

Purple Pages



Weekly Newsletter: 19th 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 way to finish the term!

This week our school has been full of Christmas sparkle and smiles. It started with our choir performing at the Ammerdown Carols by Candlelight Service on Tuesday, their amazing singing helped to create a truly magical atmosphere.

On Wednesday enjoyed a very special Christmas dinner day, with the children proudly wearing the fantastic Christmas hats they had made in class.

On Thursday, our Year Six children led our Christmas services with great confidence and thoughtfulness. Through readings, prayers, music and reflection, they helped us all pause and remember the true meaning of Christmas.

We ended the term with lots of laughter thanks to our staff pantomime of Sleeping Beauty. It was a brilliant way to finish the term and brought great joy to the children and the staff too.

As a Church of England school, Christmas is a time when we remember the birth of Jesus and the message of love, hope and joy that it brings. It has been lovely to see these values shining through in our school community this term.

Thank you to our amazing pupils for their hard work and enthusiasm, to our wonderful staff for all they do, and to our families for your continued support.

I wish you all a very happy, peaceful and joyful Christmas. Have a restful break, and we look forward to seeing everyone back in the new year, ready for more learning, laughter and fun!

Mrs West-Gaul

Dates For Your Diary

January

- 5th INSET Day
- 6th Children return to school
- 15th Young Voices Trip



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	Rosalia Alanna	Hope Logan
Ash	Ivy	Izzy
Birch	Freya	Leo
Chestnut	Eleanor	Amelia
Elm	Lilah	Bellatrix
Hazel	Ted	Mila
Holly	Harry	Dylan
Maple	Senna	Betsy
Oak	Eva	Emily
Pine	Kobe	Ezra
Rowan	Jesse	Freya
Sycamore	Elliot	Oliver
Willow	Olivia	Maisy

Top Doodling Class

ACORNS



Well done!

Hot Chocolate Friday



Well done to our Stars of the Week, from last week and this week, who all enjoyed a hot chocolate treat!



PE Achievements of The Week

- ★ Year 6 Sycamore: Sophie, Eden and Luca (Terrific Teamwork)
- ★ Year 6 Willow: Teddy and Josh (Calm and Confident), April and Ava (Terrific Teamwork)
- ★ Year 5 Pine: Oscar (Terrific Teamwork), Daisy (Going above and Beyond), Jayden (Amazing Ability) and Matthew (Excellent Effort).
- ★ Year 5 Rowan: Leah (Terrific Teamwork), Charlie (Amazing Ability) and Albie (Playing Fair)
- ★ Year 4 Oak: George (Playing Fair) and Nancy (Fantastic Focus)
- ★ Year 4 Maple: Emilee (Amazing Ability), Mackenzie (Excellent Effort) and Matilda (Really Resilient)
- ★ Year 3 Holly: Zack (Terrific Teamwork) and Jasper (Terrific Teamwork)
- ★ Year 3 Hazel: Casey (Amazing Ability), Shontae (Playing Fair) and Aubrie (Caring and Kind)
- ★ Year 2 Elm: Fred D (Terrific Teamwork), Jamie (Amazing Ability) and Ted (Playing Fair)
- ★ Year 2 Chestnut: Noah (Playing Fair), Tommy (Amazing Ability) and Millie (Calm and Confident)
- ★ Year 1 Birch: Leo and Talulah (Caring and Kind)
- ★ Year 1 Ash: Chester (Fantastic Focus) and Izzy (Playing Fair)

General Notices

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 website for more details: www.ignite-sport.co.uk

INSET Play-Day

Ignite Sport are also offering an Inset Play Day on Monday 5th Jan. Please see the advert for booking details,

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.

School Meal Bookings on School Grid

Please note bookings for school meals for next term are now live. The final day for booking for the first week back is 1st January 2026.

Year 5 Bikeability Sessions

A reminder that Bikeability sessions will be offered to Year Five pupils next term. If your child is interested in participating in these sessions, please ensure you have completed the Sign-Up Booking Form.



The poster features the Ignite Sport logo with a stylized 'S' and 'I' and the text 'ignite sport inset play-day'. It includes illustrations of a girl and a boy, a target, and various sports equipment like a tennis racket, basketball, and soccer ball. A QR code is present with the text 'BOOK NOW! SCAN ME'. The event details are: Monday 5th Jan, 09:00 - 15:30, Reception - Year 6, St John's C of E Primary School, BA3 2JN. Contact info: todd.brixey@ignite-sport.co.uk. Social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, and LinkedIn are also shown.

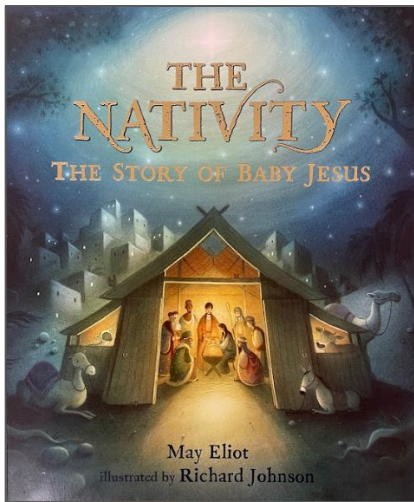
Out of School Achievement

Lucas had player of the match on Sunday for his performance and two great goals.

Well done!



Reading in Year One

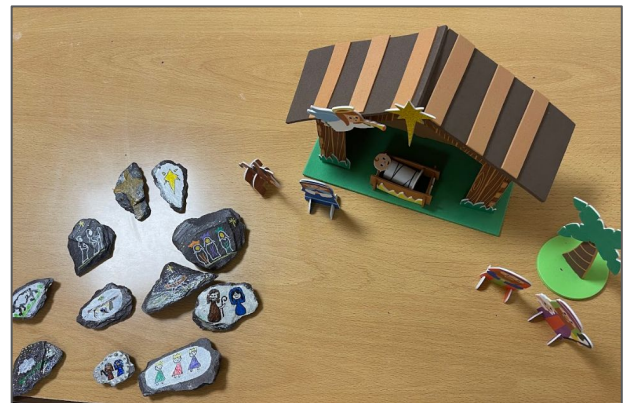


This term, our Year One students have been diving into the magical world of reading with a special focus on the Nativity story. Through listening, reading, and discussing the story of baby Jesus, the children have been developing their reading skills while also exploring important themes like kindness, friendship, and sharing.

In class, we have enjoyed a variety of activities to bring the story to life. We started by sharing the story from both the Children's Bible and a beautiful story book, and then used story stones and a crib scene as a challenge for the children to retell the story.

The children have sequenced the story, drawn pictures of important events and even wrote their own short sentences about what happens in the Nativity. These activities have helped them to practice reading and writing in a fun and meaningful way.

Our highlight was, of course, the children acting out scenes from the story in our wonderful Nativity performance!



It has been wonderful to see the children's excitement as they recognise familiar words, sound out new ones, and confidently read aloud to their classmates. Reading the Nativity story has not only improved their literacy skills but also sparked their imagination and curiosity about storytelling.

We are so proud of the progress our Year One readers are making and look forward to more reading adventures in the New Year!



ignite sport

after school sports clubs term 3

St John's C of E Primary School

Best Seller!

NEW!

NEW!

**Years R - 2
Football**
Monday

**Years 1 - 6
Archery**
Tuesday

**Years 3 - 6
Evasion &
Invasion Sports**
Wednesday

**BOOK
ONLINE
HERE!**

SCAN ME



why join...?

- **Reception - Year 2 Football**
Packed with loads of ball-time to sharpen skills and boost confidence, plus fast-paced small-sided games that fire up game sense, tactical smarts, and teamwork.
- **Years 1 - 6 Archery**
Grab a bow, take aim, and see if you can hit the bullseye. Learn cool skills, play fun games, and cheer each other on while becoming a target-hitting hero!
- **Years 3 - 6 Evasion & Invasion Sports**
From Jailbreak to Tag Rugby, Danish Longball to Ultimate Frisbee and Yoshi, Dodgeball and Football. We have a fun-packed club for everyone to enjoy!



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

BOOK HERE
SCAN ME







Thought of the Week

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“For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ.’ (2 Corinthians 4:6)’

We are all naturally drawn to light. Whether it is catching some rays on a sunny day, or turning on lamps to make a room feel cosy, or lighting up our homes at Christmas - we all love light.

The Christmas story is full of light. The shepherds were greeted by the angels and the glory of God was shining all around them. The magi followed a star, lighting their path to the new baby. At Christmas time, many people make and light lanterns or sometimes Christingles. Each Christingle is topped with a candle, signifying Jesus as the light of the world.

In today’s painting, we see the Christian concept of the immaculate conception taking place. The Holy Spirit, signified by the dove, alighting on Mary with a spark of light in his beak - God Most High overshadowing Mary meaning ‘the holy one to be born will be the Son of God’ (Luke 1:35).

Again, we see light - the divine spark of light, brightness from above bathing both the Holy Spirit and Mary in light. No wonder Jesus is referred to as the ‘Light of the World’.

Jesus is also referred to as Emmanuel, which literally means ‘God with Us’. For Christians, the Holy Spirit is like God being with us in our hearts and through him we can have divine revelation of who God is, displayed in the face of Christ.

While on earth, Jesus displayed the glory of God. After the shepherds had seen him, they went off to tell everyone about what they had been told by the angels. When the magi saw the child, it was then that they bowed down and worshipped him. When Jesus was a man, there was a moment when he was transfigured and ‘his face shone like the sun’ (Matthew 17:2). For many, this just shows that Jesus was literally God on Earth - God with us - God in human form.

If this is the case, then surely this is why Christmas matters so much to Christians. We are all drawn to light, so why not be drawn to the light of the world? We all want light to shine in dark places, so why not allow God to shine in the dark places in our lives and in our world?

I hope and pray that this Christmas time you may find the knowledge of God and his glory as it is displayed in the face of Christ.



Immaculate Conception with Saints - Piero di Cosimo (c.1485-1505)

Community Notices

TIMSBURY THEATRE GROUP presents

EROSTED

A family pantomime
By Warren McWilliams

At the Congre Hall, North Road, Timsbury BA2 0DQ

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

This production is by arrangement with Stagescripts Ltd

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

West of England
MUSIC & ARTS

DISCOVERY DAYS

at WEMA Music Centres

Our free-of-charge Discovery Days are the perfect chance to try out our Music Centres, meet new friends, and experience the fun of playing in an ensemble. Bring your enthusiasm and see where music can take you!

Ensembles available for a wide variety of instruments, ages and playing levels.

Sign up using the QR code or visit:
wema.org.uk/wema-music-centres

DISCOVERY DAYS
PLAYING TOGETHER

Holiday Activities: Christmas Crafts

WELLS CATHEDRAL

20, 22 and 23 December 2025, 10.30am–3.30pm

Get the holidays off to a festive start with our fun family workshops! Make decorations for your home this Christmas using natural materials from the Cathedral gardens.

Saturday 20 December
Festive Foliage
Make a festive table decoration using greenery from the Cathedral gardens.

Monday 22 December
Willow Christmas
Use Somerset willow to make a festive decoration.

Tuesday 23 December
Driftwood Angels
Use driftwood and other found and re-used materials to make an angel decoration.

Admission FREE with adult entry. No need to book – simply drop in on the day! Plan your visit online at wells cathedral.org.uk/holidays

Standard adult admission tickets include re-entry for 12 months from date of purchase, so you can enjoy access to a number of seasonal events, including exhibitions and Family Holiday Activities beyond your initial visit. Please note that children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and only assistance dogs are allowed at these activities.

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