

Purple Pages



Weekly Newsletter: 27th 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 whirlwind week of creativity and discovery here at school! Seeing our pupils engage with the arts and history beyond the classroom is always a highlight, and this week has been particularly special.

A huge well done to our Key Stage 2 dance groups who performed at the Dance Umbrella recently. Their performances were truly exceptional! It takes a great deal of courage to perform on such a large stage, and all of our dancers represented the school with immense talent and poise.

The musical talent continued today as our choir travelled to the Bristol Beacon. It is a fantastic opportunity for them to sing in such a prestigious venue, and I'm sure they've come back buzzing from the experience.

On Thursday, Year 4 stepped back in time with a trip to the Roman Baths, the children were fantastic ambassadors for the school throughout the day and came back full of enthusiasm.

Today, your child will be bringing home their interim reports. These provide a snapshot of their progress and effort so far this term. These reports arrive just in time for our Parents' Evenings next week. These meetings are a vital opportunity to discuss your child's journey and how we can continue to support them together. If you haven't already booked your slot, please do so as soon as possible via the usual portal.

Thank you for your ongoing support in making these opportunities possible for our children.

Don't forget our PTA Bingo event this Saturday - lots of yummy prizes on offer!
Mrs West-Gaul



Dates For Your Diary

March

- 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	Florence Bodhi	Oakley Jett
Ash	Chester	Leo P
Birch	Oliver	Millie
Chestnut	Charlie	Ava
Elm	Oliver	Halle
Hazel	Daisy	Lexi
Holly	Arya	Jesse
Maple	Sophie	Lola
Oak	Mason	Sonny
Pine	Tommy H	Millie
Rowan	Josh	Indigo
Sycamore	Bo	Henry
Willow	Harper	Poppy W

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 Willow - Jack D and Eva (Terrific Teamwork)

Year 5 Rowan - Lol and Harry (Fantastic Focus) Louie and Elise (Excellent Effort)

Year 5 Pine - Dorothy and Amelia S (Amazing Ability) Tommy G (Excellent Effort)

Year 4 Oak - Aoife (Excellent Effort) Bella (Independent Learner)

Year 4 Maple - Cory (Fantastic Focus), Lola and Kara (Calm and Confident)

Year 3 Holly - Poppy Rose and Toby (Excellent Effort)

Year 3 Hazel - Casey (Calm and Confident) and Mila (Independent Learner)

Year 2 Chestnut - Ava (Huge Helper), Jensen (Fantastic Focus), Jenna (Playing Fair) and Serena (Caring and Kind)

Year 2 Elm - Katie (Really Resilient) Freddie W (Excellent Effort) Oscar (Caring and Kind)

Year 1 Birch - Jesse and Delilah (Fantastic Focus) Millie and Isobella (Excellent Effort)

Year 1 Ash - Edie and Marley (Playing Fair) Alfie and Sofia (Fantastic Focus)

General Notices

St. George's Day - Thursday 23rd April

A reminder that the school will allow members of youth organisations (eg. Scouts, Girlguiding), to wear these uniforms to school on St. George's Day. However please do also remember to bring Forest School clothes or PE Kit to school if needed on this day.

Lost Property

Please take time to look out for any of your lost property again - located by the Pottery Room - as anything left at the end of the term will be sorted and disposed of appropriately.

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)

There is currently a special promotion for the Gymnastics after-school club for the next two weeks with the club only costing £1 per week.

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



The poster features the Ignite Sport logo at the top left. A central circular image shows a young girl in an orange leotard performing a backbend on a gymnastics beam. Below the image, the text reads 'GYMNASTICS AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUB RECEPTION - YEAR 4' in large, bold, orange letters. Underneath, it specifies 'Wednesdays 15:00 - 16:15' and 'Starting Wed 25th March'. At the bottom left is a QR code with the text 'SCAN HERE'. At the bottom right are social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Twitter, along with a large black arrow pointing to the text 'BOOK NOW'.

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.

When attending your meeting, for parents of Years 1 to 6, please access the school via the Pottery Room entrance and make your way to the Year 4 Classrooms where you will be able to view your child's books. For parents of ACORNS class, meetings will take place in the Acorns classroom, which is accessible via the steps in the middle playground.

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

Easter Services

On Thursday 2nd April, we will be holding our annual Easter Services in St. John's Church. Please come along and join us - the classes will be attending at either 9am or 1.45pm as below:

9am: Acorns, Birch, Elm, Holly, Oak, Rowan, Willow
1.45pm: Ash, Chestnut, Hazel, Maple, Pine, Sycamore

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!



Reading in Year Six

It was a week of high drama and legal intrigue in Year 6 as our students traded their notebooks for barrister robes! As part of their ongoing Fairytale Unit in Guided Reading, the classes took a deep dive into the "true" story behind a classic tale, investigating the suspicious demise of a certain Mr. Reginald Pig. While history books often paint a picture of a "Big Bad Wolf," our Year 6 detectives looked closer at the evidence. They spent the week analyzing witness statements, scouring journalist reports and court transcripts.

The energy in the classrooms was electric as students prepared their closing arguments. Key highlights of the week included:

- Evidence analysis
- Character studies
- Prediction making
- Concluding with verdicts

It has been a fantastic way to sharpen our inference skills and look beyond the surface of a story. A huge well done to our new legal experts in Year 6 for their critical thinking and passion for justice!

Sport at St. John's

Year 6 Cross Country Event

On Thursday 19th March, some of our Year 6 pupils took part in an exciting cross country event. The children showed great determination as they tackled the course.



We are delighted to share that one of our runners achieved an excellent 3rd place, with four more pupils finishing in the top 10 – a fantastic achievement!

All participants demonstrated excellent sportsmanship, encouraging one another and showing resilience throughout the race. Well done to everyone involved – we are very proud of you.

Netball

What a fantastic evening for our St John's Netball Team at the Downside under 10s Netball Cup this week!

Our girls faced five other teams, showing incredible determination and teamwork throughout the competition. They finished second overall, only missing out on first place by goal difference, after ending on the same number of points as the winners.

Every single player battled hard, supported one another, and made so much progress throughout the tournament.

A special mention goes to Amy for being a fantastic coach and to the parents who came to show their support.



Yesterday, some of our Year 5 and 6 girls took part in an exciting local netball tournament, competing against five other schools. From the very first game, the team showed confident and skilled play, working brilliantly together and demonstrating great determination throughout.

Across the tournament, the team played four matches and performed exceptionally well, finishing joint first on points with another school. Unfortunately, they were placed in second position overall due to goal difference, but this does not take away from their fantastic achievement.

Most importantly, the tournament was great fun, and all players showed excellent sportsmanship and teamwork. Well done to everyone involved for representing the school so positively!

Once again, we would like to thank Amy for coaching our girls throughout the evening.

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



Bath & North East
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after school sports clubs term 5

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Years R – 3
Football
Monday

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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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'But he was wounded for the wrong we did; he was crushed for the evil we did. The punishment, which made us well, was given to him, and we are healed because of his wounds.' (Isaiah 53:5 NCV)



'The Crucifixion' from the Isenheim Altarpiece – Matthias Grünewald (1512)

If Isaiah had been there on that first Good Friday, at the crucifixion scene, this may have been what he said to sum up what he experienced. If he had been an eye witness of what Jesus went through, he may well have said these words. He may have if he had still been alive that is.

These words from Isaiah were written over 700 years before Jesus was even born. Christians believe that Isaiah was inspired by God to write these words. In fact the whole of [Isaiah 53](#) has several references to Jesus' experiences during Holy Week.

Easter happens at a time of year that we associate with new life and growth, when the days are getting longer and everything is blooming. Yet we always

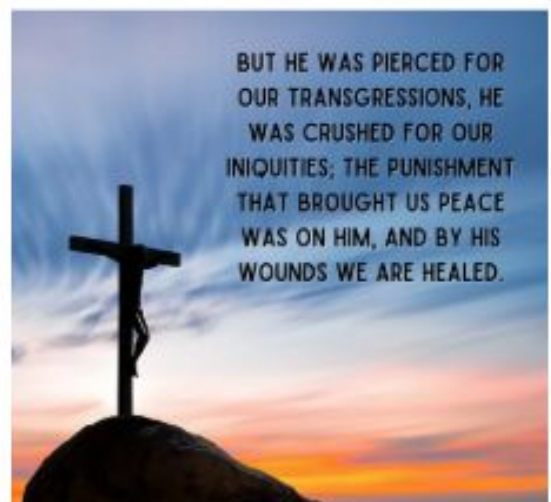
start our holiday weekend remembering this horrific death. It is clear that when the Romans came up with the idea of crucifixion that they had devised one of the cruellest methods of death imaginable. I'm not going to go into all the details, but it would have left the victim in incredible pain and struggling to breathe.

Christians see Jesus' death as the way that God chose to make everything all right again. We were meant to be in relationship with a loving God, but God is also holy and therefore cannot cope with the wrong things we do. If people have been hurt by sin, then there needs to be punishment which results in separation from God or death. It's all rather sad!

But God didn't leave it like this. Although he is holy, he is also loving and he came up with the idea of sending his son to earth to die in our place - to be punished in our place. This is why Jesus died on the cross. Being God himself, he could have escaped this terrible death, but he chose not to, because he knew that by dying he was able to fix our relationship with him.

It's like a criminal being put before a judge and being found guilty. As the judge sentences him to death, he steps down from his chair and sentences himself to die in his place. This is why Christians call the day 'Good' Friday.

Maybe take a moment over the next few weeks to consider this claim. If Jesus was just a man, then Easter's really nothing special. But if he really was God as a man, then surely his death has special significance for us all.



BUT HE WAS PIERCED FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS, HE WAS CRUSHED FOR OUR INIQUITIES; THE PUNISHMENT THAT BROUGHT US PEACE WAS ON HIM, AND BY HIS WOUNDS WE ARE HEALED.

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.



Out of School Achievement



Well done to Darcey, Bella, Poppy and Elsie who won their Semi-Final match and are now through to the finals in the U11's League Cup.

Community Notices

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/4VTmqfhuWqhsdpVC9>

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

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES
w/c March 30 2026

The National Year of Reading 2026

<p>Bath Central Library Baby Bounce & Rhyme Drop in suitable for parents & carers with children aged 0 - 5 years.</p> <p>BookTrust Storytime Free drop-in sessions for 0-5years. Vote for your favourite story. Each session includes craft and play activities.</p> <p>Keynsham Library Author talk - Cathy Faulkner Join us at Keynsham Library for an author event with local children's author Cathy Faulkner. Cathy will be discussing her latest novel, The Treasure Seekers and you can make a stain-glass window bookmark afterwards. <small>To Book https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/authors-in-the-library-cathy-faulkner-tickets-1983950494335aff=oddticketcreator&keep_tld=true</small></p> <p>Midsomer Norton Library BookTrust Storytime Free drop-in sessions for 0-5years. Vote for your favourite story. Each session includes craft and play activities.</p> <p>Baby Bounce & Rhyme Drop in suitable for parents & carers with children aged 0 - 5 years.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>For the Route Timetable, please visit: https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/mobile-library-service</p> <p>Bath & North East Somerset Council Improving People's Lives</p>	<p>10.00- 10.30 & 11.00 - 11.30am Wednesday (term-time only)</p> <p>10.30 - 11.00am Tuesday (term-time only)</p> <p>Friday 17 April 2 - 3pm (Aged 7+)</p> <p>10.30 - 11.00am Monday (term-time only)</p> <p>10.30 - 11.00am Wednesday (term-time only)</p>	<p> National Year of Reading</p> <p>2026 Lets Go All In with the National Year of Reading. If you're into it, read it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yasmin Bandara: Levels Up! - Romesh Ranganathan • Double Felix - Sally Harris • My Big book of Questions about the World - Moria Butterfield <p>All these books can be borrowed from your local libraries and many more.</p> <p>Easter Craft & Trail Look out for Easter Crafts and an Easter trail in all our Libraries over the Easter holidays.</p>
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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

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MINDFUL CHILDREN

Easter themed holiday club

Wednesday 8th April - 8.45am - 3.15pm

St Vigor and St John Church School, Chilcompton

Come and join us for a day of fun, mindful activities.

Years: Reception - Year 6

Price: £25 per child per day

Discounts for siblings available

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Teacher & Catherine Gibson Qualified Teacher

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AGES: RECEPTION - YEAR 6

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MUSICAL THEATRE HOLIDAY CLUB

FURTHER INFORMATION -

CHILDREN TO BRING: PACKED LUNCH, MORNING & AFTERNOON
SNACK & DRINK.

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR CHILD WITH COMFORTABLE CLOTHES
THAT ARE SUITABLE TO DANCE IN PLUS WARM/WET WEATHER
CLOTHES THAT ARE SUITABLE FOR OUTSIDE PLAY.

30 SPACES AVAILABLE. IF SPACES ARE FULLY BOOKED PLEASE
CONTACT US IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE ADDED TO THE WAITING
LIST.

IF WE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH NUMBERS TO RUN THE CLUB YOU
WILL BE INFORMED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

IF YOUR CHILD IS ILL AND CANNOT ATTEND THE CLUB PLEASE
INFORM US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT WE CAN OFFER THE
PLACE TO ANOTHER ON THE WAITING LIST.

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