

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

It has been another action-packed week here at school, filled with creativity, exploration, and a wonderful sense of community. A huge thank you once again to our PTA for the Summer Fete last week which raised over £4000! Next year the school council will be working closely with the PTA to look at how we can improve our school and learning environments.

This week we have had our Year 6 performance of Shrek. From the incredible vocals and brilliant comedic timing to the fantastic costumes and set design! It was a joy to see every single child shine on stage. A huge thank you to the staff and parents who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make this production such a memorable success. Year 6, you did us proud!

Our Year 2 classes had a fantastic trip to The Holburne Museum this week. The children fully immersed themselves in the history and art on display, asking insightful questions and representing the school beautifully. The highlight of the day was a hands-on workshop where the children put their artist hats on to design and create their very own unique sculptures. Look out for some of these masterpieces coming home soon!

On Thursday, we joined schools from across the diocese for a very special online worship led by Bishop Fiona. It was incredibly powerful to know that our children were part of a massive congregation of 7,800 children all logging on together. The theme of the worship was Pilgrimage, encouraging the children to reflect on life as a journey, the steps we take together, and how we can support one another along the way.

As always, thank you for your continued support in everything we do. I wish you all a wonderful, relaxing weekend ahead!

Warm regards,

Mrs West-Gaul

Dates For Your Diary



July

13th	St John's Choir's End of Year Concert, 4pm
14th	Acorns Trip to Noah's Ark
17th	Year 6 Leavers Service, 1.45pm
20th & 21st	INSET Days

September

3rd & 4th	INSET Days
7th	Children return to school
8th	Year 3 swimming starts
15th	Meet the Teacher Event
23rd & 24th	Individual & Sibling Photos

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	Myla Ellie	Oakley Logan	-
Ash	Edie	Mila	Alex (Amazing Ability), Fraser (Caring and Kind) and Bonnie (Fantastic Focus)
Birch	Alex	Harper	Eden (Fantastic Focus), Rebecca (Amazing Ability) and Finley (Caring and Kind)
Chestnut	Emilia	Lyra	-
Elm	Jamie Dexter	Isla	-
Hazel	Maeva	Fletcher	Willow and Daisy (Terrific Teamwork) and Hugh (Excellent Effort)
Holly	Harry	Jesse	Jayden and Dylan (Calm and Confident) Sofia and Nancy (Terrific Teamwork)
Maple	Betsy	Sophie	Freddie and Myla (Excellent Effort)
Oak	Eva	Albie	Sophia L (Caring and Kind) and Harry (Excellent Effort)
Pine	Millie, Daisy, Amelia S, Jayden, Tommy G	Oscar	Isaac (Really Resilient), Daisy (Calm and Confident) and Jayden (Fantastic Focus)
Rowan	Elise	Olivia	Albie and Freya (Fantastic Focus) Josh (Amazing Ability)
Sycamore	James Sophie	Eden	Chloe and Rudi (Excellent Effort)
Willow	Blake	Elsie	Finley and Maizie (Excellent Effort)

Out of school Achievements

Fred, Eleanor and Elsie (Year 2) and Florence (Reception) all completed their dance show with Dolly at limelight's last weekend.

Well Done!



Top Doodle Class



General Notices



St John's Choir's End of Year Concert - Monday 13th July 2026

Everyone is invited to join our School Choir for their End of Year Concert in the school hall, at 4pm-5pm on Monday 13th July (after choir club).

The Choir has been busy practising and rehearsing, and we can't wait to share the concert with you - showcasing our talented singers and musicians!

School Dinners

Please ensure that when selecting meals from the new menu that your child is aware of the selection and will eat the chosen meal as it will not be possible to swap meals at the counter.

A reminder that the Trust has increased the price per meal for the new menu from September to £2.90.



09:00 - 15:30
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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 1st Sept
Nerf, Dodgeball, Archery & Football



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**WEST OF ENGLAND
MUSIC
AND ARTS**

INSTRUMENTAL & VOCAL LESSONS

Instrumental and vocal lessons at school are provided by teachers from West of England Music & Arts (WEMA)



LESSON OPTIONS

30 minutes individual x 10 lessons	£250
20 minutes individual x 10 lessons	£167
30 minutes paired x 10 lessons	£124
Group x 10 lessons	£85

****Inquire within school about possible remissions if your child is registered as receiving income-based Pupil Premium funding. Tick the box on the WEMA sign-up page if eligible. WEMA will then contact you to discuss final arrangements.****



INSTRUMENT HIRE

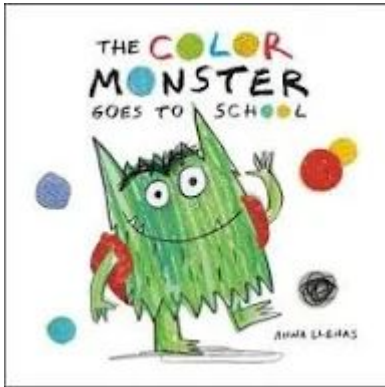
Instruments are not provided by the school. However, there are a wide range of instruments that can be hired from WEMA music hub. These are free to hire for students receiving Pupil Premium. Contact WEMA directly by adding hire to your application or emailing: create@wema.org.uk

For more details go to:
wema.org.uk/learn-to-play

**ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND**

Supporting public funding for
the arts

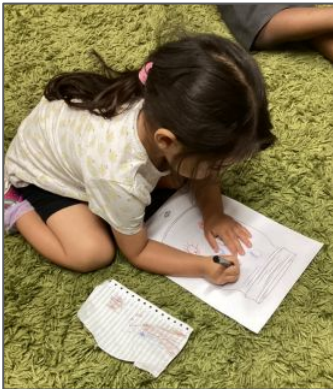
Reading



Reading in Next Steps Nursery

This week our pre-school children have been focusing on transition as they prepare for their exciting move to school. We have been sharing the story *Colour Monster Goes to School*, which has helped us talk about the different feelings children may experience when starting school.

Through discussions and activities, we have explored how it is perfectly normal to feel excited, nervous, happy, or even a little worried about this big step. The children will continue to use this book as a basis for learning when they start Reception in September.



Reading in Acorns

This term in Acorns our topic has been 'Down at the Bottom of the Garden'. We have loved exploring non-fiction books about minibeasts and life cycles. We enjoyed the story of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* which we used to create lots of artwork and we loved watching our own caterpillar grow and change into a butterfly.

We also read 'Oliver's Vegetables' and explored healthy and unhealthy food and talked about all our favourite vegetables. We are so excited that we have all learnt to read our own reading books this year in Reception and we can't wait for more reading fun in year one!



Holburne Museum



Educational Visit to the Holburne Museum

During the last two weeks, Year 2 and Year 4 have been on a school trip to the Holburne Museum in Bath. While we were there, we had a tour of the Art Gallery, sketched sculptures and made our own mod-roc figurine.

The children practiced their amazing sketching skills in an outdoor sketching session of the Holburne's beautiful building.

Also, since the gallery is located in Sydney Gardens, we had a lovely picnic in the park and played in the playground.



Year Six Production

The Show of a Lifetime: Year 6 Dazzles in Final School Performance!

The curtains have closed, the applause has finally died down, and the tissue boxes are completely empty. Last night, our Year 6 students took to the stage for their highly anticipated final production, and to put it simply: they absolutely blew us away.

Months of secret rehearsals, lyric-memorising, and choreography paid off in a night filled with laughter, tears, and pure star power. Whether they were playing a lead role, belt-singing in the chorus, or managing the high-pressure world of backstage lighting and props, every single student shone.

Here are a few highlights from a night we won't soon forget:

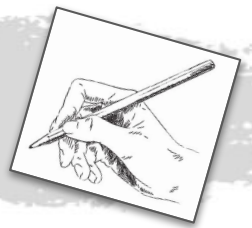
- **Show-Stopping Vocals:** From the very first note of the opening number, the energy in the room shifted. The harmonies were beautiful, the solos were brave, and the final song didn't leave a single dry eye in the audience.
- **Comedic Genius:** Move over, Hollywood! The comedic timing from our onstage actors and actresses had parents and teachers laughing out loud.
- **The Unsung Heroes:** A massive shoutout to the backstage crew. Moving sets in pitch darkness is no easy feat, but they ran the show like seasoned professionals.

For Year 6, this performance represents so much more than just a great night of entertainment. It is the culmination of their time here at primary school - a celebration of how much they have grown, how confident they have become, and how well they work as a team.

As they get ready to take their final bows and head off to secondary school, they leave behind a legacy of creativity and camaraderie.

To the cast and crew of Year 6: you stole the show and we are incredibly proud of you. Brava!

Sketch It Friday



PTA News

Dear Parents and Carers

What a glorious afternoon we had last Friday for our PTA summer fete. We felt very grateful for a beautiful day once again to bring our school community together.

Thank you to everyone who came along to support our school.

MASSIVE thank you to all of the PTA, Teachers and Volunteers who made the event happen. Whether you spent 3 hours painting faces, an hour manning an inflatable queue or 30 mins on a coconut shy - we are very grateful for you and your generous contributions. And there were many - we filled over 90 volunteering slots across the event. It takes a huge amount of work to pull together, and not just on the day but for many weeks leading up to it. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

We are delighted to share we raised £4329 to support our school!!! Incredible.

We will be sharing next week what the PTA has raised and spent this year so keep your eyes peeled and we would love to hear from anyone keen to get involved next year at stjohnsmsnpta@outlook.com - we are very lucky to have a wonderful group of people who are dedicated to providing enrichment for our children... could you be another one of them?

St John's PTA



Thought for the Week

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'When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.' (Jonah 3:10)



'Jonah' by George Frederic Watts (1894)

Many of you will be familiar with the story of Jonah. If nothing else, you may remember the bit where he is swallowed up by a big fish - it's not clear whether this was a whale or not, but it would have been a pretty traumatic experience!

In the book of Jonah - he's got his own book - it says that after being 'spat out' (ew!) by the fish, he is told by God to go to the city of Nineveh and tell them that in forty more days, they would be "overthrown".

The main issue was that when Jonah was asked to do this the first time, he got on a boat going in the opposite direction. Jonah was concerned that if he went to Nineveh and gave them this message, they might repent and God would forgive them and not punish them.

Now, it might seem a bit mean of Jonah to behave like this. Surely he would want to warn the people so they would have a chance to change their ways and not get punished.

But there was some history here.

We know that Nineveh was a scary place for Israelites because the people there did not like them, and they were often at war. Jonah may have been scared he would get hurt. However, when you read on in the story, it is clear that Jonah hated the Ninevites so much that he didn't want God to forgive them.

But Jonah does go the second time God asks him and when he tells them what would happen, the people of Nineveh do repent and even fast (stop eating) in the hope that God will relent and forgive...and he does and the people are saved.

Sometimes in life, we have to do things we don't want to. It may be an important decision you have to make, or you might have to have a difficult conversation with a colleague. Sometimes, like Jonah, our feelings might get in the way and this can make our "thing" even more difficult to do.

For Christians, this can mean telling others about how Jesus' death on the cross means that we can be forgiven and be in a good relationship with God. This message isn't always taken well and many can reject it, but that doesn't mean the conversation shouldn't be had.



1 John 5:13 KJV

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God: that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

Although it may be difficult and your feelings might get in the way, maybe that conversation needs to happen today...

Community Notices



THE ROMAN BATHS BATH

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Summer at The Roman Baths

- Meet Roman performers
- Discover an award-winning museum with exhibits you can touch
- Explore with a kid's audioguide
- Get creative with a craft workshop
- Cool down with an ice cream beside the Great Bath
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Summer holidays at Victoria Art Gallery

- Have fun with printmaking, watercolours, or making a clay mini beast at Mini Makers (£5)
- Create a seascape, landscape, or rainbow sky picture at Create and Colour (free)
- Visit the Norman Ackroyd exhibition and enjoy the family trail and sit-on boat

Exhibition tickets free with Discovery Card*

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7 Marathon Challenge

Coach Tom from Ignite Sports has set himself a challenge to run 7 marathons in 7 days for Brain Tumour Research starting Saturday 9th August and finishing Saturday 15th August.

If you wish to support him with a donation, please use this link to his Just Giving Page:

[Thomas Palacio is fundraising for Brain Tumour Research](#)

Good Luck Tom!



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c 6 July 2026

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

Bath Central Library

Storytime

Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00 am

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Wednesday 10.00 - 10.30 am & 11.00 - 11.30 am

Keynsham Library

Storytime

Thursday 10.30 - 11.00 am

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00 am & 10.30 - 11.00 am

Midsomer Norton Library

Storytime

Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00 am

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Monday 11.00 - 11.30 am

Summer Reading Challenge 2026 - Read to the Beat

The Summer Reading Challenge starts on Saturday 11 July 2026. Pop in to any of our libraries to take part. All you need is your library card and if you're not a member, it's quick and easy to sign up!

The theme this year is Read to the Beat, so look out for our music themed crafting events. Can you complete the six challenges?



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Libraries

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to the
BEAT

Great British Summer Savings

The Government has launched a Great British Summer Savings scheme.

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions.

There is an attraction finder website to find participating venues. To use the attraction finder, please visit <https://summersavings.gov.uk>.

Competition

We have been informed that Cats Protection will be running a drawing competition over the summer holidays. It's a competition to draw a picture of a cat which will be displayed in the shop window and the winner will receive a £10 Entertainer voucher. Sheets are to be collected from the shop.

