

Purple Pages



Weekly Newsletter: 15th 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

First and foremost, a massive congratulations to our Year 6 children who completed their SATs this week. They handled the week with remarkable maturity, resilience, and a positive "can-do" attitude. We are incredibly proud of every single one of them. While the Year 6 tests are over, the rest of the school will begin their own internal assessments over the next few weeks.

Our Reception classes had a thrilling visit from 'Bugfest' this week. The children had the chance to meet, learn about, and even hold an array of extraordinary bugs. It was wonderful to see their curiosity in action, though I think some of the children were braver than the staff when it came to our multi-legged guests!

Next week promises to be a busy one as we head toward the half term. Our Year 3 historians will be heading off to Stonehenge to bring their history curriculum to life. Year 6 will begin their first session of the Willow Project, a transition program focusing on online safety.

To end the term on a high, Friday will be a Non-Uniform Day. In exchange for wearing their own clothes on Friday, we kindly ask for a 'Rainbow Contribution' for our PTA raffles. Each year group has been assigned a color to help create our vibrant gift hampers. Your generosity directly supports school projects and resources for the children.

Thank you for your continued support, and I hope you have a restful weekend.

Warm regards,
Mrs West-Gaul

Dates For Your Diary

May	
19th	Year 3 Trip to Stonehenge
21st	Class Photos (wear school uniform to school)
22nd	PTA Non-uniform Day
	Last Day of Term
June	
1st	Children Return to school
1st - 5th	Year 6 Residential (Mendip Activity Centre)
2nd	Year 5 swimming lessons
17th	Sports Day
23rd	Open Morning for Prospective Reception 2027 Starters. 9.30am

*Come and join us for Fr Philip's final
Family Service*



Pentecost

10am Sunday 24th May
St John the Baptist Church,
Midsomer Norton

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	Aiden Violet	Floella Nina	-
Ash	Bonnie	Marley	Freddie (Amazing Ability), Ruby R and Sofia (Fantastic Focus)
Birch	Lexi	Stephen	Alex and Harper (Playing Fair) Delilah (Caring and Kind)
Chestnut	Zac	Millie	Millie, Hudson (Playing Fair) Ruby (Fantastic Focus)
Elm	Fred D	Dexter	Oscar (Excellent Effort), Lilly (Huge Helper) Leo (Calm and Confident)
Hazel	Melania	Daisy	Aubrie (Amazing Ability), Remy (Really Resilient) and Libby (Fantastic Focus)
Holly	Amelia	Sofia	Alice and Daisy (Playing Fair), Harvey (Independent Learner) and Harlowe (Caring and Kind)
Maple	Evie	Senna	Cory (Really Resilient), Samantha (Amazing Ability) and Darcey (Calm and Confident)
Oak	Lucas	Aeris	Bella and Nancy (Caring and Kind)
Pine	Matthew Tommy H	Charlie	Zena (Calm and Confident) Xander and Reuben (Fantastic Focus) Millie (Excellent Effort)
Rowan	Isabella	Louie	Thomas and Jesse (Calm and Confident) Aoife (Amazing Ability) and Darcey (Excellent Effort)
Sycamore	Amber Reggie	Owen Leo	Amber (Excellent Effort) and Grayson (Terrific Teamwork)
Willow	Fin B	Jack D	Ella and Olivia (Fantastic Focus)

Top Doodle Class

ACORNS



Staffing Notices

Changes for September

At the end of July, we will be saying farewell to Mrs Monks, our SENDCO and Deputy Headteacher, who will be leaving St John's to take up an exciting new position as Headteacher of a school near Bradford on Avon. Mrs Monks has made an enormous contribution to our school community through her dedication, care and leadership, particularly in supporting our children and families. While we will be very sorry to see her go, we are incredibly proud of her achievement and know she will be a tremendous success in her new role.

We will also be saying goodbye to Mr Howells, who has decided to pursue his long held dream of travelling the world. Mr Howells has been a valued member of our staff team, bringing enthusiasm and warmth to school life. We thank him for all he has contributed to St John's and wish him every happiness and adventure in the exciting journey ahead.

Finally, I am pleased to share that Miss Perkins will remain part of the St John's team next year as a class teacher. In addition to her teaching role, she will also be working alongside the MNSP central team to support and strengthen the teaching of English across the Trust. This is a wonderful opportunity and recognition of her expertise and passion for English, and we are delighted that she will continue to be such an important part of our school community.

Over the next few weeks we will be planning for the year ahead and will let you all know of any new appointments next term.

General Notices

After-school Clubs

The Term Six after-school sports clubs offered by Ignite Sport are now available for booking:

Monday: Years R-3 Football

Tuesday: Gymnastics, Summer Sports

Wednesday: Dance, Years 2-6 Girls Football.

The teacher-led clubs will continue as currently.

Open Morning

Do you have a child who will be starting Reception Class in September 2027?

We are holding an Open Morning on Tuesday 23rd June, commencing at 9.30am. This will be an opportunity to have a tour of the school and discuss any questions with a member of our Senior Leadership Team. Please register your interest with the School Office.

Year 5 Swimming

A reminder that **both Year 5 classes** will have swimming lessons the first week of Term 6 (Tuesday 2nd June).

Class Photos - Thursday 21st May

We have arranged for Nigel Coles to take class photos next **Thursday**. This will also include individual photos for our Year 6 leavers. **Please could all children to come to school wearing school uniform and bring in PE kit / Forest School clothes if needed for later in the day.**

DID YOU KNOW ... ?

The Term Dates for 26/27 are available on our school website.

Click [HERE](#) to view.

A reminder that the school may only authorise an absence in exceptional circumstances. For further information relating to attendance, please refer to the [ATTENDANCE](#) page on the school website.



Reading in Year One



In Year One this week, we have continued with our daily guided reading sessions, focusing heavily on using our phonic knowledge to decode unfamiliar words and answering questions about the text. We have also made a very positive start on our end of year reading assessments.

It is wonderful to see the children becoming such independent and confident readers!

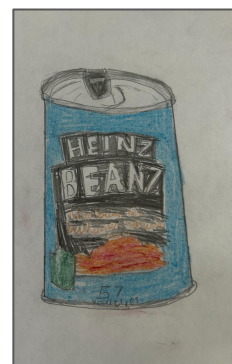


Sketch It Friday



This Term we have introduced Sketch it Friday. On a Friday morning, children have begun their day by sketching a different image. This image is the same from Reception to Year 6. We are encouraging children to experiment with using different pens and pencils and fill their paper with a sketch inspired by the image.

So far we have drawn a still life of sunflowers, some cherry blossoms and (for David Attenborough's birthday last week) we drew British garden birds. The wonderful sketches are displayed in the art corridor weekly to allow the children to reflect on and be inspired by each others' interpretations of the image.





St John's
C of E Primary School



**Will your child be starting
school in September 2027?**

**OPEN MORNING
TUESDAY 23rd JUNE
9.30am**

We understand that choosing a school for your child is one of the most important decisions you can make.

We invite you to join us for an Open Morning with a presentation and tour of the school.

We look forward to welcoming you to the school and showing you all the exciting activities and opportunities we offer.



To register your interest,
please contact the
school office :
Tel: 01761 412019
E-mail:
office@stjohns.mnsp.org.uk



09:00
-15:30



Years
R-6

MAY HALF TERM

SPORTS CAMPS

St John's C of E Primary School

Redfield Road, BA3 2JN



Tues 26th May

Musical Theatre

OR

Football



Thurs 28th May

Street Dance

OR

Striking & Fielding Games

(Cricket, Rounders, Danish Longball etc.)

BOOK NOW!



SCAN HERE



Fri 29th May

**Nerf, Dodgeball,
Archery & Football**

www.ignite-sport.co.uk



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after school sports clubs term 6

St John's C of E Primary School

Best Seller!



NEW!



NEW!



NEW!

Years R-3
Football
Monday

All Years
Gymnastics
Tuesday

All Years
Summer Sports
Tuesday

All Years
Dance
Wednesday

Years 2-6
Girls Football
Wednesday

**BOOK
ONLINE
HERE!**



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



Thought of the Week

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'But when the kindness and love of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.' (Titus 3: 4-5)



'Be Not Afraid' - Liz Lemon Swindle (2019)

One value that many schools think about a lot is the value of justice. It's a strange value, because we often want to link fairness and justice together, but they can be quite different.

Both are said to be impartial and in the dictionary, being 'just' is mentioned when defining fairness and being 'fair' is mentioned when defining justice.

But, when comparing them, the difference becomes more apparent. Fairness is about how we are treated in comparison to others - we should all be treated equally and fairly, with no bias shown towards some people or individuals. Justice, on the other hand, has more to do with giving a person his due or getting what someone deserves.

Fairness comes up quite a lot, especially in situations where children are concerned, as in "it's not fair!" Justice is often seen to have more gravitas, probably because we think about our justice system, where people are put on trial for crimes they have or haven't committed.

Many people associate justice with God, that God is a just God. Often this can be seen quite negatively, as if God deals out punishments willy-nilly, at a whim because no one is good enough and everyone gets things wrong.

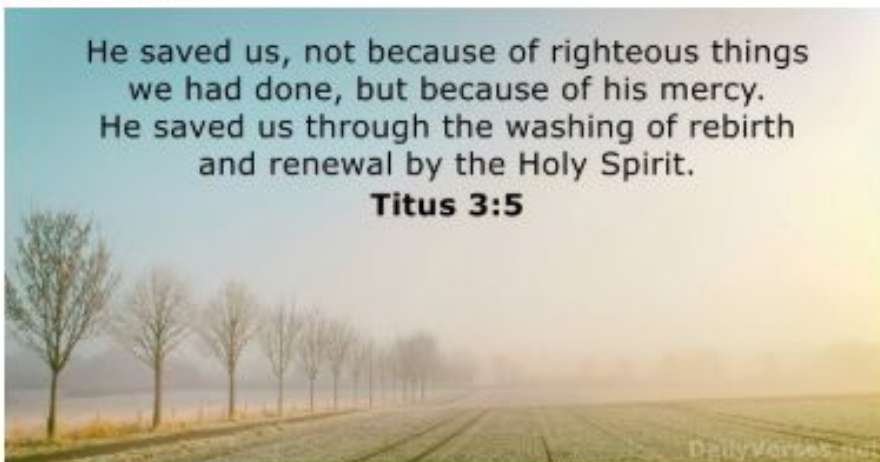
For Christians though, it couldn't be more wrong. Although God is a just God, he is also a loving God. When Jesus died on the cross, Christians believe that he took the place for all of us, taking God's punishment for our sins on himself. It's as if the judge in the law court states what the punishment is going to be and then steps down from the platform to take that punishment in our place.

Now because justice has been served, God no longer deals out punishments - he deals out mercy and forgiveness. He does this for whoever wants to accept his mercy and his forgiveness, because no one is good enough and everyone gets things wrong.

So the next time someone says "it's not fair", maybe remind them that often things in life aren't fair - and this includes not getting what we deserve for the things we've done wrong. Never has life not being fair been so good!

He saved us, not because of righteous things
we had done, but because of his mercy.
He saved us through the washing of rebirth
and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

Titus 3:5



RAINBOW

RAFFLE

DONATIONS
ON FRIDAY 22ND
MAY

DRAWN
AT THE
SUMMER FETE

EACH YEAR GROUP HAS IT'S OWN
COLOUR, ANY
NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS WELCOME



ST JOHNS C OF E
PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

FREE
ENTRY

Summer Fete

3PM - 6PM

FRIDAY
3RD JULY

- BBQ
- BAR
- ICE CREAMS
- CANDY FLOSS
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RAFFLE
- SOAK A TEACHER
- FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT
- & MUCH MORE!

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

Community Notices



Timsbury Theatre Group Juniors
present

PETER PAN

the Musical

Friday 17th & Saturday 18th July 2026
7:30pm

Conygre Hall, North Road, Timsbury, Bath, BA2 0JQ

Tickets: adults £12, children £8
Family of 4 £35

www.Timsburytheatre.co.uk

Bar & refreshments available

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Colourscape comes to Bath this May half-term

Running from 23 – 31 May, 11am – 4.10pm (last entry 3.30pm), Colourscape invites visitors of all ages to step inside a vast walk-in labyrinth of glowing colour, where live music and performance unfold around them. Spanning approximately an acre, this large-scale installation is around three times bigger than the version previously seen in Bath, creating a more expansive and immersive experience for audiences.

www.batharts.co.uk/events/colourscape



VAG
Victoria Art Gallery

May Half Term at Victoria Art Gallery

Find out
what's on

- Visit the new Norman Ackroyd exhibition and enjoy the family trail and sit-on sailing boat
- Create a large, wild and dreamy landscape using pen and ink at a Mini Makers art workshop (£5)
- Make a blue collage seascape inspired by Norman Ackroyd at a free, drop-in Create and Colour session

Exhibition tickets free with Discovery Card*

*Valid with B&NES Residents' Discovery Card

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Bath & North East Somerset Council
Inspiring People's Lives



BLOOMING BRILLIANT DAY OUT

THE ROMAN BATHS
BATH

May Half Term at The Roman Baths

Have a blooming brilliant day out at The Roman Baths:

- Follow a brand-new family trail
- Take part in interactive challenges
- Get crafting
- Play ancient games
- Meet the Roman goddess Flora

All included in
admission ticket

Find out more

Free Roman Baths admission for Discovery Card holders*

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Bugs, Bats & Butterflies

23 to 31 May

Investigate some of the winged wonders that visit Wells Cathedral, and try fun-filled family activities that can help support biodiversity at home.

Admission included with entry.
No need to book – simply drop in on the day!

wellscathedral.org.uk/holidays



ACTIVITIES

Half Term Holiday Activities: Bugs, Bats & Butterflies

Investigate some of the winged wonders that visit Wells Cathedral, and try fun-filled family activities that can help support biodiversity at home.



Bat Trail
Saturday 23 to Sunday 31 May, 9am–4.30pm
Follow our bat trail and contribute to our growing bat roost tree.



Beautiful Butterflies
Tuesday 26 May, 10.30am–3.30pm
Learn about pollinators and make a butterfly feeder or try paper butterfly crafts.



Brilliant Bats
Wednesday 27 May, 10.30am–3.30pm
Find out about the bats that visit the Cathedral with a fun, interactive talk, and make a flapping bat toy.



Beds for Bugs
Thursday 28 May, 10.30am–3.30pm
Help us give our bug hotel a makeover, and make your own mini version to hang at home.

Admission included with entry to Wells Cathedral.
No need to book – simply drop in on the day!
Plan your visit online at wellscathedral.org.uk/holidays



Standard adult admission tickets include re-entry for 12 months from date of purchase, so you can enjoy access to a number of seasonal events, including exhibitions and Half Term Holiday Activities beyond your initial visit. Please note that children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and only assistance dogs are allowed at these activities.

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Improving People's Lives

Information, support and signposting for families, children and young people with additional needs and adults needing care or support.



Family information for all, including Ofsted registered childcare.



Signposting and information for adults with care or support needs.



Supporting children and young people with additional needs, and their parent carers (SEND Local Offer).

livewell.bathnes.gov.uk



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