

Purple Pages



Weekly Newsletter: 20th 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 wonderful to finally see the sunshine gracing us with its presence this week! The return of the brighter weather has allowed us to reopen the school field during lunchtimes, there is nothing quite like a bit of fresh air and space to run around to recharge those batteries for afternoon learning.

Our Year 1 students had a fantastic time on their trip to Wookey Hole this week. It was a brilliant way to bring their curriculum to life, linking their Science work on rocks with their History studies on dinosaurs. From exploring the prehistoric valley to investigating the caves, the children were a credit to the school and returned full of exciting facts.

Year 6 SATS: Thank you to those who attended the SATS information meeting. We hope you found it useful. If you were unable to make it or have any follow-up questions, please don't hesitate to speak directly with the class teachers.

On Thursday 2nd April, we will be holding our annual Easter Services. To make the occasion extra special, we are inviting all children to create and wear their own Easter headdress. Whether it's traditional bonnets or bunny ears,, we can't wait to see their creativity on display! Need inspiration? Please see the "Headdress Ideas" section further down in this newsletter for some simple and fun craft starting points.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs West-Gaul

Dates For Your Diary

March

- 24th Dance Umbrella
- 26th Year Four trip to the Roman Baths
- 27th Choir Trip to Bristol Beacon
- 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



Awards and Achievements

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



	Star of the Week	Star Reader
Acorns	Aiden Penelope	Billy Harlow
Ash	Arthur	Bonnie
Birch	Harper	Lexi
Chestnut	Jensen	Hudson
Elm	Katie	Bellatrix
Hazel	Fletcher	Harrison
Holly	Eric	Harvey
Maple	Alina	Kara
Oak	Emily	Kallie
Pine	Rhodri	Brie
Rowan	Fleur	Thomas
Sycamore	Josh	Oliver
Willow	Jacob	Jack S

Top Doodling Class

ACORNS



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 Willow - Ellis and Maisie (Amazing Ability), Jack S (Really Resilient) and Texa (Terrific Teamwork)

Year 6 Sycamore - Owen (Terrific Teamwork) and Aoife (Calm and Confident)

Year 5 Rowan - Albie (Really Resilient) and Darcey (Excellent Effort)

Year 5 Pine - Amelia (Amazing Ability) and Rhodri (Calm and Confident)

Year 4 Oak - Kallie (Fantastic Focus), Loula (Excellent Effort) and Imogen (Really Resilient)

Year 4 Maple - Jennifer (Fantastic Focus), Josh (Amazing Ability) and Betsy (Excellent Effort)

Year 3 Holly - Harvey (Fantastic Focus) and Charlie (Excellent Effort)

Year 3 Hazel - Maeva (Amazing Ability), Lexi (Independent Learner) and Eva (Calm and Confident)

Year 2 Chestnut - Lyra, Ayda and Albert (Really Resilient) and Aden (Caring and Kind)

Year 2 Elm - Miley (Amazing Ability) Ted (Fantastic Focus) and Jamies (Playing Fair)

Year 1 Birch - Leo (Really Resilient), Molly and Eden (Calm and Confident) and Ronnie (Super Safe)

Year 1 Ash - Sofia (Fantastic Focus) Ruby R (Calm and Confident) and Woody (Super Safe)

Easter Headdress Ideas!

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General Notices

Parent Consultation Evenings

Bookings for our next Parent Consultation Evenings may now be made via the Arbor Parent Portal for the following dates:

- Tuesday 31st March, 3.15pm - 7pm
- Wednesday 1st April, 3.15pm - 6pm

Please note if you are booking for a consultation for Acorns class, you will have the option make a booking from two Parent Evening sessions - this is because both teachers - Mrs Stone and Mrs Bradley, will be present. Please make ONE booking for either session at your chosen time and you will then be able to talk with whichever teacher is available at that time, as they will both be able to discuss your child's progress. The booking is not with a specific teacher.

Please note there will be no teacher-led clubs during this week, however there will be after-school sports clubs offered by Ignite Sport which can be booked at:
www.ignite-sport.co.uk

Dogs on Site

A reminder to everyone that for safety reasons, NO DOGS should be brought on to the school site. Thank you for your co-operation.

Driving into Car Park to pick up from after-school clubs

Please be reminded that there should be no cars driving in to school to meet children at the end of after-school clubs. Please continue to use the car parks at Somervale School and in the town centre.

Parking Issues

It has been reports that parents are parking dangerously, particularly in the Somervale Car Park and St. Chad's area when children may be walking in between cars. Please take care when parking in the area when collecting and picking up from school.

PE / Forest School Clothes

Football shirts should NOT be worn for PE lessons or Forest School sessions.

Forest School clothes should be clothes that you and your child are happy to get muddy and wet. Long sleeves and long trousers should always be worn for forest school for protection against scrapes, stings and bug bites. Cropped tops and shorts are not suitable, and your child will be asked to wear spare clothing. Please ensure your child brings a waterproof coat and trousers, and welly boots. Please ensure your child has a spare set of clothing (particularly socks) if the weather is expected to be wet, otherwise we may need to contact you to bring additional clothing into school.

Everything should be clearly named - thank you for your support with this!

Term 5 After-School Clubs

Bookings may now be made for the after-school clubs organised by Ignite Sports.

- Monday: Football (Years R-3),
- Monday: Gymnastics (All Years)
- Tuesday: Nerf, Dodgeball & Archery (Years 1-6)
- Wednesday: Summer Sports (Years 2-6)

For more information, please visit the website: www.ignite-sport.co.uk

Reading in Next Steps Nursery

This week, children at Next Steps Nursery have enjoyed sharing the picture book, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'.

Throughout the story, we followed the journey of a tiny caterpillar as it eats its way through different foods, before transforming into a beautiful butterfly. This has supported this term's theme: Spring and Growth.



To extend their learning, the children have explored the life cycle of a butterfly, learning about each stage (from egg to caterpillar, chrysalis, and butterfly). They have also been busy with creative activities, including making their own caterpillars, painting symmetrical butterflies, and designing butterfly shadow puppets.

It has been lovely to see the children developing their skills as they talk about the story, and share their ideas with one another!



British Science Week

Wow! What a week! Last week we took part part in British Science Week where the theme was - Curiosity: What is your question?



Our children were involved in all kind of science experiments - with a visiting Scientist setting teachers hands on fire, and sharing how chemical reactions can change the appearance of liquids, or create amazing reactions.

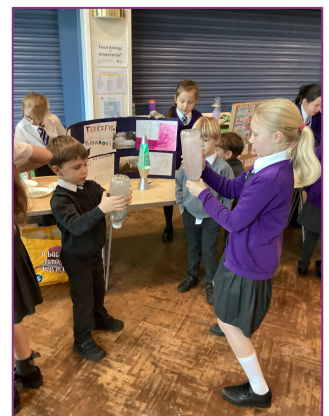
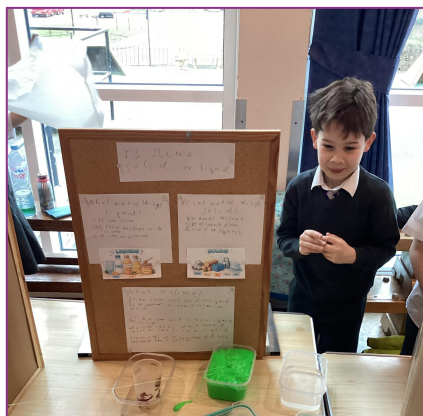
We continued the focus with class enquiries where the children focused on a question, experimented and researched, and then presented their findings.

Our annual STEM Fair had over 80 children taking part in answering their own questions, sharing amazing research and experiments. We could not be prouder of the enthusiasm, effort and scientific skills shown by every entry!

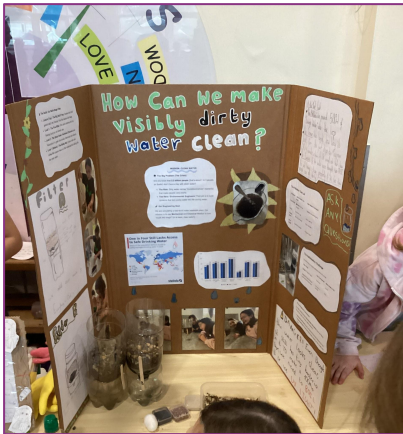
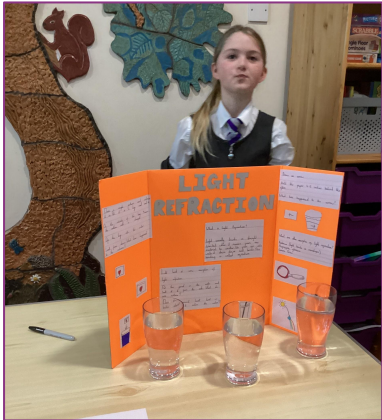
We welcomed back our previous Chair of Governors who works in STEM to support Mrs West-Gaul judge the fantastic entries and they awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the EYFS/KS1 and KS2 categories.

Congratulations to:

	EYFS/KS1	KS2
1st	Alfie	Taylor, Amber and Sophie
2nd	Lyra	Brie and Dorothy
3rd	Delilah and Eva	Mabel



STEM FAIR



09:00
- 15:30



Years
R-6

EASTER HOLIDAY SPORT CAMPS

St John's C of E Primary School

Redfield Rd, BA3 2JN



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

BOOK NOW!



Week 1

Tues 7th April

Football

Thurs 9th April

Nerf, Dodgeball
& Archery

Fri 10th April

Gymnastics



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after school sports clubs term 5

St John's C of E Primary School

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Years R – 3
Football
Monday

NEW!



All Years
Gymnastics
Monday



Years 1 – 6
Nerf, Dodgeball
& Archery
Tuesday



Years 2 – 6
Summer Sports
Wednesday

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Thought of the Week

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'As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road...the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"' (Luke 19: 36-38)



'Triumphal Entry Into Jerusalem' - Paul Oman (2020)

It's a very familiar scene from the Bible and many of us know that we remember this event on Palm Sunday, the Sunday before Easter - March 29th 2026.

But did you realise the significance of Jesus arriving on a donkey. This was the steed of choice for Israel's Old Testament kings (see 1 Kings 1:32-35). As Jesus mounts the donkey and rides into the capital, he's not claiming to be gentle and meek so much as to be royal and ruling.

At this point, things were looking good. Jesus' disciples were probably feeling like he was at the top of his game, that he was entering Jerusalem to reign and rule as the promised Messiah.

Some people believe that Judas Iscariot may have belonged to the Sicarii which is where he could have got his "second name" from. The Sicarii were a very radical Jewish group. It is likely that Judas was expecting Jesus to rule as a warrior king, like King David before him, and that he was going to lead his

followers into battle against the Romans. The Bible doesn't give us any details, but it would explain why after a week of healing, preaching and no fighting, he chose to betray him.

At this point in the Easter story, it may surprise us how easily the people change their minds. Here they are praising Jesus and referring to him as the king who comes in the Lord's name and less than a week later they are paying for his blood!

But isn't this true of all of us? One moment we can feel on top of the world and then later on, after we've had some bad news or a dreadful day at work, we can feel like our world is crashing down around us.

We often live our lives by our emotions, but unfortunately, we can't trust them. As we've seen, they change so often and so rapidly that they aren't a reliable way of gauging things.

As we approach this time of Easter and the weather is generally becoming more springlike, let's try and focus on what we can rely on. For Christians, whether they're having a happy or sad day, they can still experience God's joy in their lives. You may not be beaming from ear to ear, but you still know deep

inside that God loves you and has a purpose for your life. Let's ask God to help us to be less fickle and instead to draw on his strength to manage life's ups and downs.



PTA NEWS

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.



Community Notices



THE ROMAN BATHS BATH

We've Cracked Easter at The Roman Baths

- Follow Hoot the Owl's Egg-cellent Trail and hunt for eggs (free)
- Make a seed paper craft (free)
- Meet costumed Roman characters (free)
- Grab a children's audioguide (free)
- Dig for ancient artefacts at Archaeology Adventures (paid)

Free Roman Baths admission for Discovery Card holders*
 *Valid with B&NES Residents' Discovery Card

Find out what's on



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Timsbury Theatre Group Juniors presents

PETER PAN the Musical AUDITIONS

For children aged 8+

Tuesday 31st March & Thursday 2nd April 2026
6:30-8:30pm

Auditions will take place at
 St John's school, Midsomer Norton BA3 2JN

Contact: Jo Jewell 07772695761
 Bessie Eschle 07516 034923



VAG Victoria Art Gallery

Easter at Victoria Art Gallery


- Visit the Poster Power! exhibition with sit-on train and farm play area
- Design an animal poster at Mini Makers (£5)
- Get creative with watercolours at Create and Colour (free)
- Follow our Easter trail around the gallery: find the leaping lambs and get a sticker! (free)

Exhibition tickets free with Discovery Card*
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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c March 23 2026

The National Year
of Reading 2026



GO
ALL
IN!

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

Baby Bounce & Rhyme

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

9.30 - 10.00 & 10.30
- 11.00am
Tuesday
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10.30 - 11.00am
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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>

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National Year of Reading

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

If you're into it, read it:

- Daisy and the trouble with shopping - Kes Gray
- Escape from Rome - Caroline Lawrence
- Space Band - Tom Fletcher

All these books can be borrowed from your local libraries and many more.



SENDIAS bathnes

Did you know that SENDIAS bathnes offer free, impartial advice & support to children & young people between 0 to 25 years with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their parents/carers?

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- WEDNESDAYS – 4–5pm (Ages 11+)
- THURSDAY – 4–5pm (Ages 7–10)
- THURSDAY – 5–6pm (Ages 11+)

CONTACT **STEPHEN PEARCE**
LTA PADEL COACH
📞 **07904 061301**

📍 **VENUE POST CODE: BS39 6TS**



WELTON BAPTIST CHURCH

n'fest

EASTER PARTY

For kids age 4 - 11 on Wednesday 1st April at the Methodist Church on the High St. Midsomer Norton 6:30pm - 8pm

Come and celebrate an N'Fest Easter with games, Easter craft, baking, a free parent and carers cafe and loads more...

To pre book for this event click this link or copy and paste into your browser
<https://forms.gle/4VTmqfhuWqhscpVC9>

To book the Parent's Cafe click this link or copy and paste into your browser
<https://forms.gle/M29r6Xk1tyvNNHSd8>

