

Purple Pages



Weekly Newsletter: 6th March 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: HOPE



Message from the Headteacher

It has been another busy and exciting week at school. At the start of the week, our Year 4 and Year 6 pupils were fortunate to take part in an inspiring author visit from Judith Eagle. She spoke to the children about her writing process, shared insights into her books and encouraged everyone to develop their own creativity and love of storytelling. Her books are still available to purchase should anyone wish to.

On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day, and it was wonderful to see the enthusiasm across the school as children and staff shared their favourite stories and enjoyed a range of reading activities. Events like this are a fantastic way to celebrate the joy of books and promote a lifelong love of reading. The launch of our PTA St John's bars were a huge success, raising an impressive £485.88 to spend on books!

Thank you to everyone who attended our SEND coffee morning, where we were joined by the school nurse who offered helpful advice and guidance to parents and carers. It was a valuable opportunity to share information and support.

Our Year 5 pupils have also continued developing their cycling skills this week, with the second group taking part in their Bikeability training. These sessions help children build confidence and learn important road safety skills.

Finally, we are delighted that Big World Play have now resurfaced the nursery playground. The new surface will provide a safer and more engaging outdoor space for our youngest children to enjoy.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,
Mrs West-Gaul

Dates For Your Diary

March

- 10th - 17th Book Fair
- 12th STEM Fair
- 17th Year One Trip to Wookey Hole
- 18th Year 6 Parents SATS meeting, 3.15pm
- 24th Dance Umbrella
- 26th Year Four trip to the Roman Baths
- 28th PTA Easter Chocolate Family Bingo
- 31st Parents Evening

April

- 1st Parents Evening
- 2nd Easter Services:
9am: Acorns, Birch, Elm, Holly, Oak, Rowan, Willow
1.45pm: Ash, Chestnut, Hazel, Maple, Pine, Sycamore
- 2nd PTA Non-Uniform Day, End of Term
- 20th Children return to school
- 23rd St. George's Day
- 27th - 29th Year Four Camp at Kilve Court

Mothering Sunday

Come and join us as we celebrate
all who mother and care for us!



With posies courtesy of
St John's School.
10am Sunday 15th March 2026



All are welcome!

St John's Church, Midsomer Norton

Awards and Achievements

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



	Star of the Week	Star Reader
Acorns	Billy Milo	Radleigh Lily
Ash	Alfie	Ivy
Birch	Jeffrey	Delilah
Chestnut	Leo W	Sammy
Elm	Paisley	Lily C
Hazel	Poppy	Libby
Holly	Daisy	Arya
Maple	Emilee	Darcey
Oak	Grace	Myka
Pine	Daisy	Xander
Rowan	Jessica	Lola
Sycamore	Rudi	Aoife
Willow	Dilly	Josh

Top Doodling Class

CHESTNUT



Well done!

Hot Chocolate Friday

Well done to all of last week's 'Stars of the Week' who enjoyed a hot chocolate treat.



PE Achievements of The Week

Year 6 Sycamore - Anna (Fantastic Focus) and Henry (Calm and Confident)

Year 6 Willow - Mabel (Fantastic Focus) and Teddy (Playing Fair)

Year 5 Pine - Bethany and Zena (Amazing Ability) and Matthew (Going above and beyond)

Year 5 Rowan - Jesse (Excellent Effort) and Elise (Terrific Teamwork)

Year 4 Oak - Sophia S and Sophia L (Huge Helper)

Year 4 Maple - Orië (Amazing Ability) and Senna (Playing Fair)

Year 3 Holly - Daisy and Alice (Fantastic Focus)

Year 3 Hazel - Lexi and Ayda (Excellent Effort)

Year 2 Chestnut - Tommy (Really Resilient), Elsie (Calm and Confident), Millie and Charlie (Playing Fair)

Year 2 Elm - Lily (Playing Fair) and Stanley (Fantastic Focus)

Year 1 Birch - Finley and Sophia (Caring and Kind) Stephen (Excellent Effort) and Phoebe (Calm and Confident)

Year 1 Ash - Ariella and Ivy (Huge Helpers) Shaylum (Calm and Confident) and Eli (Playing Fair)

Reading in Year One



In Year One we celebrated World Book Day this week! We took part in some really fun story activities. Coming in wearing book-related costumes set our day off with exploring so many stories!

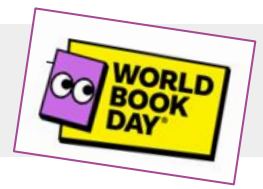
Listening to the author and illustrator of 'All Are Welcome' by Alexandra Penfold, we joined in with 'draw along' and enjoyed exploring how to draw faces for our characters in stories.

We were also joined by Year Five who shared stories with us and helped us to complete book reviews!

It has been such a fun day!



World Book Day at St. John's!



What a day we had in school! There was such a buzz of excitement as children and adults across the school and nursery arrived in their amazing costumes! Everywhere we looked there were the happy faces of children taking part in book related activities.



Just a selection of the activities were: 'Draw a-longs with authors and illustrators, shared buddy reads with different year groups, creative writing, reading in the woods and drama and role play!

We rounded off our day with Collective Worship where we shared our costumes and some of the amazing things we had been doing.



Earlier in the week Year 2 and 3 had enjoyed an author visit from Sophy Henn and Years 4 and 6 from the author Judith Eagle.



School Book Fair

From next Wednesday, we welcome our School Book Fair. This will be open in the Studio after school, please feel free to come and spend your World Book Day voucher. We look forward to seeing you there!



General Notices

SEND Coffee Morning

It was wonderful to see some familiar and new faces at our SEND Coffee Morning! We truly appreciate you taking the time out of your busy schedules to join us.

I hope you found it valuable to connect with other parents and carers. Sharing experiences and building a supportive community is at the heart of why we host these mornings.

A huge thank you to Roxy, our School Nurse for attending. Having her there to answer questions and provide guidance on health-related support was incredibly helpful.

Your questions and contributions help us ensure we are supporting our children and their families as effectively as possible.

We want these meetings to be a safe, informative, and welcoming space for everyone. Thank you for making the morning such a positive and collaborative environment!

Below is the website address which includes details of the child and family app available to everyone. This page also has the phone number and email address to contact the school nurse, and other care services.

<https://baneschildandfamily.co.uk/bnes-child-and-family-app/>

Mrs Monks
Deputy Headteacher and SENDCo

Easter Holiday Activities with Ignite Sport

Join our Ignite Sport coaches for an amazing two weeks of holiday sports camps at St John's Primary School in Midsomer Norton. We have themes and sports to cater for every child's interests. Please see the Easter camp timetable below:

- Tuesday, April 7th - Football
- Thursday, April 9th - Nerf, Dodgeball, and Archery
- Friday, April 10th - Gymnastics
- Monday, April 13th - Football
- Tuesday, April 14th - Nerf, Dodgeball, and Archery
- Wednesday, April 15th - Musical Theatre
- Thursday, April 16th - Commonwealth Games Day
- Friday, April 17th - Gymnastics

[Click here to book your child's place](#)

It is still possible to book sessions for the Term 4 Sports Clubs

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
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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

09:00
- 15:30



Years
R-6

EASTER HOLIDAY SPORT CAMPS

St John's C of E Primary School
Redfield Rd, BA3 2JN



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Week 2

Mon 13th April

Football

Tues 14th April

Nerf, Dodgeball
& Archery

Wed 15th April

Musical Theatre

Thurs 16th April

Commonwealth Games

Fri 17th April

Gymnastics



Bath & North East
Somerset Council

HAF PLACES

AVAILABLE

Thought of the Week

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'For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son. Whoever puts his trust in God's Son will not be lost but will have life that lasts forever.' (John 3:16)

"If you had the cure for cancer, surely you would want to tell the world?"



Pietà – Michelangelo Buonarroti (1499)

We are bombarded by so much information everyday and with so much going on, the Christian message can seem completely insignificant and irrelevant. Many church buildings are several hundreds of years old, some are now closed and church attendance overall is on the decline. Religion is surely outdated, outmoded and has nothing to offer. It's only for people who feel they 'need' something like that in their lives.

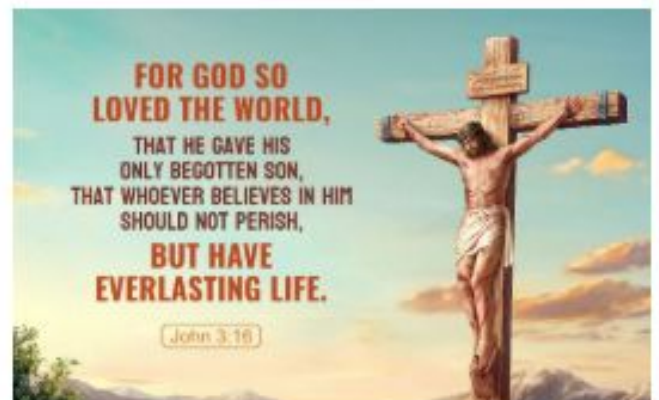
Censuses and opinion polls show clearly that our world has moved on from faith. There's no need for it now, we have science and that tells us everything we need to know. We understand **how** things work, we can also explain **what** our world needs to survive.

But what about the **why**? Science has nothing to say about why we are here and our purpose in life. If we are complex beings, with a desire to live, explore and experience things, surely we need to have a purpose. Christians would say that Jesus gives this purpose and meaning.

Although Christianity may be on the decline in this country, there are Christians all over the world now. This is no longer a Western religion (in fact it never was). It is a faith that transcends background, country and culture. Every year, it reaches thousands of people who previously had no belief in God and there are literally tens of thousands of people all over the globe who every year change their faith and start following Christ. This change is not only life changing but can also be life threatening, as their belief in Jesus often puts them in danger of attack from the majority religion or belief in their country, which can sometimes include their own families. But it is a risk they are willing to take. The question again is **why**?

Many people in our country may ask why should I learn about Christianity, or why should I become a Christian? What's in it for me? Put simply the Christian message is all about what Jesus did over 2000 years ago. For millions of people all over the world, this is significant to their lives today - significant, relevant and life changing.

Christians believe that none of us are worthy of eternal life and that it is only because Jesus died in our place that we can be in heaven with God.



This is something that many of us choose to believe as nonsense. That is until we reach a time in our lives where the concept of life after death does become significant to us.

PTA NEWS

We are delighted to announce PTA Family Chocolate Bingo

Saturday 28th March
School Hall
Doors open 3pm
Eyes down 3.30pm

Please book your space on the following link. £5 per player (transaction fee of 35p applies) this includes a Bingo Book of 6 games. Non playing children are free but please provide details for numbers as we have a capacity in the hall. Additional books will be available on the day if children do want to play.

<https://square.link/u/qN4u2A1c?src=sheet>

Thank you for all of the generous chocolate donations, we have been able to create lots of prizes to be won. There will also be a chocolate filled raffle on the day.

The kitchen will be open for food and drinks.

We look forward to seeing you.



St. John's Bars - Winning Tickets



Well we sold out in no time - amazing support thank you everyone. Delighted to say St John's Bars raised £485.88 to purchase new books for the school library.

If you have a winning ticket that you are yet to claim please take into school and your child will be able to choose a book with Mrs WestGaul.

School Prizes that have not been registered please either write your child's name and class on the winning ticket and pop in the PTA postbox to be added to the list or email the picture and details to stjohnsmsnpta@outlook.com

School Prizes will be arranged for the last week of term.

Thank you again for the support

Community Notices

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

The National Year
of Reading 2026

GO
ALL
IN.

w/c March 09 2026

Bath Central Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme

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

10.00 - 10.30 &
11.00 - 11.30am
Wednesday
(term-time only)

BookTrust Storytime

Free drop-in sessions for 0-5years. Vote for your favourite story. Each session includes craft and play activities.

10.30 - 11.00am
Tuesday
(term-time only)

Keynsham Library

Jigsaw Club

Drop in. Whether you're a puzzle pro, need a quiet moment, or just enjoy a friendly chat, join us to enjoy a variety of puzzles.

14 March
Saturday
10 - 12.00 noon)

BookTrust Storytime

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Thursday
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Midsomer Norton Library

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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>

National Year of Reading

2026 Lets Go All In with the National Year of Reading.

If you're into it, read it:
Unbelievable Football 5-minute true stories - Mike Oldfield
Little People, Big Dream: Vivienne Westwood - Isabel Vegara
Women in Science - 50 fearless pioneers - Rachel Ignotofsky
All these books can be borrowed from your local libraries and many more.



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