

Purple Pages



Weekly Newsletter: 30th 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

This week has been another busy and positive one across the school. I have been particularly impressed with our Reception pupils, who have been enjoying storytelling activities based on *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*. They have shown great enthusiasm and creativity in retelling the story - well done to our youngest learners.

We also enjoyed welcoming a secondary trainee teacher with a specialism in music to our Year 6 classes this week. It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm they have brought with them to our school.

At the same time, we said goodbye to our Bath Spa students who have been supporting classes across the school. I'm sure parents will join us in wishing them every success in their final placements before they begin their teaching careers.

Don't forget next week we will be ending the week by celebrating NSPCC Number Day. Children are invited to come into school dressed in something number related (see email sent earlier in the week for full details) and will be participating in maths activities throughout the week.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs West-Gaul

Dates For Your Diary

February

- 6th NSPCC Number Day
- 9th Children's Mental Health Week
- 9th Year 6 Trip to Steam
- 10th Safer Internet Day
- 12th PTA Disco
- 13th PTA Non-uniform Day
- 23rd Children return to school
- 26th Year 2 Trip to SS Great Britain

March

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

Come and join us at our next Family Service...

Candlemas

**The Feast of the Presentation of Christ
in the Temple.**



**Sunday 1st February at 10am
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	Logan Myla	Bodhi Daisy
Ash	Evie	Freddie
Birch	Delilah	Finley
Chestnut	Jenna	Elsie
Elm	Halle	Beya
Hazel	Maeva	Frankie
Holly	Poppy-Rose	Charlie
Maple	Betsy	Mackenzie
Oak	Nancy	Sam
Pine	Charlie	All of Pine Class
Rowan	Bella	Fleur
Sycamore	Avery	Anna
Willow	Poppy H	Ralphy

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 - Rudi (Excellent Effort) and Carly (Calm and Confident)
- Year 6 Willow - Poppy H (Fantastic Focus) and Henry (Super Safe)
- Year 5 Pine - Charlie (Terrific Teamwork) and Amelia S (Going above and beyond)
- Year 5 Rowan - Fleur, Leah, Maisie and Jess (Terrific Teamwork)
- Year 4 Oak - Albie (Fantastic Focus), Rosie (Terrific Teamwork) and Loula (Playing Fair)
- Year 4 Maple - Jaxon and Shakai (Really Resilient) Jennifer (Amazing Ability) and Darcy (Calm and Confident)
- Year 3 Holly - Harry and Toby (Terrific Teamwork)
- Year 3 Hazel - Melania (Terrific Teamwork), Ted (Fantastic Focus) and Blake (Playing Fair)
- Year 2 Chestnut - Millie (Amazing Ability), Noah and Jacob (Fantastic Focus)
- Year 2 Elm - Jamie (Calm and Confident), Freddie W (Fantastic Focus) and Niamh (Amazing Ability)
- Year 1 Birch - Jesse (Playing Fair), Harper (Huge Helper), Leo (Caring and Kind) Sophia and Stephen (Fantastic Focus)
- Year 1 Ash - Woody and Alex (Terrific Teamwork) Shaylum (Playing Fair), Sofia and Ariella (Caring and Kind)

Reading in Year Five

This term in Year Five, we have enjoyed a wide range of exciting texts. We began by learning all about penguins, discovering fascinating facts about their habitats, behaviour and survival skills.

We then travelled back in time to explore famous monarchs from British history, including Henry VIII and his wives, Elizabeth I, and King John.

To finish the term, we will be reading 'Twitch' by M.G. Leonard, a thrilling mystery story that celebrates friendship, bravery and a love of birds.



General Notices

NSPCC Number Day: Friday 6th February

We will be taking part in the NSPCC Number Day next Friday, 6th February.

Please can all children be encouraged to wear number themed non-uniform on that day (appropriate for forest school if necessary).

To donate to this brilliant cause (suggested £1) - [please go to our Just Giving Page here.](#)



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after school sports clubs
term 3
St John's C of E Primary School

Best Seller!
Years R - 2
Football
Monday

NEW!
Years 1 - 6
Archery
Tuesday

NEW!
Years 3 - 6
Evasion & Invasion Sports
Wednesday

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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 Judo to Tag Rugby, Danish Longball to Ultimate Frisbee and Youth Dodgeball and Football, we have a fun-packed club for everyone to enjoy!

For more information check our website

www.ignite-sport.co.uk

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EVASION, INVASION & NERF COMBAT

WEDNESDAYS, 15:00 - 16:15

GET READY TO DODGE, DUCK & DOMINATE!

ST JOHN'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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St John's C of E
Primary School


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FEBRUARY HALF-TERM CAMPS

Monday - Friday
09:00 - 15:30

One epic week of action-packed holiday fun.
Being active, boosting confidence, building
friendships, and creating memories!

YEARS
R - 6

£24.00
per day

Mon

Football Camp

Tues

Dodgeball & Archery Camp

Weds

Nerf Combat Camp

Thurs

Musical Theatre & Dance Camp

Fri

Friday Play-Day



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Thought of the Week

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“Boaz replied, “I’ve been told all about what you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband—how you left your father and mother and your homeland and came to live with a people you did not know before. May the LORD repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge.”

(Ruth 2:11-12)



Ruth and Naomi - He Qi (2001)

If you don't know the story of [Ruth](#), it is well worth a read. It would make a brilliant BBC Sunday evening drama serial.

In the story, Naomi, her husband and her two sons leave Judah during a time of famine and set up home in the neighbouring country of Moab. While they are there, both Naomi's sons marry Moabite women, but unfortunately soon after this, Naomi's husband and sons die. We're not told why they die, but Naomi is then left with her two daughters-in-law, who she encourages to stay in Moab so they can marry again, while she returns to Bethlehem in Judah. One of her daughters returns, but Ruth decides to stay with Naomi, telling her she will stick with her whatever happens.

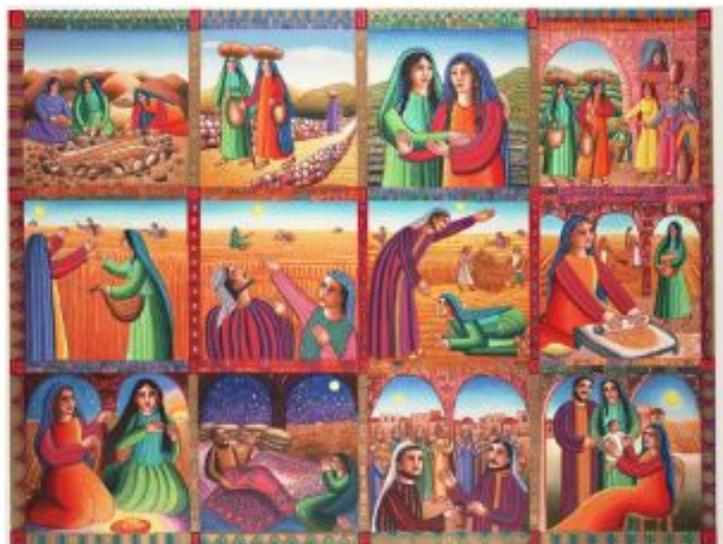
For an elderly widow and her foreign daughter-in-law, returning to Judah isn't easy. Life for widows and single women in those days was difficult without a man and their only means of survival was for Ruth to 'glean' or pick up any grain that was left behind by the harvesters. Ruth chooses a field that is owned by a man called Boaz, who fortunately is a close relative of Naomi and is legally obliged to help a family member in serious difficulty - like Naomi.

Boaz soon takes a shine to Ruth and after Naomi intervenes and suggests that Ruth 'declares' her love for him too, Boaz proposes. By the end of the book, Naomi, who had been left destitute with no family or finances, soon ends up with a supportive family and a grandson in her arms. It is a wonderful story of faithfulness and provision. What is particularly special about this story is that Ruth's son, Obed, turns out to be the grandfather of David, the future model king of Israel. Obed, Boaz, David and even Ruth are also part of Jesus' genealogy in [Matthew 1](#).

For a story that was written about 2½ thousand years ago, it is amazing how relevant it still is. Ruth was an immigrant, possibly even an illegal immigrant as she had no reason to come and live in Judah. It is likely that many people eyed her with suspicion or even as a threat. Ruth is surprised when Boaz treats her so kindly and even asks him why she has found favour with him, referring to herself as 'a foreigner' ([Ruth 2:10](#)).

Boaz is often seen as a 'type of Christ' because of the way he accepts Ruth and shows her love and kindness. Christians believe that God sees everyone as worthy, regardless

of their background or their history, as long as they want him involved in their lives. Ruth is just one of the many examples of people who have experienced that love and acceptance.



The Story of Ruth - John August Swanson (1990)

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
Entertainment

£3 a ticket
(or £3.25 online)



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!



Community Notices

Understanding Anxious Non-Attendance: for Parents and Carers



Wednesday, February 11th
7pm to 8.30pm

Evening

Online via
Microsoft Teams

In this SASS course we guide parent carers through the AET's new module on Anxious Non-Attendance (also referred to as Emotionally Based School Avoidance).

By listening to the voices of those with lived experience, AET were able to co-produce a module that helps others to understand how anxiety can lead to absence from

school and its impact on an autistic pupil's daily life.

SASS will share the **Parent Carer Guides** attached to this course, covering themes such as identifying causes of Anxious Non-Attendance, considering reasonable adjustments that can be made, and options to explore should attendance break down.

To book please email training@thepartnershiptrust.com



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School

Bath & North East
Somerset Council



For more about
SASS and what
we can offer
please scan
the QR code



**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.

