

Purple Pages



Weekly Newsletter: 26th June 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: HONESTY



Message from the Headteacher

What a week it has been! Due to the red weather warnings, we unfortunately had to close the school for two days. Thank you for your understanding, patience and support during this unusual situation.

Despite the disruption, we started the week with our Arts Week, and the children made a fantastic start on Monday and Tuesday with their 'Flourishing' artwork. We are looking forward to continuing this next week and can't wait to showcase the children's creations in our Art Gallery on Wednesday 1st July after school.

Last week, we also enjoyed a wonderful Sports Day. It was fantastic to see such enthusiasm, determination and team spirit from all of our pupils. I am delighted to announce that this year's winners are **Kelston** (Yellow Team) with an impressive 2,125 points. The final standings were:

- 1st – Kelston (2,125 points)**
- 2nd – Mayne (2,034 points)**
- 3rd – Sperring (1,838 points)**
- 4th – Harris (1,819 points).**

Congratulations to everyone who took part and contributed to another memorable Sports Day!

Today we welcomed our new families to St John's with them attending our Teddy Bears Picnic. It was lovely to see some familiar faces as well as new ones joining St John's for the first time.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs West-Gaul

Dates For Your Diary

June

29th

Year 4 Trip to Holburne Museum

July

2nd

'Shuffle-Up' Morning

3rd

PTA Summer Fete & Non-uniform Day

6th

Year 2 Trip to Holburne Museum

8th

Year 6 Production, 6pm

14th

Acorns Trip to Noah's Ark

17th

Year 6 Leavers Service, 1.45pm

20th & 21st

INSET Days



Awards and Achievements

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



	Sport Achievements of the Week
Chestnut	Jack and Lyra (Excellent Effort) and Ruby (Fantastic Focus)
Elm	Oscar, Riley and Oliver (Fantastic Focus).
Hazel	Libby, Lexi (Fantastic Focus), Blake (Huge Helper)
Holly	Alice and Daisy (Excellent Effort)
Pine	Ezra (Really Resilient), Caiden (Calm and Confident) and Bethany (Playing Fair)
Rowan	Josh and Jessica (Really Resilient)
Sycamore	Josh and Grayson (Fantastic Focus)
Willow	Jack D and Henry D (Playing Fair), Mabel (Amazing Ability)

Top Doodle Class

CHESTNUT



Hot Chocolate Friday

We had a bumper Hot Chocolate gathering last Friday gathering to enjoy their hot chocolate treat.
Well done everyone!



General Notices

Free School Meal Changes for the 2026 to 2027 Academic Year

Many families will become eligible for the first time under the expanded FSM Criteria which is changing from September to the following:

- **Targeted FSM**, which continues to be based on the exiting threshold, covering pupils who are in households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less
- **Expanded FSM**, a new category covering pupils who do not qualify for targeted FSM, but who are in households receiving Universal Credit with annual household earning of £7,400 & above

If you believe you may qualify for the expanded FSM please make an application now. Please see the link here: www.bathnes.gov.uk/form/apply-free-school-meals

Piano

We have been advised by West of England Music that they have been offered a baby grand piano. It would be free but transport costs would need to be paid. For more details, please contact West of England Music on 01454 863147

ignite sport
after-school sports clubs
term 6
St John's C of E Primary School

Best Seller! **NEW!** **NEW!** **NEW!**

Years R-3	All Years	All Years	All Years	Years 2-6
Football	Gymnastics	Summer Sports	Dance	Girls Football
Monday	Tuesday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday

BOOK ONLINE HERE! **SCAN ME**

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

09:00 - 15:30 **ignite sport** **Years R-6**

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS
St John's C of E Primary School

Week	Dates	Activities
1	Mon 20 th July Tues 21 st July Wed 22 nd July Thurs 23 rd July Fri 24 th July	Gymnastics Summer Sports Nerf, Dodgeball & Archery Dance OR Football Musical Theatre
2	Mon 27 th July Tues 28 th July Wed 29 th July Thurs 30 th July Fri 31 st July	Nerf, Dodgeball, Archery & Football Summer Sports Dance OR Multi-Sports Musical Theatre OR Multi-Sports Nerf, Dodgeball, Archery & Football
3	Mon 3 rd Aug Tues 4 th Aug Wed 5 th Aug Thurs 6 th Aug	Nerf, Dodgeball & Archery Summer Sports Football Dance OR Multi-Sports
4	Mon 10 th Aug Tues 11 th Aug Wed 12 th Aug Fri 14 th Aug	Football Summer Sports Nerf, Dodgeball & Archery Dance
5	Mon 17 th Aug Fri 21 st Aug	Nerf, Dodgeball, Archery & Football Dance
6	Mon 24 th Aug Tues 25 th Aug Friday 28 th Aug	Nerf, Dodgeball & Archery Summer Sports Football
	Tues 1 st Sept	Nerf, Dodgeball, Archery & Football

BOOK NOW!

www.ignite-sport.co.uk

Sketch It Friday



Thought for the Week

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“Unless a grain of wheat is buried in the ground, dead to the world, it is never any more than a grain of wheat. But if it is buried, it sprouts and reproduces itself many times over.” (John 12:24)



When I read today's verse, I am reminded of a clip from the Pixar film 'Bug's Life'. You can watch it [here](#).

When we're young, we can often feel too little to be able to do anything of any worth. But here we are reminded how one tiny seed can grow and become a tree. They can produce their own fruit, they give shade and a place

for animals to live and they give out oxygen for us to breathe. They are so much more useful than one tiny seed.

So we all start off as seeds and become trees. Great. But what about when we feel we can't manage even though we are now trees. We have responsibilities, we provide for our families and loved ones, we create and maintain a home for our children to grow up in. Sometimes though, things can get on top of us and we can feel like a seed again - that we just can't do it all.

Notice in the verse that the seed needs to be buried. Unless it is buried it remains just a seed and is of no use to anyone.

Are you in a place where you feel like you're buried? There's just so much to do and not enough time to do it all? You're buried under a mountain of jobs, or a pile of paperwork, or a never ending inbox, or maybe all three?

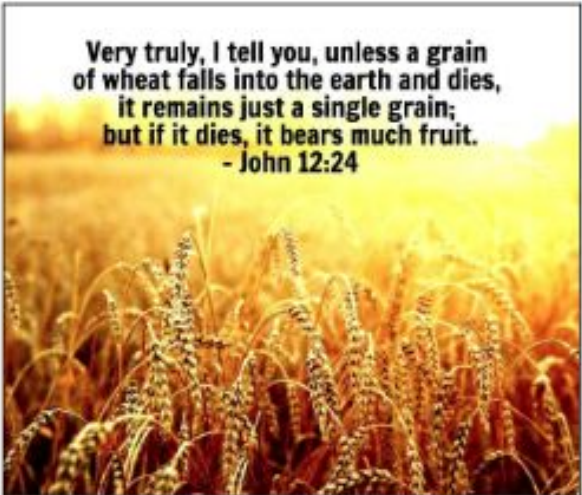
Sometimes we go through times like this, but unless we do, as the verse says we are unable to sprout and grow.

Often it's only when we go through difficult times and we have to work through them that we find ourselves developing new strategies and finding new ways of doing things and before we know it we've grown.

For Christians, this often means praying through things with God. Jesus himself would often go off by himself to pray and often this would be during those overwhelming times. When his cousin John died, he took himself off in a boat to be by himself and was greeted by a multitude of people who wanted to be healed. This then led onto the feeding of the 5000. Not exactly one to one time with his Father.

If you are finding yourself having a "buried seed" moment, just take a moment to reflect and pause. Ask yourself these questions. What is essential, what can I delegate and what can I drop? Who can support me through this? What could I do differently?

But then ask yourself these questions. How have I grown? What can I do now that I couldn't do a year ago or five years ago? What am I managing now that I couldn't see myself doing before? I hope you are encouraged by the answers.



**Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.
- John 12:24**

PTA News

Dear Families



1 week to go.. final preparations are underway for the PTA Summer Fete – we look forward to see you there. Hopefully the sun is shining – but not as hot at this week has been!



Games Passports and Wristbands will be on sale at 3pm on Tues 30th, Weds 1st and Thu 2nd for £5 which includes 2 free stamps/games. Passports will also be available at the fete for £6 so get them early to take advantage of the 2 free stamps. Wristbands are £5 for unlimited access to the obstacle course, giant slide and bouncy castles.



We have 12 slots of 30 – 60 minutes remaining that need a volunteer – please support us and give us a little of your time to ensure the full fete experience - we really don't want the games closed for periods of the fete.

Please sign up here <https://volunteersignup.org/78WRJ>

Thank you as always for your continued support.

St John's PTA

SUMMER FETE!

GAMES PASSPORTS & INFLATABLE WRISTBANDS

★ GAMES PASSPORTS ★

12 STAMP PASSPORT

★ 1 stamp = 1 game (worth 50p)

BUY YOUR PASSPORT EARLY AND RECEIVE 2 FREE STAMPS!

PRE-SALE PRICE: £5
(Includes 2 FREE game stamps)

ON THE DAY OF THE FETE: £6
(No free stamps included)

Collect stamps as you play!

St John's Midsomer Norton School
PTA Event Passport
£5

Name: _____ Class: _____

★ UNLIMITED INFLATABLES! ★

WRISTBANDS - £5

ENJOY UNLIMITED ACCESS TO:

OBSTACLE COURSE GIANT SLIDE BOUNCY CASTLE

PASSPORTS AND WRISTBANDS ON SALE!

TUESDAY 30TH **WEDNESDAY 1ST** **THURSDAY 2ND** **3:00PM**

OUTSIDE THE POTTERY ROOM

SAVE MONEY BY BUYING BEFORE THE FETE!



Community Notices

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c June 29

For any ticketed events, visit our Virtual Library or Eventbrite for details.
baneslibraries.co.uk/groups-events/

Bath Central Library

Storytime

Tuesday 30 June 10.30 - 11.00 am

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Wednesday 1 July 10.00 - 10.30 am & 11.00 - 11.30 am

Art in the Library – The world in your pocket An exhibition of photography captured exclusively by iPhone by Aline Meinema.

During opening hours *subject to exhibition 3 June - 2 July
 room being available

Relaxed Storytime in the Sensory Space

Thursday 2 July 10.00am - 11:00am



Storytime in Bath Central Library's calming Sensory Space, designed for young children who are autistic, have sensory needs, or would simply benefit from a quieter environment. Sessions are recommended for children who would find picture books engaging appropriate for their learning needs.

Spaces limited - visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/relaxed-storytime-in-the-sensory-space-tickets-1987694548903> to book.

Keynsham Library

Storytime

Thursday 2 July 10.30 - 11.00 am

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Tuesday 30 June 9.30 - 10.00 am & 10.30 - 11.00 am

Midsomer Norton Library

Storytime

Wednesday 1 July 10.30 - 11.00 am

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Monday 29 June 11.00 - 11.30 am



Ninja Squirrels

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

RAINBOW WOODS, BATH
 9am-5pm, Ages 8-16, £45/day
 (Automatic 10% discount when booking siblings)

- IN THE WOODS ALL DAY
- FREEDOM TO PLAY
- BATTLE ARCHERY
- FIRE STARTING
- DEN + SHELTER BUILDING
- CAMPFIRE COOKING
- WHITTILING AND CRAFTING WITH SHARP TOOLS
- NATURE CRAFTS AND MINDFUL, RELAXING ACTIVITIES
- HANGING OUT IN HAMMOCKS
- SLACKLINE JUNGLE GYM AND MORE

EVERY TUESDAY,
 WEDNESDAY AND
 THURSDAY
 THROUGHOUT AUGUST



nijasquirrels.co.uk/holidayclubs/



WELLS CATHEDRAL

They're Out!

6 July – 5 September

Mythical creatures have escaped from the books in Wells Cathedral's medieval library – and they need your help!

Mythical Creatures
 WELLS CATHEDRAL

QR code: Fly over to: wells cathedral.org.uk/creatures

Wells Cathedral is a Registered Charity, No. 1207269

BE A CHORISTER FOR A DAY at Wells Cathedral



SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER 2026

Wells Cathedral invites boys and girls between the ages of six and nine to come and meet the Choristers, find out about Chorister life, and sing at Cathedral Evensong

For more details, and to book your place, please contact: musicoffice@wells cathedral.org.uk

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<https://wells.cathedral.school>

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Attention Parents/Carers !



Are you parenting a child with a disability/special need?

Join our **Parents Plus 'Special Needs Programme'** and meet other parents in a supportive group to help your child reach their full potential.

Support your child to:

- Learn social skills and build friendships
- Gain confidence and self-esteem
- Be more independent
- Deal with puberty and sexuality

As a parent, learn how to:

- Personally cope and manage stress
- Deal with the challenges
- Support the needs of your other children
- Manage challenging behaviour

Weekly from **Monday 7th September – 19th October 2026**
(excluding school holidays or Bank holidays)

at Bath Children and Family Centre, 12 Charlotte Street, Bath, BA1 2NE
from 10.00am to 12:00pm

For more information or to reserve your place please contact:

DCT_parentingprogramme@bathnes.gov.uk


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