

Purple Pages



Weekly Newsletter: 12th December 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

What a wonderful and joy filled week it has been in school. Throughout Advent we are following the Diocese Advent resources, looking at the joy that the Christmas story gives us all. On Tuesday we had a very special online collective worship led by the Bishop, joining over 7,000 other children across Bath and Wells. It was inspiring to feel part of such a large and connected community.

On Wednesday our Year 2 pupils delighted us with their Carols by Candlelight, a truly beautiful service that brought the spirit of Christmas to the forefront of our minds. On Thursday, Reception's Nativity was absolutely lovely, and we could not be prouder of the children. They performed with such confidence, joy and enthusiasm. Their hard work and excitement shone through from start to finish.

To round off the week, the PTA hosted Elfridges, giving children the opportunity to choose and buy gifts for their families - always a highlight and a lovely way to encourage thoughtfulness and generosity.

Hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs West-Gaul



Dates For Your Diary

December

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
End of Term 2

January

5th INSET Day
6th Children return to school

Crib Service

Come dressed to join in as we tell the story of Christmas!



4pm, Wednesday 24th December at
St John the Baptist Church,
Midsomer Norton.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Awards and Achievements

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



	Star of the Week	Star Reader
Acorns	Harlow Daisy	Albie Lola
Ash	Frankie	Fraser
Birch	Lexi	Eden
Chestnut	Ruby	Lyra Tommy
Elm	Sofia	Hugo
Hazel	Isabelle	Ayda
Holly	Arya	Eric
Maple	Myla	Matilda
Oak	Imogen	Riley
Pine	Sophie	Charlie
Rowan	Aoife	Leah
Sycamore	Poppy-Mae	Josh
Willow	Mabel	Eva

Top Doodling Class

ACORNS



Well done!

Out of School Achievement

Well done to Lottie (Willow) who was thrilled to win second prize for her entry in the Midsomer Norton Mayor's Christmas card competition!



PE Achievements of The Week

- Year 6 Sycamore - Chloe (Calm and Confident), Ella (Independent Learner), Henry (Really Resilient), Elliot (Fantastic Focus) and Ann (Terrific Teamwork).
- Year 3 Hazel - Blake (Amazing Ability), Harrison (Calm and Confident), Daisy (Terrific Teamwork), James (Playing Fair) and Libby (Caring and Kind)
- Year 3 Holly - Nancy (Calm and Confident) and Sofia (Caring and Kind).
- Year 1 Birch - Daisy and Presley (Caring and Kind), Finley (Playing Fair) and Molly (Fantastic Focus).
- Year 1 Ash - Dougie (Amazing Ability), Evie (Playing Fair), Shaylun (Amazing Ability) and Ruby H (Fantastic Focus).

General Notices

Little Acorns 'Stay & Play'

Our next Little Acorns 'Stay & Play' session will be on Tuesday 16th December at 9.30am.

If you have a child who will be starting school next September, please do join us for an introduction to our school, including a play session and a tour of the school.

Please contact the school office for more information and to book your place.

Reception Applications September 2026

Please be reminded that the closing date for **on-time Reception/Junior Transfer** applications for September 2026 is **15th January 2026**.

Term 3 Ignite Sport Clubs

The After-School Clubs offered by Ignite Sports for Term 3 are now available to book.

All clubs will run 3pm - 4.15pm and cost £4 per session. Please see the advert below and the website for more details:

www.ignite-sport.co.uk

SENDIAS BATHNES Winter Newsletter

The SENDIAS BATHNES has a Winter Newsletter which can be viewed via this link:

<https://sendiasbathnes.org.uk/sites/default/files/2025-12/Winter%20Newsletter%202025.pdf>



Breakfast Club Bookings

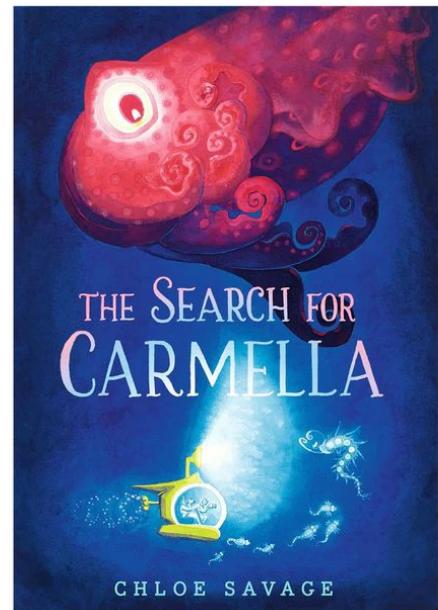
A reminder that all places for Breakfast club need to be booked ahead of each morning's session. This is to ensure that we have the correct levels of staffing. Please note Breakfast Club is limited to 25 children.

Reading in Year Two

Our text focus in reading and literacy has been The Search for Carmella by Chloe Savage. The story follows a scientist called Dr Rose who goes to search in the depth of the ocean for the mythical creature named Carmella.

This week we have created our own mythical sea creatures for Dr Rose to search for when we write our narrative.

We have also written a setting description of the ocean using clips from Blue Planet to help us immerse ourselves into what the ocean looks like from a submarine.



ignite sport

after school sports clubs
term 3

St John's C of E Primary School

Years R - 2 Football
Monday

Years 1 - 6 Archery
Tuesday

Years 3 - 6 Evasion & Invasion Sports
Wednesday

Best Seller!

NEW!

NEW!

BOOK ONLINE HERE!

SCAN ME

why join...?

- Reception - Year 2 Football
- Years 1 - 6 Archery
- Years 3 - 6 Evasion & Invasion Sports

For more information check our website

www.ignite-sport.co.uk

5 - 11 Years Old

09:00 - 15:30

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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



Thought of the Week

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'And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby...An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified..."Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today...a Saviour has been born to you...This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.'" (Luke 2:8-12)



The Annunciation To The Shepherds - Nicholaes Pietersz Berchem (c.1630)



Seeing Shepherds - Daniel Bonnell (2011)

With this part of the Christmas story, I am reminded again that God didn't send the angels to tell King Herod or the important leaders or the chief priests about the birth of the Messiah, the angels were sent to tell shepherds. These would have been very poor men who were shunned by society. People saw them as the lowest of the low and they were considered as unclean because of the work they did. They spent all their time with dirty smelly sheep, their manure, their blood from cuts and scrapes and the insects that buzzed around them. They were never considered clean enough to worship with God's people and were generally treated as outsiders.

What a wonderful thing it is that God saw them as worthy and welcomed them to come and witness the birth of Jesus. Jesus went on in his lifetime to specialise in welcoming people who were considered as unclean and unwelcomed by others. Those who were ignored and ostracised were now included and accepted.

What a message this is. For Christians around the world, they know that whoever they are and whatever they've done, God sent Jesus to be born and later to be crucified, to take their place in dying for the wrong things they have done and continue to do. It now means everyone is welcome to spend their life reconciled with him.

Surely the idea that everyone, no matter what, is welcomed and accepted is the true meaning of Christmas?

The Angel and The Shepherds - James Tissot (1886-94)



The Adoration of The Shepherds - Rembrandt Harmenszoon Van Rijn (1646)

Community Notices



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c December 15 2025

Here's what is happening in your Libraries this week	
Bath Central Library	
Festive Baby Bounce & Rhyme	10.30 - 11.00am Wednesday (term-time only)
Drop in suitable for parents & carers with children aged 0 - 5 years.	
Board Game Saturdays	Every Saturday 12.30 - 4.00pm
Drop in. Suitable for all ages	
Keynsham Library	
Festive Baby Bounce & Rhyme	9.30 - 10.00am & 10.30 - 11.00am Tuesday (term-time only)
Drop in suitable for parents & carers with children aged 0 - 5 years.	
Festive Storytime	10.30 - 11.00am Thursday (term-time only)
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Midsomer Norton Library	
Festive Baby Bounce & Rhyme	10.30 - 11.00am Monday (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

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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For more information:
library_events@bathnes.gov.uk

FREE bus travel for kids

...is back for the holidays
20 December – 4 January



This festive season, under 16's can travel for free on most buses starting in the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority, of B&NES, South Gloucestershire, and Bristol from the 20th of December to the 4th of January.

For more information:
<https://travelwest.info/bus/kids-go-free/>

TIMSBURY THEATRE GROUP presents

FROSTED



A family pantomime
By Warren McWilliams

At the Conygre Hall, North Road, Timsbury BA2 0JQ

17th, 18th & 19th December 2025 - 7.30pm
20th December 2025 - 2pm & 6pm

Tickets: £12 Adult £8 Child or £35 for Family (2+2)

www.timsburytheatre.co.uk
Email: timsburytheatre@gmail.com



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