

Purple Pages



Weekly Newsletter: 1st May 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: FRIENDSHIP



Message from the Headteacher

It has been another busy and exciting week in school. Our Year 4 children have returned from their annual residential at Kilve Court, where they enjoyed a range of activities including high ropes, grass sledging, beach walks and team-building games. Although we have had some very tired children over the past couple of days, it is clear they had an incredible and memorable experience.

Meanwhile, a group of Year 5 pupils represented the school at the Maths Challenge Day at Prior Park College. They took part in a variety of activities, from tower building to solving KenKen puzzles, demonstrating great teamwork and problem-solving skills.



Next week, we are looking forward to celebrating Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday with a range of activities throughout the day. As part of this, we are launching a photography competition, encouraging children to capture nature at its very best. All entries should be emailed or handed into the school office by Friday 15th May. The School Council will then judge the entries and select the winning photographs before half term.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs West-Gaul

Dates For Your Diary

May	
4th	Bank Holiday
7th	SEND Coffee Morning at 8.45am
8th	Year 1 Trip to Writhlington Orchid Project
11th - 14th	KS2 SATs Week
19th	Year 3 Trip to Stonehenge
22nd	PTA Non-uniform Day. Last Day of Term

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**

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
Acorns	Rory Floella	Mila Isabella	Penlope and Hugo B (Playing Fair), Billy and Hope (Huge Helpers)
Ash	Freddie	Alfie	Eli (Amazing Ability), Bonnie and Izzy (Terrific Teamwork)
Birch	Jesse	Jeffrey	Millie (Huge Helper), Alex and Presley (Excellent Effort), Dellilah and Rebecca (Caring and Kind)
Chestnut	Noah	Jensen	Albert and Zac (Calm and Confident), Emilia and Serena (Amazing Ability)
Elm	Lily C	Beya	Eva (Independent Learner), Freddie W (Excellent Effort), Paisley (Caring and Kind)
Hazel	Isabelle	Lexi	Hugh (Really Resilient), Lexi and Aubri (Excellent Effort)
Holly	Poppy-Rose	Charlie	Poppy-Rose and Oliver (Fantastic Focus)
Maple	Sophie	Ariana	-
Oak	Finn	Eva	-
Pine	Zena	Jayden	Brie and Dorothy (Terrific Teamwork)
Rowan	Jayden	Bella	Reggie (Calm and Confident) and Maize (Fantastic Focus)
Sycamore	Aoife	Nate	Rudi (Fantastic Focus), Poppy and Lyra (Terrific Teamwork) and Elliot (Really Resilient)
Willow	Teddy	Ella-Rose	Teddy and Elsie (Excellent Effort)

Top Doodle Class CHESTNUT



Hot Chocolate Friday

Well done to our recent 'Stars of the Week' who all enjoyed a hot chocolate treat.



General Notices

Late / Absences

A reminder to inform the school office if your child is absent for any reason or will be late arriving at school.

Please either phone and leave a message (01761 412019) or e-mail (office@stjohns.mnsp.org.uk)

If we do not received any communication from you explaining the lateness / absence, please note that we will contact you to request this.



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All our friends at St John's School are invited to our next

Family Service



May

**10am Sunday 3rd May,
St John the Baptist Church,
Midsomer Norton.**

ALL ARE WELCOME!




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Number Day 2026

Thank you to everyone at
.....ST. JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL.....
for raising
.....£148.12.....


We are so grateful for your support and generosity. The money raised will help to change childhoods across the UK.



Katie Fudge
School Fundraising Manager

THANK YOU!

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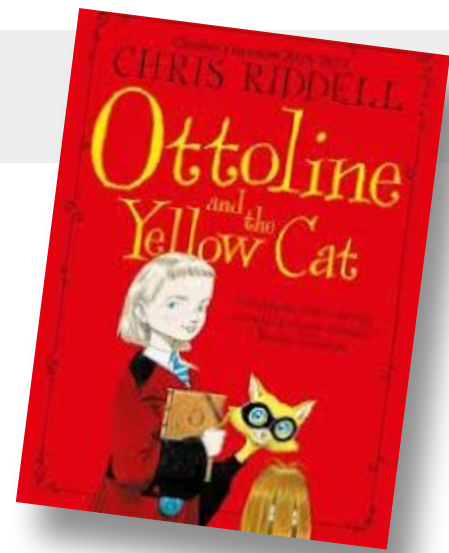
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Reading in Year Three

In Year Three, we started the term off by reading 'Ottoline and the Yellow Cat' by Chris Riddell (former Children's Laureate). This is a wonderful mystery novel with fabulous illustrations which has lent itself to lots of retrieval and inference practice.



We've also been predicting what might happen next based on clues from the text and pictures and then seeing if we were correct.

We began by predicting what the text might be about from the front cover:

'I think it might be about a cat who is a burglar because of its clothes and mask' - Toby

'I think Ottoline and the cat are going on an adventure together.' - Nancy-Rose

Year Three loved completing the Easter Reading Challenge over the holidays and it was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm for reading in different and creative ways.

Aubrie had great fun reading upside down, while Ted enjoyed exploring reading in everyday life by looking at things that weren't books, such as a takeaway menu. Poppy couldn't resist a good story and loved reading past her bedtime. Willow was especially proud to complete two lines on her bingo card - also sneaking in some bedtime reading!

Ayda enjoyed the challenge of finding three things she had read in a book; Isabelle discovered how enjoyable reading can be while eating; and Blake was inspired to make something based on what he had read.



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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

NEW!



Years 2 – 6
Summer Sports
Wednesday

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ONLINE
HERE!**



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Thought of the Week

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'When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.' (1 Corinthians 2:1-2)



From a manuscript of Lancelot and the Holy Grail (c. 1406)

Lots of people are inspired by the legend of King Arthur and his knights. Glastonbury is visited by thousands of people every year in search of evidence of this legendary king.

One of the reasons I believe the story is loved so much is because of the image of the round table. Kings and leaders have often put themselves above their subjects and seen themselves as better than them. But in the story of King Arthur, he sits with his knights at a table where no one is the head. The king sees himself as an equal with the rest of his people and the table means that no one is seen as being better than anyone else. The table becomes a leveller.

In today's verse, Paul is writing to the church in Corinth. This was a difficult church at the time and there was confusion over truth and conflict between its members. There was jealousy in the church and those who were in leadership or seemed to know more were behaving arrogantly towards others. Not a good advert for the church - then or now!

Paul focuses instead on the Good News of Jesus. Unlike the world that often focuses on wealth, popularity, education or appearance, Jesus lived and died for all, regardless of their status in society.

Like King Arthur's table, Jesus is the great leveller. It doesn't matter how the world views you, the Bible says that all have missed the mark and everyone needs God's forgiveness. No amount of money, likes, followers, botox or post-nominal letters will get you any nearer to being accepted by God. The wonderful news is that everyone can be accepted and valued equally in God's eyes because of Jesus' sacrificial love and death on the cross.

The Last Supper by Leandro Bassano (c.1578)

When I look at the image of the round table, I like to imagine that it is Jesus sitting there, surrounded by his followers. None of their wisdom, wealth or popularity matters, all that counts is that they are loved and accepted by him. All of us are equal at the foot of the cross.



"For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified."

PTA News

Save the Date for the Summer Fete!

Friday 3rd July 2026 - 3pm to 6pm on the School Field.

St John's PTA is delighted to confirm the return of the Summer Fete. We aim to put on a fun-filled afternoon to raise vital funds for the school.

The Summer Fete is a big event with potential, raising £4800 last year. We can't do this without the support of our school community. Please help where you can. Every contribution is appreciated.

Sign up here : volunteersignup.org/78WRI

We'd love to bring all the usuals: BBQ, Bar, Football Tournament, Inflatables, Games, and Stalls. We need your help to fill the slots so we can plan. Without your support, plans will have to be scaled back. Please support us and fill a slot. Every little helps!

We want to continue with the Football Tournament and need 2/3 willing adults to run it on the day. Our previous parent helper has moved on to secondary school. We need someone to step forward to keep this tradition going. The children love the tournament. Can you help us? PTA will plan it, so it'll just be on the day management needed.

Thank you for your continued support!

St John's PTA



Community Notices



KILVE COURT



Kilve Court Family Day
on Saturday 1 August 2026

10am– 4pm

Refreshment stalls available or bring a picnic

Book Online at

www.sseoutdoors.co.uk

