

Purple Pages



Weekly Newsletter: 18th September 2026

Strong Roots, Growing Minds

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: LOVE



This week, we have begun to look at our value of the term, love. The children have explored various ways in which we can show love to others and have been given the challenge to think of random acts of kindness they can carry out in and out of school. Attached to this week's Purple Pages is our Home-School Values letter for you to explore this value together as a family.

Next week is set to be another busy one across the school:

Monday & Tuesday: Author visit

Wednesday & Thursday: Individual and sibling photos

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

Warm regards,

Mrs West-Gaul,
Headteacher



General Notices





Will your child be starting school in September 2027?

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 at one of our events for a presentation and tour of the school.

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing all the exciting activities and opportunities we offer in our Acorns Reception Class and throughout the school.

OPEN MORNINGS

- Wednesday 30th September, 9.30am
- Friday 16th October, 9.30am
- Wednesday 18th November, 9.30am
- Friday 11th December, 9.30am

OPEN EVENING

- Wednesday 4th November, 6.30pm

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



Do you have a child who will be starting school in September 2027 or do you know someone who is currently choosing a school for their child?

We are inviting prospective parents to visit and view life at St. John's on one of our Open Mornings or Open Evening this autumn. The first Open Morning is on Wednesday 30th September, commencing at 9.30am.

Please contact the School Office to register your interest, or if none of these dates are convenient, we can discuss an alternative date for a visit.

Dogs on site

A reminder that we do not allow dogs on site. Thank you for your co-operation.

School Photographs

Individual and sibling photos will be taken next week (23rd & 24th September).

Please ensure your child attends school in uniform and bring PE & Forest School clothes if required.

Dates For Your Diary

September

23rd & 24th	Individual & Sibling Photos
25th	PTA EYFS New parents coffee morning, 8.30am
25th	Second-hand Toy Sale
30th	Open Morning for prospective parents

October

2nd	EYFS & KS1 Phonics Workshop for parents, 2pm
7th	PTA AGM, 3.15pm School Hall
14th	Flu Immunisations
15th	Harvest Festival, 9am.
15th	PTA Disco
16th	Open Morning for prospective parents
20th	Parents Evening
21st	Parents Evening
22nd	INSET
23rd	INSET



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	Tilly Arthur H	-	-
Ash	Hugo	Floella	Remi and Nina (Caring and Kind)
Birch	Toby	Alanna	Hugo and Hope (Playing Fair)
Chestnut	Isabella	Millie	Leo and Tallulah (Excellent Effort)
Elm	Freddie	Dougie	Dougie and Ruby (Fantastic Focus)
Hazel	Lily C	Halle	Fred D (Playing Fair), Beya (Caring and Kind) and Eva (Amazing Ability)
Holly	Ava	Eleanor	Oliver and Jacob (Really Resilient)
Maple	Isabelle	Blake	Harvey (Calm and Confident)
Oak	Harry	Alfie	Frankie (Really Resilient), Harrison and Aubrie (Excellent Effort)
Pine	Sophia	George	Mason and Thea (Really Resilient)
Rowan	Evie	Darcey	Shakai (Playing Fair) Sophie (Amazing Ability)
Sycamore	Sophie	Reuben	Jayden and Sophie (Excellent Effort)
Willow	Harry	Elise	Freya and Thomas (Fantastic Focus)

Top Doodle Class

HOLLY

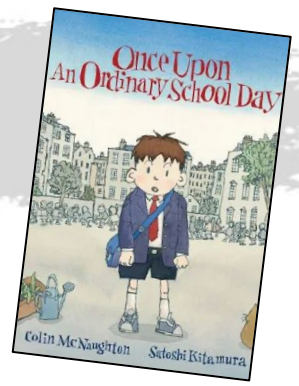


Friday Treat

Our Stars of the Week enjoyed a lovely treat outside.



Reading in Year Six



This week in Year 6, we have delved into our first reading and writing unit based on the transition text: 'Once Upon an Ordinary School Day'. In doing so, we have begun to reimagine the qualities and behaviours of an all-too-mysterious character, Mister Gee, and discuss the ways in which this narrative encourages young readers to find inspiration within all areas of their learning within school.

Our pupils have also thoroughly enjoyed beginning a new class reader novel and have taken the time to explore a variety of texts and select a book of their own from St. John's beautiful new school library. We hope that all children continue to read for pleasure as the year unfolds and will look forward to helping them discover new titles and genres along the way!



Sketch It Friday





After school sports clubs
Term 1

St John's C of E Primary School



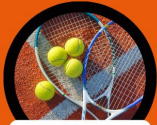
Years 1-2
Football
Monday



Years 3-6
Football
Monday



Years 1-2
Summer Sports
Tuesday



Years 3-6
Summer Sports
Tuesday



Years 1-2
Dodgeball
Wednesday



Years 3-6
Dodgeball
Wednesday

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!

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St John's
C of E Primary School

Working
Together
for our
Children

ST JOHN'S PTA AGM NOTICE

Your PTA. Your Voice. Our School.



WEDNESDAY 7TH OCTOBER
STARTS AT 3.15PM – 4.00PM
SCHOOL HALL

Everyone
Welcome!

COME ALONG AND...



DISCUSS LAST YEAR
OUR FUNDS
RAISED & SPENT

RAISED
£11,202

SPENT
£7,669



HEAR OUR PLANS
FOR THIS YEAR



Share ideas and help shape
exciting events and initiatives
for our children.



HELP ELECT
THE PTA COMMITTEE
FOR THE
2026/27 YEAR AHEAD



New faces, new ideas –
everyone can make
a difference!



SUPPORT OUR
SCHOOL & CHILDREN



MEET OTHER PARENTS
& CARERS



REFRESHMENTS
PROVIDED



EVERY VOICE
COUNTS

TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE MORE!

QUESTIONS? EMAIL stjohnsmpta@putlook.com

FOLLOW US



Wraparound club

St John's C of E Primary School



Option 1
15:00 – 16:15



Option 2
15:00 – 17:45
Includes a light tea



Option 3
16:00 – 17:45
Includes a light tea



Option 4
16:15 – 17:45
Includes a light tea

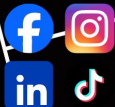
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- **Something for Everyone** – a fun mix of games, activities, arts and crafts to keep children happy and engaged after school
- **Inclusive for All** – a welcoming environment where every child can join in and enjoy themselves
- **Safe, Supervised & Structured** – the club is run by experienced staff in a safe, positive and supportive environment
- **Relax, Create and Have Fun** – time to unwind after the school day, get creative, play games and enjoy a variety of activities



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Thought for the Week

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'That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever!' (1 Corinthians 4: 16-17)



At the start of a brand new school year, it seems appropriate to review some of the values that we all hold dear to us. Lots of schools have values that embody their vision and ethos. Some examples are love, hope, forgiveness, perseverance and courage.

A less common value in schools is agility, but it is still important. Agility is very closely linked with perseverance and forgiveness. To be agile, we need to learn to forgive ourselves if we get it wrong and if we are

agile learners, we will persevere even when things seem difficult.

Today's verse is all about being agile, because it reminds us never to give up. Whenever we face something difficult in our lives, we can choose to knock it on the head and call it a day or we can demonstrate and exercise agility and see it through.

For many of us, as we move towards our twilight years, it can often be harder to keep pushing forward and taking on new challenges can seem like just too much. When we were younger, we may have had more energy to manage new things or could stay up later so as to cope with the extra workload. As we get older, we can often notice the strain more readily and we find ourselves complaining about being tired all the time, so taking on new ideas and challenges just seem to be out of reach.

For Christians, this is where a helping hand from God can make all the difference. Although we may feel like we're wasting away physically, we can be soaring spiritually, because of God's input everyday. Often this is why prayer and the Bible are so important to Christians, because this is where they get refuelled and renewed. This is where the difficulties and troubles we face can pale into insignificance when "weighed up" against the might of an eternal God.

If you are facing a difficult situation this week, I hope and pray that it will get resolved. And if you are taking on a new challenge, remember to exercise agility. If you need to, take some time out to gather yourself together and to renew yourself.

But afterwards commit to carrying on and be determined not to give up.



Community Notices



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c 19 September
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

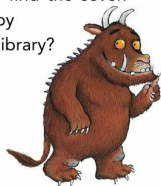
Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Monday 11.00 - 11.30 am

Gruffalo Granny Trail available in all our libraries

Come and play our Crochet Character Trail! Can you find the seven cleverly crocheted characters from the Gruffalo books by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler hidden around our library?

Come in to our libraries and see if you can find them all. Happy hunting!



Healthy Bladder and Bowels Webinar

The School Aged Health Service are pleased to offer a FREE webinar on Healthy Bladder and Bowels to support parents and carers of primary aged children. The session will take place on the 24th of September 10:00-11:00.

If you would like to attend, please use the link below to sign up. We encourage you to join us for this valuable session!

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/21a6c353-2a02-4676-9f73-5535a8f1f555@2c2b1ee0-a8a1-49e6-a820-5ce4890cf466>

Could you tell if your child was being exploited online?



Join one of our free online sessions led by Child Exploitation Prevention Officer **Andri Nicolaou**

29 September 19:00 - 20:30pm **06 October 13:00 - 14:30pm**

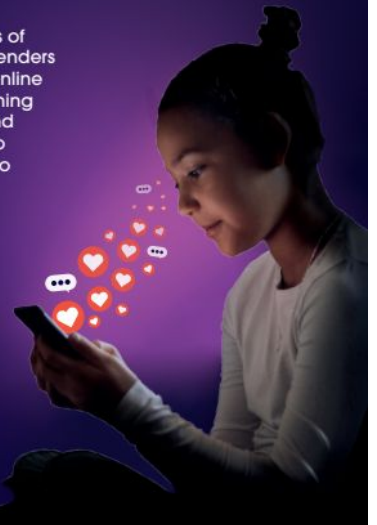
Learn about the different forms of child exploitation and how offenders groom/exploit children both online and offline. We'll highlight warning signs a child may be at risk and practical steps you can take to keep them safe and respond to any concerns.

Visit the **Avon and Somerset Police Eventbrite page** or scan the QR codes below

29 Sept



06 Oct



Family Support & Inclusion Day

Come together, find support, and see what's out there for your family



Family Support & Inclusion Day - for parents, carers and professionals

Wednesday 14th October 2026

Doors are open from 9:30am - 7pm, join us at any time

Apex City of Bath Hotel
James Street West, Bath, BA1 2DA

Ever wondered what support is out there for your family? Not sure where to start or who to talk to?

Come along, meet the teams and hear more from services

Pre-book your place or just drop in on the day!



Scan here for more information and to find updates on the event
banespcf.co.uk/event/family-support-inclusion-day



Free family events at Bath Children's Literature Festival

Come and join celebrations for the start of Bath Children's Literature Festival with a FREE family-friendly Party at the Museum, on Friday 25 September, 5pm to 8pm at the Holburne Museum in the city.

The Holburne will be open especially for this event, with a whole host of free entertainment and activities.

- Meet the Gruffalo, get your photo taken with the character!
- Goodie bags for the first guests.
- Explore the museum gardens and the galleries, to discover all sorts of entertainment.
- Storytelling with Liz Fost in the ground floor Clore Learning space.
- Face painting.
- Drop-in activities – talk about your favourite books on the Tell Us What You're Reading tree.
- Talk to some real-life authors and get your books signed.
- Meet the animal expert keeper from festival partners, Longleat



There will be food and drink available at the Holburne and the festival team will be on hand to answer questions about the festival, which runs from Friday 25 September to Sunday 4 October. It includes the festival's schools programme which enables thousands of schoolchildren access to live events with authors and illustrators.

More FREE events at the festival

Meet the four artists in residence during free drop-in sessions for families at Waterstones bookshop in Milsom Street, Bath.

Enjoy authors and illustrators showcasing their work in the relaxed setting of a bookshop. Come along for storytelling, drawing and colouring.

The four artists are:

Saturday 26 September, at 12pm and 3pm. Illustrator Jim Smith invites you to draw-along with him, with jokes galore, inspired by his laugh-out-loud graphic novel series, My Big Fat Smell Poo Diary.

Sunday 27 September, at 12pm and 3pm, Bath-based illustrator Charley Rabbit has created the most charming, well-dressed mouse detective Monsieur Mustard, whose adventures begin here in Bath! Come and join in with Charley's drop-in sessions.

Saturday 3 October, at 12pm and 3pm, illustrator Rhian Wright will take you on a wonderful adventure filled with mermaid magic. She will be reading from her beautiful new picture book, Sweetpea Magee: Mermaid Magic.

Sunday 4 October, at 12pm and 3pm, Bath-based illustrator and storyboard artist James Lancett will be introducing his first children's book, Galaxy Runners: Jello Breaks the Universe. You may have seen James' artwork on Disney TVA and Netflix, and in books including the Lenny Lemon series and Chris Smith's new Famous Five series. Come and meet a brilliant local illustrator and pick up some drawing tips first hand!

For the full festival programme and to buy tickets: bathboxoffice.org.uk/bclf-b51