

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 reach the end of another school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our entire school community for your continued support, kindness and encouragement throughout the year. It has been a year filled with learning, laughter, achievements and many special memories.

This week, our youngest children in Acorn Class enjoyed a fantastic trip to Noah's Ark Zoo. They loved exploring the wide variety of animals, had great fun in the soft play area and, of course, thoroughly enjoyed their packed lunches together. It was a wonderful way to celebrate all they have achieved in their first year at St John's.

Yesterday we received our Year 6 SATs results, and we couldn't be prouder of what our children have achieved. Their results are a wonderful reflection of their commitment and the support they have received from their families and our dedicated staff:

In Reading 88% achieved age related expectation, in Mathematics 89% and in Writing 91%.

We have also ended the week with our Leavers' Assemblies, taking time to celebrate and say thank you to several valued members of our school family. Firstly, we said goodbye to Mrs Monks, who has served as our SENDCo and Deputy Headteacher for the past seven years. Her dedication, compassion and unwavering commitment to our children and families have made an enormous difference to our school community, and we wish her every happiness in her new role.

We also said farewell to Mr Howells, who is setting off on an exciting adventure travelling the world. Alongside his travels, he plans to undertake some supply teaching, so there's every chance we may see him back at St John's in the future. We thank him for all he has contributed during his time with us and wish him safe travels and wonderful experiences.

Our congratulations also go to Miss Isaac, who will be getting married this summer. We wish her and her fiancé every happiness for the future and look forward to welcoming her back as Mrs Everett.

Finally, this afternoon we said goodbye to our amazing Year 6 children as they begin the next chapter of their journey at secondary school. They leave us with many happy memories, having grown into confident, caring and resilient young people. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them and know they will continue to shine in all they do. We wish them every success and happiness for the future.

As we close another school year, I would like to wish all of our families a restful, safe and happy summer holiday. Thank you for being such an important part of our St John's family. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year together.

Mrs West-Gaul

Awards and Achievements

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



YEAR SIX AWARDS



THE LISA RUPPRECHT MEMORIAL CUP FOR ENDEAVOUR: BOANNA
JANE HUGHES CERTIFICATE OF MUSIC: LOTTIE
CERTIFICATE OF SPORTING EXCELLENCE: WILLIAM
CERTIFICATE OF ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP: HENRY
CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT: JUDE
CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT: RUDI-LEE
THE ST JOHN'S VALUES AWARD: ELSIE
THE ST JOHN'S VALUES AWARD: TAYLOR
THE ST JOHN'S PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD: MABEL
THE ST JOHN'S PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD: GRAYSON
PROGRESS AWARD: GABRIEL
PROGRESS AWARD: LYRA

Class	Term 6
Acorns	Hugo B
Ash	Leo
Birch	Leo
Chestnut	Leo
Hazel	Isabelle
Holly	Daisy
Maple	Darcey
Oak	Emily
Pine	Brie

Golden Behaviour Awards

Term 6 Recipients





Out of school Achievements

Well done to Poppy and Elsie (Year 6), Bella and Darcy (Year 5) at the end of season presentation at Midsomer Norton & Radstock football team.



General Notices



School Dinners

Please remember to book school dinners in advance for our return in September. If you forget to make any bookings, please ensure you provide a packed lunch for your child. Bookings will open on 12th August, - please do not try to make any bookings prior to this date as they will be cancelled.

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.

Extra-curricular Clubs

Confirmation of the clubs will be sent out soon via e-mail. All clubs will commence the week we return in September (from Monday 7th September) If your child has changed their mind regarding a club or is no longer able to attend, please let the office know (office@stjohns.mnsp.org.uk) so that the place may be offered to someone else.



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 1 st Sept		Nerf, Dodgeball, Archery & Football	



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Dates For Your Diary



July

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

Holburne Museum



Last Monday Year 2 enjoyed a fabulous trip to the Holburne Museum in Bath. We took part in a sculpture workshop, in which we created our own sculpture from modrok (the same material that is used for casts when you break your arm).

The children took inspiration from many of the beautiful pieces of Art in the Gallery and Museum and were able to take their very own sculpture home at the end of the day!

We also spent some time around the grounds sketching the architecture we could see.



Acorns Trip to Noah's Arks Farm



What a fantastic day Acorns class had on their trip to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm! The children had an amazing time exploring the zoo, meeting lots of interesting animals and having fun in the jungle soft play! They were beautifully behaved throughout the day, showing kindness, curiosity and excellent manners. They were a real credit to our school and we are incredibly proud of them! Well done everyone - what a brilliant day!



Maypole

On Saturday our maypole dancers did a fantastic job of representing the school at the Midsomer Norton Fayre.

They danced all seven dances brilliantly, in spite of the heat, and won the cup for their single plait which looked fantastic!

Well done to you all - you were amazing!





ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT EDUCATION?

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A GOVERNOR AT ST. JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL?

We are currently looking to expand our dedicated Governing Body to provide additional support and challenge to our Leadership team.

Whether you're a parent or a member of our local church or community, your voice can make a positive impact to our school.

Don't worry - no prior experience is needed!

We just ask for a commitment to the role and a willingness to provide support by attending meetings, reviewing data and discussing school progress.

Being a Governor can be incredibly rewarding - an opportunity to develop skills and to contribute to the education of pupils. Please contact us to find out more and to arrange an informal chat with the Headteacher.

E-mail: clerk@stjohns.mnsp.org.uk

Tel: 01761 412019.

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PTA News

Dear Parents and Carers

As another fantastic school year comes to an end, we'd like to say a huge THANK YOU to every parent, carer, grandparent, volunteer, teacher and local business who has supported St John's PTA.

Whether you attended an event, bought raffle tickets, volunteered your time, sponsored us, donated prizes or simply helped spread the word, **every contribution has made a real difference.**

Together, we've raised thousands of pounds to provide enriching experiences, new equipment and memorable opportunities for all of our children. We're incredibly proud of everything we've achieved as a school community.

Please take a look at what we achieved together this year – it's something we can all be proud of!

We wish all of our St John's families a wonderful, safe and relaxing summer holiday. We can't wait to see you all again in September for another exciting year of fun, fundraising and making a difference together.

Have a brilliant summer! ☀️ 💜
St John's PTA



Thought for the Week

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'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.' (Hebrews 13:8)

Image taken from 'The Chosen' Series 1 (2017)



If you've not come across the series 'The Chosen' on Amazon, then I thoroughly recommend you take a look. And what better time than over the summer holidays!

It's a series about the life of Jesus, created, written, directed and produced by Dallas Jenkins and Angel Studios.

The series focuses around the people that were chosen to live and work with Jesus, the twelve disciples. But the series also includes some of the women that may well have travelled with

him - some of which are mentioned in the Bible but are not included as being among his disciples. A Jewish rabbi in those days wouldn't have included women in their group of followers and this is commented on in the series, so it is very revolutionary that some of Jesus' followers were female.

What's interesting about this series is the way that Jesus' and the disciples' humanity is portrayed. Jesus, played by Jonathan Roumie, often makes little jokes and comments that are genuinely funny and the disciples are shown in all their true colours.

Included in the group is Matthew, beautifully performed by Paras Patel. Matthew was a former tax collector and in the series he is portrayed as being neurodiverse, which provides a really valid explanation as to why a Jewish person might think it would be okay to work for the Romans collecting taxes, while not necessarily understanding how other Jewish people may respond.

Whether you are a Bible scholar or someone who has very little Bible knowledge at all, it is a real treat to watch an historical drama which focuses on a diverse group of mixed up individuals and the way they become a unit.

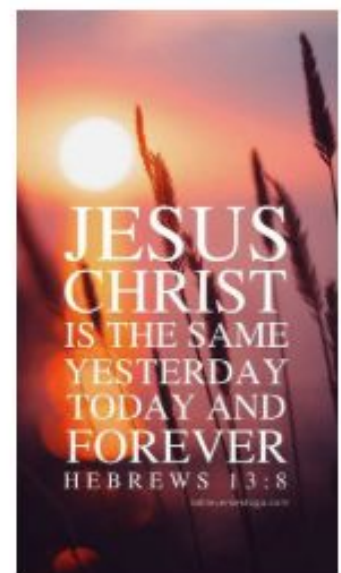
Angel Studios are presently filming the sixth series and although Amazon is showing the five seasons that are available, there is a Chosen app which means you can also watch it all for free if you don't have an Amazon subscription.

After watching one particular episode where Jesus was teaching The Sermon on the Mount, it reminded me of today's verse from Hebrews 13, that tells us that Jesus is the same - yesterday, today and forever. It doesn't matter how he is portrayed in films or in television series, or which translation of the Bible you read, it is still the same man.

For Christians all over the world, this is a real encouragement, especially in a world where everything is constantly changing. To know there is one person who can be relied upon and who will never leave or forsake you whatever happens, makes a tangible difference.

My recommendation is to [take a look at this series](#) and don't give up after episode one as Jesus only appears in the last two minutes!

I wish you all a peaceful and blessed summer and all the best for the new year.



Community Notices

Free Bus Travel for Kids!

Great news, once again children aged 5 -15 years including those in Secondary School travel for free on almost all local buses across the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority of B&NES, Bristol, and South Glos over the summer between the 18th of July to the 6th of September! There is no need for them to travel with a fare paying adult, so older children can travel independently or with friends.



This free bus travel scheme for the under 16's will continue to be available during the summer, Christmas, and Easter school holidays up to at least 2029. For more information, please visit: travelwest.info

Park & Ride

Did you know any number of children aged 4 and under, and up to five children aged 5 to 15, can travel for free with each fare-paying adult from the Park & Ride sites for services 21 Newbridge, 31 Lansdown, & 41 Odd Down. Services run from 6.15am to 11.30pm Monday to Saturday, 9.30am to 6.00pm on Sundays and bank Holidays. One adult return will cost £4.00, two adults travelling together is currently £5.50. For more information visit either the [Travel West site](#) or [First Bus](#)

Video message about bus etiquette from a bus driver and the Metro Mayor:

As Kids Go Free returns this summer, more young people will be using buses to explore the region. Gio's top tip? Enjoy the ride, chat with friends and take in the scenery, but always be respectful of other passengers and help keep the bus safe for everyone:

<https://youtu.be/h8cZGQTtYsg?si=J21ufFnOBV1bILFS>

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: [Giving Page](#):

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

Good Luck Tom!





READ to the BEAT

Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The Summer Reading Challenge, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a FREE, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme, **Read to the Beat**, and is powered by Universal Music Group UK. The Challenge will celebrate the joy of music and the power it has to move, inspire, and connect us – all through the magic of reading. The Challenge is being brought to life with illustrations by award-winning author and illustrator, Harry Woodgate.

Why join?

- It's FREE! Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a lifelong love of reading
- Boosts confidence, creativity, and imagination
- Earn rewards, certificates, and prizes
- Fun for the whole family. Visit your local library together
- 95% of children said they read more after joining!
- Children choose their own books to read, collect rewards over the summer and receive a certificate or medal when they complete the challenge.



Visit your local library or go online at
summerreadingchallenge.org.uk
to get started from 4 July 2026.

Help your child start their reading adventure today!

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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c 13 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 has started! 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?

