

Purple Pages



Weekly Newsletter: 6th February 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 a whirlwind of activity across the school this week! From the focused atmosphere of the classroom to the imaginative heights of the playground, our students have truly shone.

Across all year groups, children have been completing their assessments. We have been incredibly impressed by the true resilience on display. Well done to everyone for their hard work!

To balance the brainwork, we dived headfirst into National Storytelling Week, exploring narrative in all its forms. Year 1 sparked plenty of giggles with their collaborative "silly stories," proving that the best tales are often the ones we build together. Year 3 took a physical approach, "walking the line" to illustrate their story arcs and bring their sequences to life. Year 4 brought the rhythm, transforming their narratives into impressive raps that filled the halls with energy.

Also this week our Year 5 debate team did us proud at the MNSP Speak Out Competition, debating the topic 'Should Social Media Be Banned For Under 16's?' with maturity and confidence.

It has been a wonderful reminder that at St. John's, we work hard and dream big. Thank you to all the staff and students for making it such a memorable week!

Next week is jammed packed with exciting opportunities for children across the school.

Monday: Our Mental health Ambassadors will be launching Children's Mental Health Week. Our Year 6 children will be going to STEAM

Tuesday: Our Digital Leaders will be launching Safer Internet Day and across the school we will be looking at the responsible use of AI

Wednesday: Holly Reynolds will be returning to do mindfulness sessions with children across the school

Thursday: Happy Puzzle Company will be working with the children to complete a variety of team challenges. There will be a puzzle shop after school in the Studio for you to purchase a variety of games and puzzles at a 10% discounted rate.
PTA Disco after school

Friday: Happy Puzzle Company
Non Uniform Day

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs West-Gaul

THE PUZZLE SHOP

HAPPY PUZZLE FOR SCHOOLS
WORKSHOPS • RESOURCES

10% OFF EVERYTHING ON THE DAY

Happy Puzzle will be visiting on to run some problem solving workshops with the students. At the end of the school day we will be running a puzzle shop in and will take place at the following time.....

There will be a 10% discount on the day of the event only, so come along and see what we have to offer!

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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	Radleigh Hope	Max Aiden
Ash	Dougie	Eli
Birch	Daisy	Eron
Chestnut	Jack	Leo W
Elm	Fred D	Isla
Hazel	Remy	James
Holly	Toby	Zach
Maple	Evie	Sophie
Oak	Albie	Aeris
Pine	Amelia L	Zena
Rowan	Charlie	Aoife
Sycamore	Nate	Carly
Willow	Ellis	Eva Dilly

Top Doodling Class

HAZEL

Well done!



Dates For Your Diary

February

- 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

- 3rd SEND Coffee Morning, 8.45am
- 5th World Book Day
- 18th PTA Easter Chocolate Family Bingo

PE Achievements of The Week

- Year 6 Sycamore - Luca (Excellent Effort) and Avery (Caring and Kind)
- Year 6 Willow - Harper (Calm and Confident) and Ellis (Fantastic Focus)
- Year 5 Pine - Amelia S, Charlie and Zena (Terrific Teamwork)
- Year 5 Rowan - Josh, Todd, Harry and Albie (Terrific Teamwork)
- Year 4 Oak - Kallie (Fantastic Focus) and Loula (Playing Fair)
- Year 4 Maple - Matilda (Amazing Ability), Mackenze (Playing Fair) and Evie (Calm and Confident)
- Year 3 Holly - Oliver, Eric and Jasper (Terrific Teamwork)
- Year 3 Hazel - Frankie (Terrific Teamwork), Eva (Fantastic Focus) and Willow (Excellent Effort)
- Year 2 Chestnut - Ayda (Amazing Ability) and Senna (Excellent Effort)
- Year 2 Elm - Eva (Really Resilient), Freddie D (Fantastic Focus)
- Year 1 Birch- Molly (Playing Fair), Oliver (Huge Helper), Alex (Caring and Kind) and Eden (Fantastic Focus)
- Year 1 Ash - Arthur and Alfie (Terrific Teamwork) and Ariella (Fantastic Focus)

Number Day



Reading in Year Four

To celebrate National Storytelling Week, Year Four traded traditional tales for modern beats in an electrifying online workshop with professional rapper and storyteller, Alim Kamara. Alim showed us that stories don't just live in books - they live in rhythm!

Under his expert guidance, the children learned how to weave their own narratives into powerful rap lyrics. The creativity didn't stop there; we also became music producers for the day, using our loop station to layer sounds and record original backing tracks. It was a fantastic way to see how technology and oral tradition can come together to tell a story.



General Notices

After-school Clubs for Term 4

We are pleased to share the after school clubs for Term 4 (after February half term), offered by Ignite Sports:

Mondays: Year R-4 Dance & Year R-3 Football

Tuesdays: Year 1-6 Nerf & Archery

Wednesdays: Year 2-6 Evasion & Invasion Games

To book, scan the QR code on the poster or [click here to go to the booking site \(Abler\)](#)

All of the St John's teacher-led clubs continue as per term 3, up to the Easter break.

Zone 5 - Spare Shoes Required

A reminder that if children choose to play on Zone 5 at lunchtime, it is essential that they change into different footwear as this area can be wet and muddy at the moment and we would like to avoid this being brought into the school corridors and classrooms.

Could we please therefore request that spare shoes/trainers are provided for this. Thank you for your co-operation.

ignite sport
after school sports clubs
term 4
St John's C of E Primary School

NEW! Years R - 4 Dance Monday
Best Seller! Years R - 3 Football Monday
NEW! Years 1 - 6 Nerf & Archery Tuesday
Years 2 - 6 Evasion & Invasion Sports Wednesday

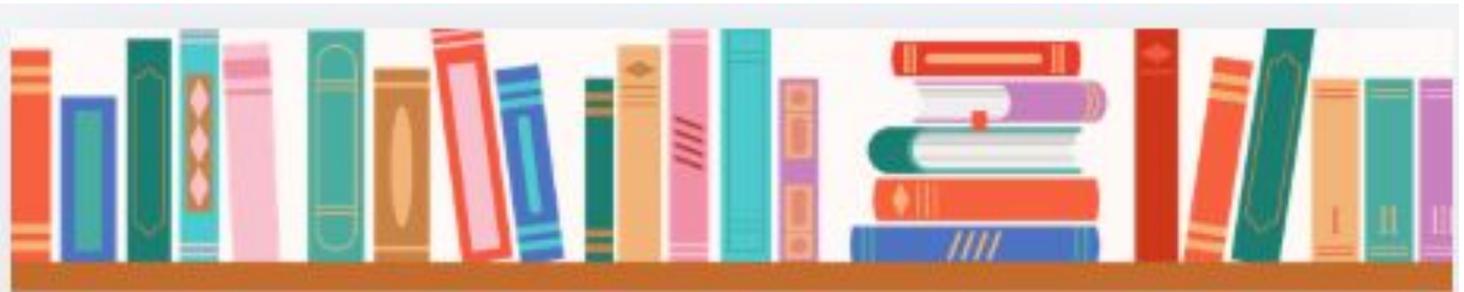
BOOK ONLINE HERE! **SCAN ME**

why join...?

- **Inclusive for all Abilities** – activities are adapted so every child can join in and shine!
- **Safe, Supervised, and Structured** – every session is led by qualified coaches with years of experience!
- **Smiles every Session** – children leave buzzing with energy and stories to tell!
- **Fun Guaranteed** – fun, games based sessions with plenty of action!

For more information check our website
www.ignite-sport.co.uk

Reading



📖 Help Us Build Our Dream Libraries 📖

To celebrate National Storytelling Week and gear up for World Book Day, we are giving our class libraries a major glow up and we've put the children in charge!

🌟 How You Can Help 🌟

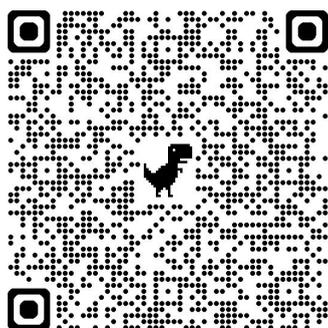
We want to turn these designs into a reality. If you would like to support our mission to foster a lifelong love of reading, please take a look at our booklists below.

Want to donate a book? Simply follow the link below to browse the titles our children have requested. Every donation will go directly into our class libraries or the main school library for all to enjoy!

Thank you for helping us make our school a place where stories truly come to life!



St John's Wishlists





St John's



SEND



Coffee Morning

Our SEND coffee morning offers a supportive environment for parents or carers of SEND children to relax and talk with others.

There will be information regarding local services who may be able to offer support.

**Tuesday March 3rd 2026
at 8.45am**

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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www.ignite-sport.co.uk



Parenting is probably the most important and rewarding role you will undertake in your life.

Yet parenting is far from easy, having many ups and downs and posing great challenges and demands. This is especially the case when you have a child with ADHD, which can bring additional challenges and demands.

The course aims to provide parents with a supportive environment that empowers you to find your own solutions to the challenges they may encounter.

Each session will cover three topics that focus on supporting families, supporting children and parent self-care.

The programme is written to support different learning styles and needs with a mix of reflection, discussion, video clips and worksheets.

We strive to be inclusive and Neurodiversity affirming.

Making an Impact

Studies have shown that parents of children with ADHD who complete the Parents Plus Children's programme report:

- Increased child positive social behaviour
- Reduced behaviour problems
- Reduced emotional problems
- Decreased parental stress
- Increased parental confidence

Parents attending the previous course told us

- "We have learnt so much and found meeting other parents and sharing a voice invaluable."
- "I feel I now have a much better understanding about ADHD, my child's needs and my own needs."
- "I am thinking more consciously about the way I am parenting, I've learnt to stay calm more often and give my child more time."



Are you parenting a child with ADHD?

Join our **Parents Plus 'Children's ADHD Programme'** and meet other parents of children aged 6-12 in a supportive group to help your child reach their full potential.

Supporting parents to:

- Personally cope and manage stress
- Understand ADHD and how to help your child
- Problem-solve and deal with challenges
- Understand the role of medication

Supporting children to:

- Have a positive understanding of ADHD
- Gain confidence and self-esteem
- Navigate school and homework
- Manage feelings and build friendships

When: Friday 6th March 2026 to 15th May 2026 (excluding Easter holidays)

Time: 10:00 - 12:00

Where: Keynsham Children Centre, 65 West View Road, Keynsham, BS31 2UE

For more information, please contact:

Louise Belson 07530-263259 Louise.Belson@bathnes.gov.uk

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ParentsPlus
Empowering Professionals to Support Families



Improving People's Lives

Executive function

isn't one single skill — it's a group of brain skills working together behind the scenes.

These are the core executive function areas that help a child remember instructions, manage feelings, stay organised, shift thinking, and get started on tasks. They are the “management team” of the brain.

Here's the part many people don't realise: these skills are largely driven by the prefrontal cortex, the area of the brain that develops slowly from childhood right through to the mid-twenties. So when a child struggles with planning, impulse control, or emotional regulation, it often reflects brain development, not behaviour choices.

Some children, especially those with ADHD, autism, dyslexia, or other neurodivergent profiles, may develop these skills differently or need more scaffolding and support along the way.

Understanding the core areas of executive function helps us respond with support instead of frustration. When we adjust expectations to match development, children do better.

Click on the link for more information on Facebook

[The Contented Child](#)

THE 'WHAT IS....?' SERIES
EXECUTIVE FUNCTION

WORKING MEMORY
Holds and uses information in the mind for short periods.
COMMON SIGNS

- Forgets instructions quickly
- Loses track mid-task
- Needs reminders for simple steps
- Asks the same questions again
- Forgets what they came to get
- Struggles with multi-step directions

INHIBITORY CONTROL
Helps a child pause and think before acting.
COMMON SIGNS

- Interrupts often
- Blurts out answers
- Acts before thinking
- Finds waiting very hard
- Grabs or touches impulsively
- Knows rules but struggles to follow them in the moment

COGNITIVE FLEXIBILITY
Allows shifting thinking and adapting to change.
COMMON SIGNS

- Upset by changes in plans
- Rigid about rules or routines
- Gets “stuck” on one idea
- Struggles to move on after disappointment
- Finds transitions difficult
- Has trouble seeing another perspective

PLANNING & ORGANISATION
Helps sequence, prioritise, and manage tasks.
COMMON SIGNS

- Doesn't know where to start
- Messy bags or workspaces
- Forgets materials needed
- Overwhelmed by big tasks
- Misses steps in activities
- Struggles to plan ahead

EMOTIONAL CONTROL
Supports managing feelings in a balanced way.
COMMON SIGNS

- Big reactions to small problems
- Quick frustration or tears
- Difficulty calming down
- Mood shifts that seem sudden
- Overwhelm during stress
- Needs adult support to settle

HELPS A CHILD START TASKS INDEPENDENTLY.
Supports managing feelings in a balanced way.
COMMON SIGNS

- Delays getting started
- Says “I don't know how”
- Appears to avoid tasks
- Freezes when unsure
- Needs repeated prompts
- Struggles with open-ended tasks

The set of brain-based skills that help a child plan, organise, remember, manage emotions, and control impulses in everyday life.

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Thought of the Week

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'But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.'
(Luke 15:20)



The Return of The Prodigal Son (etching) - Rembrandt Van Rijn (1636)

[The story of the Prodigal Son](#) turns up in RE lessons a few times while the children are at school. For Christians, the story is important, because it tells a story that gives a real example of what God is like.

Most of the time, when Jesus told a parable, his listeners (including us) seemed ok with the outcome - The Good Samaritan, The Unmerciful Servant, The

Sower etc. But with The Prodigal Son, we often feel that the son has got off a little bit too easily. Jesus must have preempted this, which is why he included the other son in the parable ([Luke 15:25-32](#)).

Jack Graham, a pastor of a baptist church in Texas, has this to say about it. 'This isn't a father who can't wait to punish his sinful son...who has written him off as wasted and worthless. This is a loving, caring father who can't wait to embrace and welcome him. He runs down the road to meet him...What you see...is a picture of the Father's love for you...eager...excessive...approachable...abundant.'

For Christians, this is what they believe God is like. A God, who's not like an ancient, grumpy headteacher or judge, who looks down on us disapprovingly, but a God who gives us another chance. And he doesn't offer us forgiveness begrudgingly, as if to say "I'll let you off this time, but next time you'd better watch it!". No this is a God who is loving and caring, a God who runs to embrace us and welcome us. This is a God whose love is eager, excessive, approachable and abundant. Surely this is the sort of love that we all need?



Forgiving Father - Frank Wesley (1950)



Prodigal Grace - Mike Moyers (2010)

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)

WORLD BOOK DAY
5TH MARCH 2026



ST JOHN'S BAR £2.50

- ★ Hidden inside of 450 bars are 225 winning 'golden' and 'purple' tickets.
- ★ Winning tickets are for prizes ranging from books to vouchers and special school prizes!
- ★ There are 5 golden tickets and 220 purple tickets.

Slips to be returned to the PTA box with £2.50 per bar by Friday 13th February.

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



Fosse Way
School

Bath & North East
Somerset Council



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



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



B&NES LIBRARIES
FESTIVAL OF LIBRARIES
7 - 21 FEBRUARY 2026

w/c February 09 2026

Bath Central Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme

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

10.30 - 11.00am

Wednesday
(term-time only)

Board Game Saturdays

Drop In. Suitable for all ages

Every Saturday

12.30 - 4.00pm

Keynsham Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme

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

9.30 - 10.00am &

10.30 - 11.00am

Tuesday
(term-time only)

Storytime

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

10.30 - 11.00am

Thursday
(term-time only)

Midsomer Norton Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme

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

10.30 - 11.00am

Monday
(term-time only)

Storytime

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

10.30 - 11.00am

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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>

Festival of Libraries:

We've got a jam-packed, two week programme full of **free** events for everyone to enjoy especially over half-term.

There are:

Jigsaw Days

Board Game Fun

Crafting Days

Pop into your local library for a programme or look out on social media.



Here's some book suggestions from the Libraries for Half Term:

The Great Theatre Rescue by Judith Eagle

You & Me and the Land of Lost Things by Andy Griffiths



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Improving People's Lives



HALF TERM TREAT - ZENITH YOUTH THEATRE
18 - 21 FEB 2026



Disney's **Beauty and the Beast** comes alive on stage in a spectacular new musical adventure from **Zenith Youth Theatre Company**. With huge dance numbers, sparkling costumes, and all the songs you know and love — like "**Be Our Guest**" and "**Beauty and the Beast**" — it's the perfect show for kids, families, and anyone who believes in happily-ever-afters.

Zenith Youth Theatre Company has been delighting Bath audiences for over 60 years with award-winning musicals performed entirely by young people.

Friday & Saturday MATINEE — you can even meet the cast in costume after the show for photos and a chance to say hello to your favourite characters!

BOOK AT WWW.ZENITHYTC.CO.UK



TICKETS

Fri & Sat Eve £15 / Wed & Thurs £14 (£12 Conc) Fri & Sat Mat £12
FAMILY TICKET(4 tickets max 2 adults) Wed & Thurs £42
TIMES Wed & Thurs 7:30pm, Fri & Sat 2:30pm & 7:30pm
Kingswood Theatre, Fonthill Rd, Lansdown, Bath BA1 5RG