

Purple Pages



Weekly Newsletter: 16th January 2026

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: WISDOM



Message from the Headteacher

It has been another vibrant week of discovery at St John's. In Reception, our youngest writers have been busy bringing characters to life! They have started drafting their own character descriptions for *Little Red Riding Hood*. It is wonderful to see them using their phonics skills to describe the "Big Bad Wolf" and the "kind Grandma" with such growing confidence.

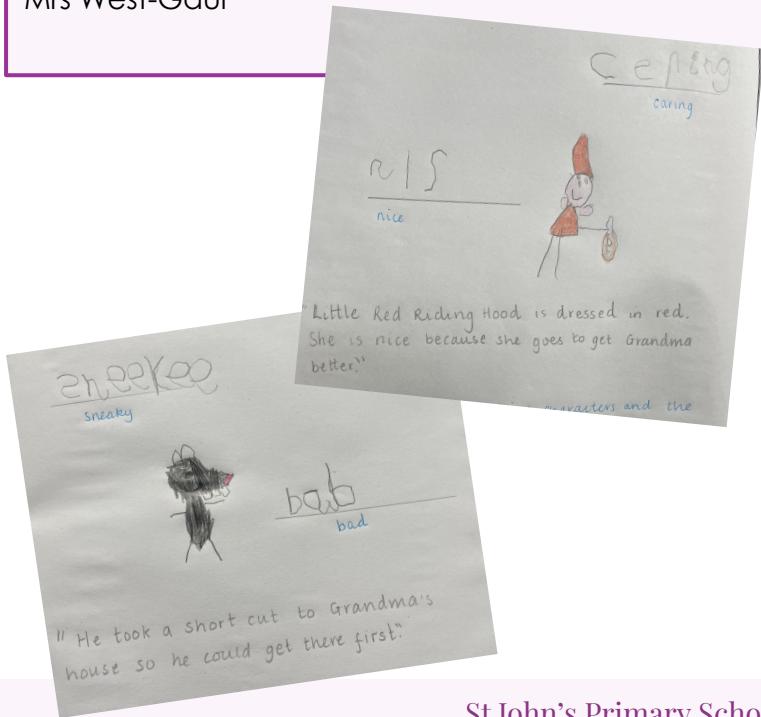
There is a real buzz of determination in Year 4 as the children continue to master their times tables. I have been incredibly impressed by their resilience; many are working hard to beat their own personal best scores, showing that practice and a positive mindset really do pay off.

Year 6 have embarked on a powerful new History topic: **The Second World War**. A particular highlight this week was seeing the children share their own family histories. Many brought in fascinating artifacts and stories from home, which truly helped bring the past to life. This historical immersion has even extended to their Music lessons, where they have begun learning the iconic songs that kept spirits high during the 1940s.

Thank you to all the families who supported the Year 6 project by sharing your personal treasures and stories - it makes the curriculum so much more meaningful for the children.

I wish you all a restful and happy weekend.

Mrs West-Gaul



Dates For Your Diary

February

- 6th NSPCC Number Day
- 9th Children's Mental Health Week
- 10th Safer Internet Day
- 12th PTA Disco
- 13th PTA Non-uniform Day
- 23rd Children return to school

March

- 5th World Book Day
- 18th PTA Easter Chocolate Family Bingo

Awards and Achievements

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



	Star of the Week	Star Reader
Acorns	Corey Albie	Rosalia Ellie
Ash	Marley	Arthur
Birch	Molly	Phoebe
Chestnut	Zac	Albert
Elm	Hugo	Lottie
Hazel	Willow	Aubrie
Holly	Charlie	Poppy-Rose
Maple	Freddie	Orri
Oak	Riley	Nancy
Pine	Xander	Soraya
Rowan	Mollie	Harry
Sycamore	Grayson	Rudi
Willow	Ella-Rose Poppy W	Gabe

Top Doodling Class

ELM

Well done!



Hot Chocolate Friday

Well done to last week's Stars of the Week
who enjoyed a Hot Chocolate treat!



PE Achievements of The Week

Year 6 Sycamore - Lyra (Amazing Ability) and Grayson (Fantastic Focus)

Year 6 Willow - Maisy (Amazing Ability) Elsie (Fantastic Focus) and Poppy W (Calm and Confident)

Year 5 Rowan - Elsie (Terrific Teamwork) and Aoife (Really Resilient)

Year 5 Pine - Soraya (Terrific Teamwork) and Charlie (Really Resilient)

Year 4 Oak - Nancy (Playing Fair)

Year Maple - Lola (Really Resilient), Betsy (Fantastic Focus) and Josh (Amazing Ability)

Year 3 Holly - Charlie and Nancy (Terrific Teamwork)

Year 3 Hazel - Melania and Hugh (Terrific Teamwork)

Year 2 Chestnut - Sammy (Fantastic Focus), Albert and Elsie (Amazing Ability)

Year 2 Elm - Lily (Fantastic Focus) and Paisley (Really Resilient)

Year 1 Birch - Millie (Huge Helper), Frey and Jeffery (Playing Fair) and Leo (Amazing Ability)

Year 1 Ash - Evie (Amazing Ability) and Leo (Fantastic Focus)

General Notices

Term 3 Ignite Sport Clubs

The After-School Clubs offered by Ignite Sports for Term 3 are still available to book. Nerf Combat has now been added to the Wednesday session.

All clubs will run 3pm - 4.15pm and cost £4 per session.

Please see the website for more details and to book sessions: www.ignite-sport.co.uk



Reading in Next Steps Nursery



This week at Next Steps Nursery the children have enjoyed learning all about pirates. After showing an interest in making treasure maps, we have continued this theme and they have joined in with some pirate activities.

We have shared the story 'Pi-Rat'; A swashbuckling adventure of two young pirates who sail the seven seas at bath time.

We continued the theme during this week's Forest School and had a pirate treasure hunt. The children searched for clues (including parrot feathers, bones and pirate hats), before taking on the tricky challenge of 'walking the plank'. They bravely balanced on a large tree trunk, and jumped off the end to splash into the 'murky waters' below!



Thought of the Week

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'Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.' (Matthew 6:34)

'Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow. It empties today of its strength.'

– Corrie Ten Boom



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The quote on the left is from Corrie Ten Boom. She was a Dutch watchmaker and later a Christian writer and public speaker. She worked with her father Casper, her sister Betsie and other family members to help many Jewish people escape from the Nazis during World War II, by hiding them in her home.

Unfortunately, they were caught, and Corrie was arrested and sent to the Ravensbrück concentration camp. Her most famous book, 'The Hiding Place', is a biography that recounts the story of her family's efforts and how she found and shared hope in God while she was imprisoned at the concentration camp.

After the war, Corrie returned to the Netherlands to set up a rehabilitation centre in Bloemendaal. She then returned to Germany in

1946 and met with and forgave two Germans who had been employed at Ravensbrück, one of whom had been particularly cruel to Betsie, her sister. Corrie lost her father while they were held in prison and her sister while in the concentration camp.

It's quite surprising that after everything she went through, she was able to talk about not worrying. For someone who had to endure existing in a concentration camp, which included watching her father and sister die and spending time in solitary confinement, it's amazing that she could even think about enjoying 'today' and not worrying about the next.

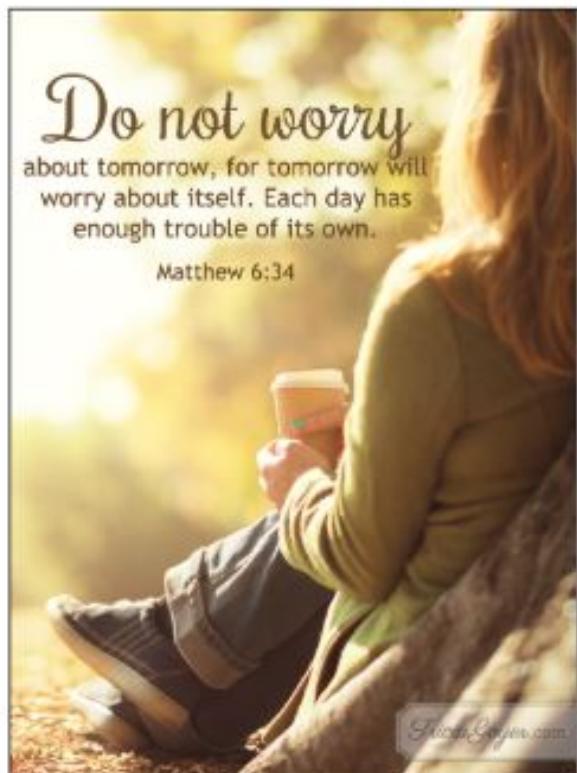
It's easy to find something to worry about, maybe even more so at the current time. But as Jesus says in Matthew's gospel, don't worry about tomorrow, focus on today. That doesn't mean we need to start worrying about the here and now, but like Corrie Ten Boom says, focusing on tomorrow and the next day, just stops you enjoying the moment. It empties you of today's strength.

So before you start worrying about next month's bills, or next week's appointments or even tomorrow's meals, take some time to enjoy today and to live in the moment. Don't let future worries stop you from finding today's joys.

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about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

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PTA NEWS



St John's PTA
School Disco
Thursday 12th February

YR, Y1, Y2 & Y3 - 5pm-6pm
Y4, Y5 & Y6 - 6:30pm-7:30pm

All Tuck Shop items 50p

£3 a ticket (or £3.25 online)

Entertainment

This poster features a large disco ball at the top left, with blue and white diagonal stripes in the background. The text is in a white, stylized font with small sparkles.



Christmas Gift Amnesty

ST JOHN'S PTA

Did you receive a gift you won't use or ended up with a duplicate? Instead of it gathering dust, donate it to our Gift Amnesty and help support St John's PTA. New or unused gifts only. Drop off in the blue bin by the school office. Every donation helps us raise funds for activities, resources, and events for our children. Thank you for your continued support.

This poster features a blue recycling bin with 'ST JOHN'S PTA' on it, surrounded by small wrapped gifts. It has a decorative border with pine branches and red berries.



Non-Uniform Day

Friday 13th February

Chocolate Donations Needed!

As we get ready for our Family Chocolate Bingo, we are asking for donations of chocolate to help us create egg-citing prizes and Easter hampers.

All donations will support the PTA in their fundraising for school activities and resources.

Any chocolate—big or small—would be hugely appreciated!
Donations can be brought into school.

Your continued support and generosity is greatly appreciated.

Let's make this Easter event extra sweet!

This poster features a brown Easter bunny on the right, surrounded by chocolate bars, Easter eggs, and flowers. The background is light yellow with a decorative border.

Community Notices



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





LET'S NURTURE NATURE

KID'S WORKSHOP

24TH JANUARY - 1 - 3PM



A relaxing and fun 2 hour workshop which gives children aged 5-10 the opportunity to learn about nature, make bird feeders to take home, and contribute to building a Root Connections Bug Hotel.

AGES 5+  **ONLY £10**
Snacks and Drinks Provided!

Scan the QR code to book your place!



Root Connections, Manor Farm, Stratton on the Fosse, Radstock, BA3 4QF

Root Connections CIC: 10537595



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c January 19 2026



Bath Central Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme
Drop in suitable for parents & carers with children aged 0 - 5 years.

Board Game Saturdays
Drop In. Suitable for all ages

Keynsham Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme
Drop in suitable for parents & carers with children aged 0 - 5 years.

Storytime
Drop in suitable for parents & carers with children aged 0 - 5 years.

Midsomer Norton Library

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SENDIAS Surgery
In-person. To book: www.sendiasbathnes.org.uk/events

Mobile Library

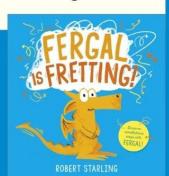
The Mobile Library may stop near you! Pop in for a visit, return your books, collect a reservation & choose something new to read. You can do all this & more with your B&NES or LibrariesWest library card.

For the Route Timetable, please visit: <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/mobile-library-service>

Festival of Libraries:
We've got a jam-packed, two week programme full of **free events** for everyone to enjoy! Pop along to Bath Central Library on 21 February at 12pm to learn how to draw me:



Fergal, with author Robert Starling.



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