

Weekly Newsletter: 25th 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



It has been another bustling and inspiring week across the school! We kicked off our collective worship in extraordinary fashion by joining the Bishop's Collective Worship, uniting with over 9,000 children and adults across the Diocese in a wonderfully uplifting shared experience.

Our love for reading was also firmly in the spotlight this week as we welcomed two fantastic authors. Max Porter brought endless magic and excitement to Key Stage 1, while Jenny Pearson captivated Key Stage 2 with an exceptionally funny and inspiring talk.

Finally, a huge thank you to everyone who supported and donated items for our Second Hand Sales this month. Across all three sales, we raised £93.11, which will be handed over to our School Council to help fund new equipment and ideas to improve playtimes for everyone across the school.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs West-Gaul,
Headteacher



Dates For Your Diary

September

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



General Notices



**St John's**
C of E Primary School

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

Dropping off at school.

Please can we remind everyone not to pull into the school entrance when dropping off in the morning as this can cause problems on the road, blocking other cars.

Please use the car park at Somervale School and use the zebra crossing,

Medical Forms

If your child requires medication in school, please note that it is necessary to complete a form for this.

Please note a new form is required each academic year. If you have not yet provided a fresh form for ongoing medication, please provide this as soon as possible.

Forms are available from the School Office and the school [website](#). Thank you.

Breakfast Club

A reminder to parents/carers of children who attend breakfast club: please ensure you book your child's place via the Arbor parent portal at least 24 hours in advance of the start of the club session (7.30am). **This applies to all families.**

This is in order that we can ensure the correct ratio of adults to children in order to provide the highest level of care and appropriate activities for the group (please note that the maximum number of children that can attend each session is 25).

If you have any issues accessing Arbor or making your bookings, it may be that the club is full - in which case please contact the school office.

**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!

WHY ATTEND?

**SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL & CHILDREN**

**MEET OTHER PARENTS & CARERS**

**REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED**

**EVERY VOICE COUNTS**

TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE MORE!

QUESTIONS? EMAIL stjohnsmnpta@putlook.com | FOLLOW US  

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	Arlo Elsie	-	n/a
Ash	Eddie	Logan	Eddie (Playing Fair) and Floella (Caring and Kind)
Birch	Lily	Penelope	Ellie and Milo (Playing Fair)
Chestnut	Delilah	Alex	Ronnie and Harper (Excellent Effort) Jesse (Calm and Confident)
Elm	Marley	Woody	Leo and Ariella (Fantastic Focus)
Hazel	Oliver	Ronan	Stanley and Betsy (Playing Fair)
Holly	Millie	Taylor	Serena and Ayda (Excellent Effort)
Maple	Willow	Hugh	Ted, Noah (Really Resilient), Izzy and Lexi (Excellent Effort)
Oak	Charlie	Poppy-Rose	Toby and Harvey (Fantastic Focus)
Pine	Lucas	Thea	Imogen (Amazing Ability) and Rosie (Terrific Teamwork)
Rowan	Arianna	Aurelia	n/a
Sycamore	Tommy H	Caiden	Millie (Really Resilient) and Tommy H (Fantastic Focus)
Willow	Freya	Reggie	Isobella (Amazing Ability) and Josh (Calm and Confident)

Friday Treat



Top
Doodle
Class

HOLLY



Reading in Year Five



Over the past two weeks in Guided Reading, Year 5 have been diving into *Anglo-Saxon Boy* by Tony Bradman. The children have loved stepping back in time, immersing themselves in history and deepening their understanding of Anglo-Saxon life.

We already can't wait to see what happens next in the story!

Sketch It Friday



More wonderful pictures from this week's 'Sketch It Friday' session!

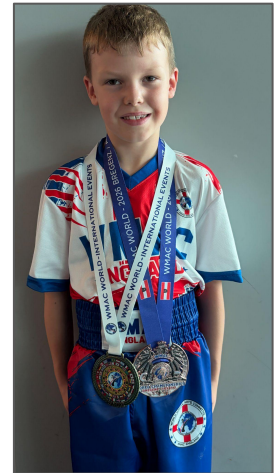
Out of School Achievements



Over this past week Tommy has attended the World Martial Arts Committee world championships in Austria.

He won a bronze medal for the under 25kgs points sparring and a bronze medal for his team pattern.

Well done Tommy!



Evie in Year 5 has won Midsomer Norton carnival princess 2026..

Well done Evie!



Lexi has been awarded for her successful Jazz and Ballet Dancing.

Well done Lexi!





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!

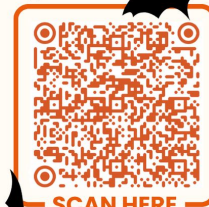
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**Years
R - 6**



**09:00
-
15:30**

OCTOBER CAMPS

St John's C of E Primary School, BA3 2JN



**Verf, Dodgeball
& Archery**
Monday 26th Oct



Musical Theatre
Tuesday 27th Oct



**Halloween Party
& Football Camp**
Thursday 29th Oct

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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

why join...?

- **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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"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'" (Matthew 22: 36-39)



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.

Although not a typical Christian value, responsibility is linked closely with justice and hope. If we are responsible citizens, we will desire and seek justice for our community and our world and we can then have hope that things will get better. Today's verse is all about being responsible.

When Jesus was asked what the greatest commandment was, he replied by giving two commandments. The reason for this is because they are of equal importance and they are so interconnected that it was impossible for Jesus to separate them.

In the Old Testament, the Jewish law, there are a total of 613 commandments. That's quite a few, so when Jesus was asked this question, maybe the 'expert in the law' was hoping to whittle these 613 laws down to just one. What is wonderful about Jesus' response is that if anyone follows and keeps just the two laws he mentions - love God and love others - then they would fulfil all the other 611 laws. If you fully love God and fully love other people, you won't break any of the other commandments.

For many of us, the first commandment may be difficult. What if I don't have my own faith and don't believe in God? Well not fulfilling the first commandment doesn't mean you can forget about the other one. If we are all called to be responsible citizens, this means we should be looking out for our fellow man and our planet.

This might mean taking care of a loved one, or maybe giving to a charity that matters to us. Maybe there is something wrong that you feel needs to be put right, something you are seeking justice for. We all have a responsibility to do something to make a difference.

Often, taking action and doing what we can to help others can be very rewarding - not only will those you help flourish but you will too!

So this week, see what it is that you are passionate about. Somewhere that you know you could make a difference. It may only be small, but it could make a

difference in someone's life. And remember, be grateful that we're only asked to follow two commandments and not 613!



PTA News

Dear Families and Carers

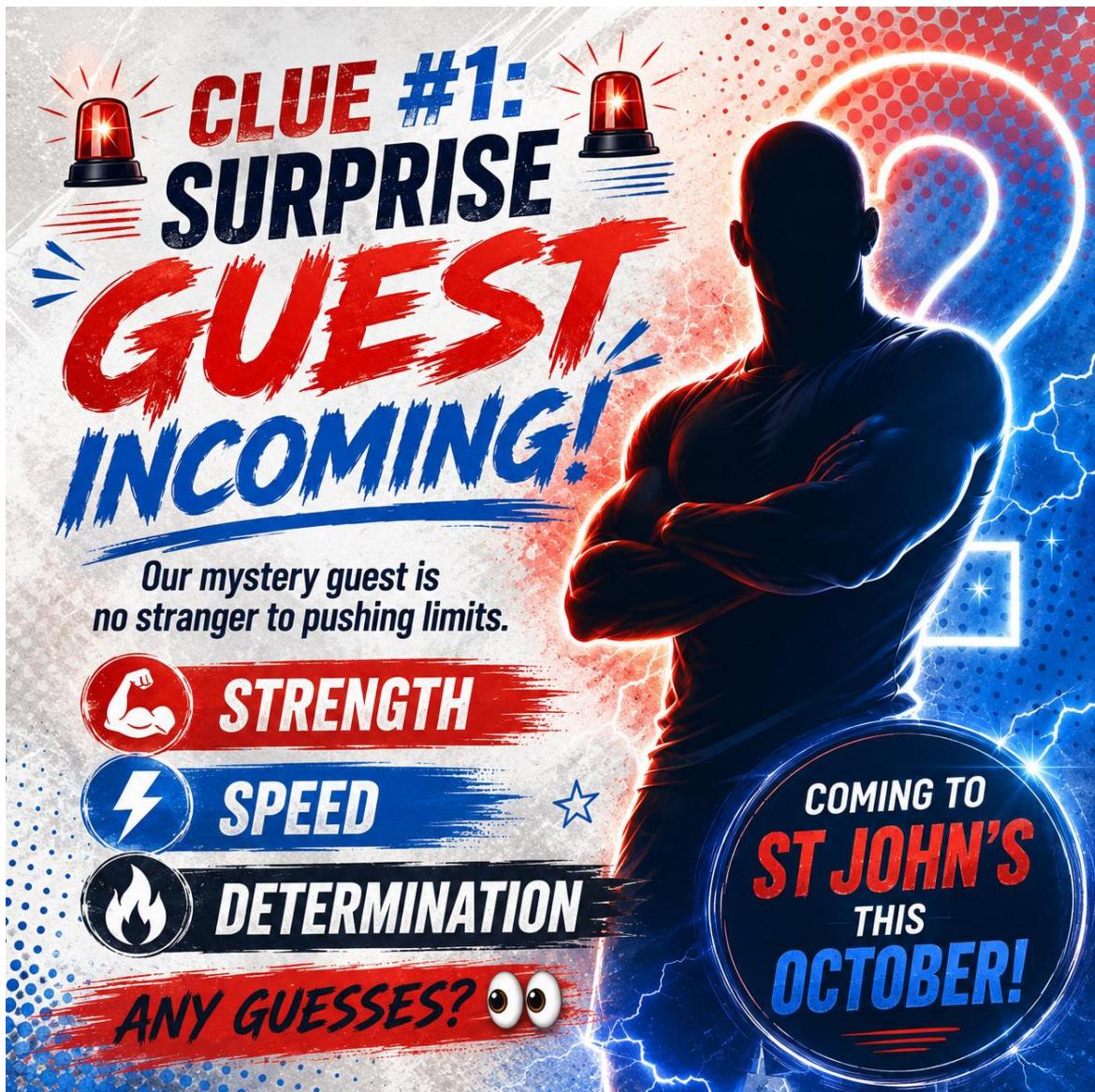
We have a surprise guest incoming...

We will be sharing clues over the next few days with the children to build excitement.

We welcome your guesses on our Facebook page.. St John's School Midsomer Norton PTA Information Page so if you don't already follow us.. please do.

Who do you think it is??

St John's PTA



Community Notices



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c 26 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

Parents and Carers Day at Midsomer Norton Library

Come and meet your local supportive services!

Join us for a fun, friendly day where families can connect, play and discover the services available in Midsomer Norton Library.



Free refreshments



Monday 5 October
10am-2pm



Bath & North East
Somerset Council
Libraries

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

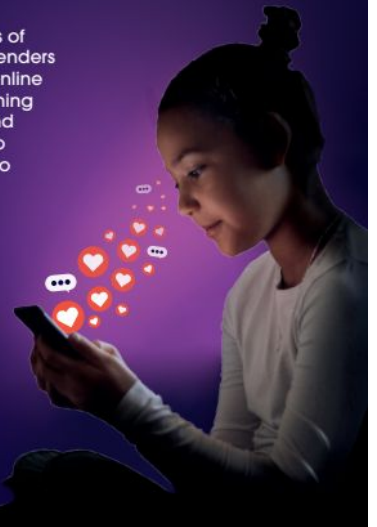
Learn about the different forms of child exploitation and how offenders groom/exploit children both online and offline. We'll highlight warning signs a child may be at risk and practical steps you can take to keep them safe and respond to any concerns.

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

