

# Purple Pages



Weekly Newsletter: 2nd April 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

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term, our school community has been focusing on the Christian value of Hope. We have explored what it means to be ambassadors of hope in our communities and how hope can sustain us through challenges. To bring this value to life at home, we have sent each child home with a sunflower seed. Our hope is that these flowers will serve as a living reminder of the joy and growth that hope brings. We would love to see photos of your sunflowers as they begin to grow over the coming weeks.

To support your conversations at home, we have attached our Hope Bible Chat Mat to this week's newsletter. This is a fantastic resource designed to help you discuss your child's learning and explore the theme of hope together as a family.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to the Choir, instrumentalists and the Ethos Team. They dedicated a significant amount of time and care into preparing our Easter Services. These services were a beautiful, reflective way to mark the end of another busy term at St John's and a poignant reminder of the Easter story.

Finally, I want to say a big thank you to our PTA for all of their fundraising to date - I hear the Easter Bingo was a roaring success! Please make sure you look out for more information about the Summer Fete in July - we are always in need of willing helpers!

I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 20th April, as we embark on our final two terms of the academic year.

Warmest wishes,  
Mrs West-Gaul

### Dates For Your Diary

#### April

|             |                               |
|-------------|-------------------------------|
| 20th        | Children return to school     |
| 22nd        | Year 5 Trip - Field to Food   |
| 23rd        | St. George's Day              |
| 27th - 29th | Year Four Camp at Kilve Court |

#### May

|             |                               |
|-------------|-------------------------------|
| 4th         | Bank Holiday                  |
| 7th         | SEND Coffee Morning at 8.45am |
| 11th - 14th | KS2 SATs Week                 |
| 22nd        | PTA Non-uniform Day           |

## Happy Easter!

**All our friends at St John's School are invited to come and share our Easter hope on Easter Day!**

**10am Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April,  
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  | PE Achievements of the Week  |
|-----------------|------------------|--------------|--|
| <b>Acorns</b>   | Max<br>Nina      | Lily<br>Toby | -  |
| <b>Ash</b>      | Evie             | Dougie       | Shaylum (Amazing Ability) Mila, Alex and Bonnie (Excellent Effort)   |
| <b>Birch</b>    | Jesse            | Oliver       | Ronnie and Harper (Fantastic Focus) Delilah and Finley (Playing Fair)  |
| <b>Chestnut</b> | Eleanor          | Serena       | Lyra, Jack, Tommy and Elsie (Playing Fair)   |
| <b>Elm</b>      | Oscar            | Miley        | Jamie (Calm and Confident) Baya and Lilah (Caring and Kind) and Sofia (Amazing Ability)                            |
| <b>Hazel</b>    | Harrison         | Fletcher     | Remi and Aubri (Going Above and Beyond) Willow (Amazing Ability)   |
| <b>Holly</b>    | Harvey           | Alfie        | Eric and Harlow (Fantastic Focus) Jesse and Arya (Excellent Effort)  |
| <b>Maple</b>    | Matilda          | Evie         | Mackenzie and Arianna (Amazing Ability) Alina and Freddie (Excellent Effort)                                       |
| <b>Oak</b>      | Aoife            | Evelyn       | Mason and Kallie (Excellent Effort) Sam and Thea (Fantastic Focus)   |
| <b>Pine</b>     | Flynn            | Amelia L     | Daisy and Charlie (Amazing Ability), Sophie and Matthew (Going Above and Beyond)                                   |
| <b>Rowan</b>    | Mollie           | Elise<br>Max | Leah (Amazing Ability) Jack H (Fantastic Focus), Josh (Calm and Confident), Fleur and Max (Going Above and Beyond) |
| <b>Sycamore</b> | Elliot           | Amber        | Bo, Rudi, Taylor and Grayson (Going Above and Beyond)  |
| <b>Willow</b>   | Gabriel          | April        | Jude, Mabel, Jack D, and Harper (Going Above and Beyond)   |

## Hot Chocolate Friday

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



# 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.

## MyNameTags

Please use the Easter Break to refresh the names in all your child's belongings which they bring into school, - eg, water bottle, coat, shoes, sun hat, Forest School clothes, PE kit, etc.

If you purchase a set of labels from [MyNameTags.com](http://MyNameTags.com), the school will receive a small commission - please use the school ID 31825.

## PE/Forest School Timetables

A reminder that the new timetable for after the Easter break has been e-mailed out.

## School Dinners

Please ensure you book school dinners by midnight on Thursday 16th April for the first week back after the break. If you are unable to make any bookings, please remember to supply packed lunches for this week.

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## Supporting your child in the Digital World

As we see more of our pupils engaging with the digital world, we want to work together to ensure their experience remains positive, kind, and safe. While apps like WhatsApp and various social media platforms can be great for staying in touch, they also require a high level of maturity and active adult supervision.

Children are still learning the "unwritten rules" of digital citizenship. Without a helping hand, group chats can quickly become overwhelming or exclusionary.

- Please regularly check your child's devices and chat history. Knowing who they are talking to, and what is being said, is the best way to prevent issues before they start.
- Most social media platforms and WhatsApp have a minimum age rating (often 13+). If your child is using these apps, they need your guidance to navigate complex social dynamics.
- Remind children that if they wouldn't say it to someone's face in the playground, they shouldn't type it in a group chat.

## Top Tips for Home

1. Encourage tablet or phone use in the living room rather than behind closed bedroom doors.
2. Collect devices at a certain time each night to ensure a good night's sleep.
3. Let your child know they can come to you if they see something online that makes them feel uncomfortable, without the fear of their device being taken away.

By staying involved, we can help our children enjoy the benefits of technology while keeping our school community a supportive and safe place for everyone.

# Reading in Year Five

This term, Year Five have been reading 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes. We really enjoyed following the story of the highwayman and discovering what happens as we slowly read and analysed each stanza.

## The Highwayman - Alfred Noyes



As we explored the poem together, we paused to make predictions about what might happen next in the story. This helped us think carefully about the characters, especially the brave highwayman and the loyal Bess, and discuss the choices they made.

We also enjoyed looking closely at the poet's language and how it creates tension and vivid images in the reader's mind. Studying 'The Highwayman' has shown us how poetry can tell a powerful and memorable story, and it has been a text that both Pine and Rowan classes have really enjoyed exploring together.



**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.

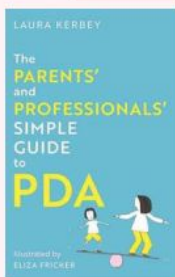
There will be information regarding local services who may be able to offer support.

**Thursday 7th May 2026**  
**at 8.45am**

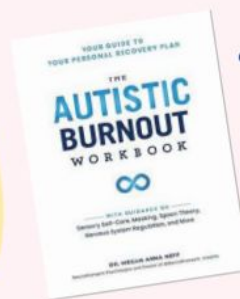
The poster features a brown background with coffee-related illustrations: a steaming cup of coffee, coffee beans, and a latte with a heart design. The text is in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font.

# World Autism Acceptance Month April 2026

## NEW BOOKS

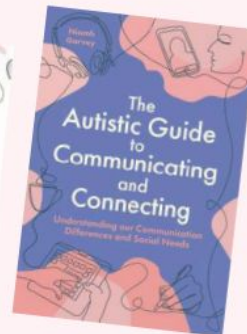
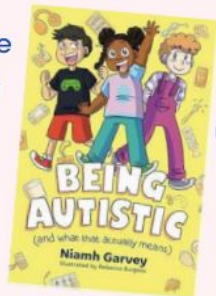


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accessible  
and short  
reads



easy to read,  
practical  
guide with  
lots of tools  
and ideas

from the  
author  
of...



great series of  
books on  
neurodivergence  
for younger  
readers (ARFID,  
OCD, ADHD,  
situational  
mutism...) by  
Leanne Thompson  
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co.uk](http://www.sendfriends.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



## Week 2

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> April

Football

Tues 14<sup>th</sup> April

Nerf, Dodgeball  
& Archery

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> April

Musical Theatre

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> April

Commonwealth Games

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> April

Gymnastics

**BOOK NOW!**



## Week 1

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> April

Football

Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> April

Nerf, Dodgeball  
& Archery

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> April

Gymnastics



Bath & North East  
Somerset Council

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## after school sports clubs term 5

### St John's C of E Primary School

Best Seller!



**Years R – 3**  
Football  
Monday

NEW!



**All Years**  
Gymnastics  
Monday



**Years 1 – 6**  
Nerf, Dodgeball  
& Archery  
Tuesday



**Years 2 – 6**  
Summer Sports  
Wednesday

**BOOK  
ONLINE  
HERE!**



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- **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!
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# Thought of the Week

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**'Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay.' (Psalm 16:9-10 NIV)**



'Risen Christ', Estcourt James Clack (1955), on display at Wells Cathedral

So Easter. What's it all about?

The word Easter doesn't even have anything to do with Resurrection. The naming of the celebration as "Easter" seems to go back to the name of a pre-Christian goddess in England, Eostre, who was celebrated at the beginning of spring. The only reference to this goddess comes from the writings of the Venerable Bede, a British monk living in the seventh and eighth centuries.

It's probably for this reason that some Christians refer to Easter Sunday as Resurrection Sunday. Although the weekend starts with a difficult and distressing death, by the middle of the weekend, there's this happy and joyous event.

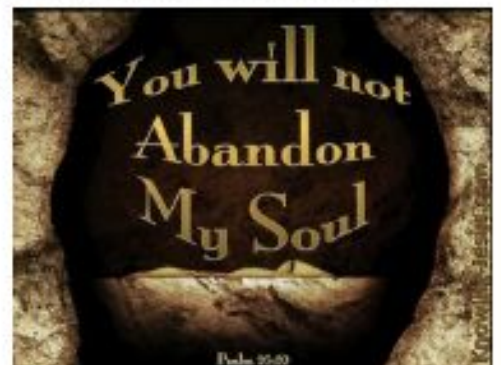
For many people, the whole concept of the resurrection can be difficult to grasp. The idea that someone who was brutally killed on Friday can walk out of his tomb on Sunday doesn't seem very likely.

Many people over the years have tried to disprove these events. All sorts of things have been suggested, one being that Jesus wasn't actually on the cross and that it was

someone else. Another is that Jesus was on the cross but he didn't actually die. A third idea is that Jesus did die but then his disciples took his body from the tomb and hid it so everyone would believe that he came back to life.

The point is when you look into it, none of these ideas really stand up. Firstly, the Jewish leaders who wanted him killed recruited someone who had been with Jesus for the last three years to identify him. They must have got the right man. Also, the Romans were one of the most brutal communities of all time. They knew how to kill someone. The Bible suggests that Jesus died relatively quickly and they stuck a spear in his side to make sure. In fact they were so sure he was dead, they didn't even need to break his legs (which is what they often did to speed up the crucifixion process).

The idea that the disciples could have organised themselves to hide his body is also extremely unlikely. These were men who ran away at the first sign of trouble when Jesus' was arrested and who, apart from John, were all non-existent at his crucifixion. They spent all of the Saturday in hiding and whenever Jesus actually mentioned rising on the third day, they didn't seem to pay him any attention. If this had been a big conspiracy, they certainly weren't in on it.



Many of the people who do believe in the resurrection are sensible and rational human beings, who haven't been brainwashed or manipulated into believing it. Even if it does seem a bit unbelievable, that's why it's considered a miracle. Surely we could all benefit from one of those. Happy Easter!

# Community Notices



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BATH AREA PLAY PROJECT

## SPRING PLAYDAYS

FAMILY PLAYDAYS - HAVE FUN PLAYING TOGETHER! (3+ YEARS)

**FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY**

**TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**  
ROUNDHILL, MOUNT ROAD, BATH BA2 1LG

**WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**  
ORCHARD HALL, MIDSOMER NORTON BA3 2RA

**12-3PM**

**EGG HUNT**

SENSORY FUN INC MOON SAND  
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JUNK MODELLING

The poster features a vibrant blue and green background with illustrations of children playing. A girl is shown painting a net, a boy is riding a bicycle, and a girl is looking up. There are also illustrations of flowers and a girl sitting on a box.



FUN AND FRIENDLY DANCE SCHOOL!

SATURDAY MORNINGS AT  
NORTON HILL SPORTS CENTRE

3.5-8 - 9:30-10:30AM  
8+ - 10:30-11:30AM

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