

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

As we approach the end of another wonderful school year, it has been a week full of exciting experiences and memorable moments.

Our Year 4 children enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Holburne Museum, where they immersed themselves in a day of artistic discovery. They took part in a gallery tour, sketched some of the museum's beautiful sculptures, created their own mod-rock figurines, and enjoyed a picnic in the beautiful Sydney Gardens before sketching the impressive Holburne Museum from the front lawn. Of course, there was also plenty of time to enjoy the playground, making it a truly memorable day for everyone.

A huge thank you goes to Mrs Vu for organising our wonderful Art Week. I am sure you'll all agree that the children have embraced this year's theme of 'Flourish' with incredible creativity, enthusiasm and imagination. We are looking forward to showcasing their amazing artwork in our school art gallery.

Yesterday, we held our annual Shuffle Up Morning, and it was lovely to see the children spending time in their new classrooms, getting to know their teachers and beginning their transition activities in preparation for September. These opportunities help ensure a smooth and positive start to the new academic year.

Finally, we are looking forward to celebrating together at our Summer Fête this afternoon. A heartfelt thank you to our fantastic PTA and all of the volunteers whose hard work, generosity and dedication have made this event possible. We hope it will be a wonderful afternoon for all our families and a fitting way to celebrate another successful year together.

Mrs West-Gaul



Dates For Your Diary



July	
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.



	Star of the Week	Star Reader	PE Achievements of the Week
Acorns	Max Monty	Corey Rory	-
Ash	Shaylun Marley	Ivy	Woody (Playing Fair), Izzy and Evie (Caring and Kind)
Birch	Phoebe	Freya	Alex (Playing Fair), Finley (Excellent Effort) and Lexi (Caring and Kind)
Chestnut	Ayda	Millie Albert	Eleanor and Oliver (Excellent Effort)
Elm	Freddie W	Lottie	Eva and Ted (Calm and Confident) Albie (Excellent Effort)
Hazel	Eva	Remy	Willow and Blake (Fantastic Focus)
Holly	Dylan	Nancy	Jesse and Amelia (Fantastic Focus)
Maple	Darcey	Matilda	Shakai (Amazing Ability) and Evie (Terrific Teamwork)
Oak	Bella Aeris	Loula Finn	Aoife, Sophia L (Caring and Kind) and Rosie (Amazing Ability)
Pine	Caiden Sophie	Bethany Rhodri	Tommy G and Amelia S (Really Resilient)
Rowan	Aoife	Aoife	Reggie and Jesse (Really Resilient), Elise and Lola (Calm and Confident)
Sycamore	Oliver	Poppy-Mae	Chloe and Nate (Excellent Effort)
Willow	Isla Olivia	Lottie	Mabel and Finley (Fantastic Focus)

Top Doodle Class

BIRCH



General Notices

Parent Information and Forms

We now have a dedicated display in the school office foyer area with leaflets and forms for parents. These include forms requesting absence or to provide permission for the administration of medication. Hopefully this will now avoid the need to queue to speak to the office to request these at busy times, - simply pop in and take one away to complete at home and return to the School Office.

As a reminder, these forms are also available to download from the school [website](#).



Dogs

Please can we remind all parents again that dogs are NOT to be brought on to the school grounds. Thank you for your cooperation.





after-school sports clubs term 6

St John's C of E Primary School



Years R-3
Football
Monday



All Years
Gymnastics
Tuesday



All Years
Summer Sports
Tuesday



All Years
Dance
Wednesday



Years 2-6
Girls Football
Wednesday

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- **Smiles every Session** – children leave buzzing with energy and stories to tell!
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09:00
- 15:30



Years
R - 6



SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

St John's C of E Primary School

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	



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Reading



This term, Year One has been diving into the wonderful book 'Look Up!' by Nathan Bryan. The story has taught us a very important lesson: the value of putting down our screens and looking up at the amazing world around us!

The children have been incredibly busy bringing this book to life through some fantastic activities:

- We practised our best descriptive writing to bring the characters to life on the page.
- The classrooms are glowing with colorful posters reminding everyone to look up from their devices.
- In drama, we took part in a 'conscience alley'. The children stepped into the shoes of the main character, facing a big debate: *should they stay inside on their phone, or head outside to witness a spectacular meteor shower?* The persuasive arguments from both sides were brilliant!



Rocketing from fiction into reality, we also researched Mae Jemison - the first African American woman to go into space, who happens to be the hero of the little girl in our book. The children loved learning about her incredible journey into the stars and were deeply inspired by her achievements.



So, next time you find yourself staring at a screen, take a leaf out of Year One's book - Look Up! You never know what amazing things you might see.



Year Two has recently enjoyed a trip to Midsomer Norton Library. Whilst we were there we browsed and chose a book to enjoy and listened to a couple of stories.

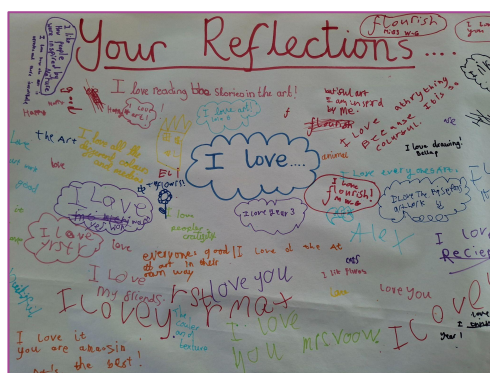
Later in the week we had an assembly where the Midsomer Norton Library 'Summer Reading Challenge' was launched. Lots of us are very excited to take part (including the adults)!



Art Week

This week we completed our (slightly delayed!) Art Week with a celebration of the children's work in our annual Art Gallery.

This year we chose to base the Art Week on one word 'Flourish'. Reception and nursery did some wonderful forest paintings, Year One used a huge variety of media which included paint, collage, oil pastel and sketching to depict flowers and insects. Year 2 also focused on flowers making 3D tissue paper flowers and beautiful wild meadow paintings with mixed media and printing.



In Key Stage Two (Year 3) we saw some abstract forest designs with brusho and graphite sticks as well as frottage and observational drawing of wild flowers. Year 4 made vibrant mod-roc sculptures, landscapes inspired by David Hockney and a beautiful 'Flourish and Anti-Flourish' world mobile. Year 5 made incredible dioramas of habitats and finally Year 6 were inspired by Australian artist Peter Cromer to make some wildlife paintings.

Most importantly, the children spent the week creating and learning how a single word can be interpreted to make all kinds of exciting artwork. They also reflected on each other's work with positivity and enthusiasm.



Thought for the Week

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"He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you make it a den of robbers.'" (Matthew 21:13)



'Purification of the Temple' by El Greco (Doménikos Theotokópoulos) (1600)

Do you sometimes get angry? I know I do!

I remember sharing with children the time that Jesus cleansed the temple, and how generally shocked they were to see Jesus so incensed.

The problem with understanding why Jesus was so angry is that we are only given the bare bones of the situation. In Matthew's Gospel, it just says he drove out those who were buying and selling things without much of an explanation why. Was it just because they were buying and selling? Does Jesus have an issue with commerce?

For Jews at this time, to be able to worship at the temple, they would usually have to present an

animal for sacrifice - as a way of saying sorry for the things they had done wrong. This again upset the children listening, but they felt much better when I reassured them that no horses, dogs, cats or guinea pigs were harmed!

Unfortunately, many of the worshippers travelled a long way and so they had to buy their animals when they got to Jerusalem. The worshippers were also expected to pay a 'temple tax', but this could only be paid using the correct Tyrian shekel, so any other type of coin had to be exchanged.

Now, you've probably guessed it already, but yes, those buying and selling in the temple were probably overcharging these visitors, so buying their animals and exchanging their coins was costing them more than it should. Instead of it being about people coming to worship God, it was more to do with making money at other people's expense, especially those who could ill afford it. This was the time of Passover and many Jewish visitors would want to worship in the temple, so this could be seen as a form of exploitation.

Now maybe it is clearer as to why Jesus was so angry and why he was so keen to 'drive them all out'.

This type of anger is known as righteous anger, when someone is angry because of an injustice being done to someone else. When we get angry, is it for this reason? Are we angry about those who are suffering in our world or those struggling to buy enough food? Are we doing something about this anger that we feel?

Or is our anger more like selfish anger? As I explained to the children at the time, selfish anger is when we get angry because we can't get chips for tea!

This week, if something you see or hear about makes you angry, what can you do to make it better? Can you send an email or letter to your local MP? Can you find a charity that is working to make a difference in that area? Do what you can to make a difference.

And if our anger is selfish...maybe we need to keep quiet...😞!

"It is written
(in the
Scriptures), 'My
house will be
called a house
for prayer.' But
you are changing
God's house into
a 'hiding place
for thieves.'"

Matthew 21:12-13



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 room being available 3 June - 2 July

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



B&NES Climate and Nature Strategy Survey

B&NES is developing a new Climate and Nature Strategy and has a survey to garner thoughts and views to help shape the plan for a cleaner, greener, more resilient future. It is open to all B&NES residents, businesses, education settings, community and voluntary organisations, and anyone with a connection to Bath and North East Somerset are invited to take part. The survey was launched on the 3rd of June and closes on Friday the 24th of July, 2026 at 5.00pm, it takes around 15 to 20 minutes to complete.

Survey Link: <https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/help-shape-our-climate-and-nature-strategy>

LEARN TO FLOAT

If you get in trouble
in the water, don't
panic – follow
these steps:

1



Keep calm. Don't swim hard.
Hold onto anything that floats.

2



Lean back to keep your mouth
and nose out of the water.

3



Push your belly up and
stretch out your arms and
legs into a star shape.

4



Gently move your hands
and feet to help you float.

5



Do this until you feel
more relaxed.

6



When you're calm, raise your
arm and shout for help.
Swim to safety if you can.

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the Republic of Ireland (20053326), the Bailiwick of Jersey (14), the Isle of Man, the Bailiwick of Guernsey and Alderney


Lifeboats