**

Activity Passports
available before
and on the day!

Raffle • Santa's Grotto • Tombola • Games • Cookie Decorating • Hot Food • Bar



St John's PTA

Santa's Grotto

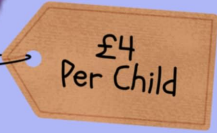
Saturday 29th November

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!

Book here!

Limited spaces available



Thought of the Week

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'...The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favour with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." (Luke 1:30-33)



The Annunciation - Henry Ossawa Tanner (1898)



Annunciation with St Margaret and St. Ansanus - Simone Martini (1333)

I wonder what it would have been like. I imagine Mary was just going about her daily business, maybe doing some cleaning or preparing some food. Maybe she was getting ready for bed or even asleep and something woke her.



The Annunciation IV - Daniel Bonnell (2019-2020)

In the different pictures I've included, the angel is portrayed in many different ways and Mary's responses are also quite different - rejection, confusion, fear. I imagine that at first this news may have produced all of these emotions. 'Even though you don't have a husband, you are going to have a baby and he will be the son of God and his kingdom will never end.' In that day and age, being pregnant without a husband might have led to a woman being stoned to death. Even if you could keep it a secret from the village, it could lead to rejection and possible abandonment from your own



Ecce Ancilla Domini! - Dante Gabriel Rossetti (1849-50)

If we read on though, Mary's initial reactions of confusion and fear led to humble obedience and acceptance - "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." (Luke 1:38). Her example is one that is revered and admired by millions of Christians all over the world and the reason she is so celebrated. No wonder God chose her to be the bearer of the promised Messiah.

Community Notices



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c December 01 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 12.30-4.00pm
Drop in. Suitable for all ages.
*subject to exhibition room being available

Our sensory room is available all day if you need to escape the Bath Christmas Market.

Keynsham Library

Festive 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)

Festive 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

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

Festive Storytime 10.30 - 11.00am
Drop in suitable for parents & carers with children aged 0 - 5 years.
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>

Unwrap some festive library treats. Why not try these books:

Father Christmas's Fake Beard by Terry Pratchett

Diary of a Christmas Elf by Ben Miller

How Winston came home for Christmas by Alex T Smith



Bath & North East Somerset Council
Improving People's Lives

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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Improving People's Lives



For more information:
library_events@bathnes.gov.uk

Christmas Holiday Camps

We are proud to offer activities for Happy Healthy Holidays Winter 2025

Happy Healthy Holidays funded spaces available for eligible children across all of our venues this winter

Booking goes live at 10am on Monday 24th November



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Venues

Northgate, Bridgwater
Woolavington Primary
North Petherton Primary
Stoberry Park Primary, Wells
BASC Ground Burnham on Sea
St Benedict's, Midsomer Norton
Crech St Michael Primary
Orchard Grove Primary
Wellesley Park Primary
Castle Cary Primary



Inspired Schools
hello@inspiredschools.co.uk
07494175299

Christmas Holiday Camp

St Benedicts Primary- Midsomer Norton

22nd, 23rd & 29th December

9.00am-3.00pm

Multisports and Football Champions League camps



£20 Per day

10% Whole week discount

15% Sibling discount

Happy Healthy Holidays FREE Places

Bookable at 10am on Monday, 24th November

Inspired Schools
07494175299
hello@inspiredschools.co.uk
<https://inspiredschools.ipalbookings.com>

SCAN ME
For paid places

Limited free places available for children on benefit related free school meals



WEST OF ENGLAND
**MUSIC
& ARTS**

A musical treat for the festive season!

Holiday Singing Days

Two fun and engaging singing days during the Christmas Holidays. One for children in years 3-6, and one for those in years 7 upwards. With WEMA musician, composer and conductor Joe Galuszka.

Monday 22 December: KS2 Singing Day

Tuesday 23 December: Secondary Singing Day

More Information:

wema.org.uk/music-activities-and-workshops



West of England

**MUSIC
& ARTS**

Become a Mix Master with our DJ Workshops!

Learn to beat match, loop, and get a crowd into the groove with our DJ workshops in Bath, hosted by Komedia Club. Featuring local DJ Elley Phunk! Starts January 2026, for ages 11-18.

Details & Booking

wema.org.uk/DJ-course



In association with
KOMEDIA



West of England

**MUSIC
& ARTS**

Get Into The Groove!

with our new music production courses

In Years 9-13 and love creating music? Whether you've been playing around on GarageBand or dreaming of dropping your own EP, this is your chance to go next-level.

Over 10 weeks, expert music production tutors will help you shape your sound, master Logic Pro, and create a great track.

Next Course: Wednesdays, 6 Jan 2026 - 25 Mar (Feb half term off)

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



Details and booking at:

wema.org.uk/music-production-courses

In partnership with



NEW VENUE
FOR 2025

SASS Community Choir 2025-26

for all autistic young people
and their families in B&NES

*All are welcome: whether you are waiting for diagnosis, or self-identify as autistic, no formal diagnosis is needed.

Led by Tim Parker
The SASS team are excited to be working with Tim and WEMA for our community choir!



Time
4pm - 5pm
All ages

Upcoming Dates (Wednesdays)

Wed 10th December 2025
Wed 28th January 2026
Wed 11th March 2026
Wed 6th May 2026
Wed 24th June 2026

New Venue:
Midsomer Norton Library
The Hollies, High Street,
Midsomer Norton, BA3 2DP

*Free nearby parking available in
Sainsburys, The Hollies
or South Road Car Park



Music provides a unique way to connect with others with singing having many health and wellbeing benefits, so join us to enjoy some singing together within a fun, friendly and supportive environment!

Parents/carers will also have the opportunity to meet with members of the SASS team for general advice and support during the session.

A £1 voluntary donation per family is invited.
*Bookings welcome, otherwise just turn up!

For more information contact:
sass@fossewayschool.com
01761 412198

Families can arrive early if coming straight from school and enjoy the library, including access to the Sensory Space to support with transition.

Please scan the QR code below to familiarise yourself with Midsomer Norton Library before your visit with an introduction to the space and services.



Bath Royal
Literary and Scientific Institution

LOVE MAKERS
CRAFT CAFE

CHRISTMAS BAUBLE BAR

Get crafty at Bath's Makers Market this Christmas!

origami - embroidered felt gingerbread & stars - Scandinavian himmell card concertinas - metal embossing

6 spaces per session | £18 per person/ 1hr | +1hr £15
'Spicy' rating for all abilities

27th November - 14th December (Thurs - Sun)
BRLSI, 16-18 Queen Square, Bath

BOOK YOUR SPACE: LoveMakersCafe.com

3D origami stars
paper concertina
embroidered felt
himmell
card concertinas
metal embossing

BOOK NOW!

CHRISTMAS HAPPY LITTLE RAVERS

07/12/25
1:30PM - 3:30PM

Norton Hill Sports Hall

DJ IAN - FACE PAINTER - TUCK SHOP - GLITTER TATTOO STALL - USBORNE BOOK STALL - CONFETTI CANONS - BUBBLES - GIANT BALLOONS

SCAN ME