

## 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 welcomed our MAT SIAMS lead for a school review. SIAMS focuses on our Christian vision and how we nurture pupils' personal development, inclusion and spirituality, as well as how these values are woven through the curriculum. The review was a positive opportunity to reflect on the things that make St John's special.

I was particularly proud to hear pupils describe our vision so clearly. One child said it is "helping you in the start of your life, to be a better person when you are older." Others told us it means "good and steady learning, learning about God and learning about what matters, like how to make good friends and good friendships." These are exactly the strong roots we want to see growing here.

The review recognised also the thoughtful adaptations we make so individual learners can access the curriculum and thrive; the wide enrichment opportunities on offer to all pupils; and our worship as "inspirational, invitational and inclusive."

Children spoke warmly about life at St John's - people show "kindness, love and respect," and pupils are taught to "treat people as they want to be treated themselves." They described Religious Education as "very interactive" and "fun," with "loads of activities," and said lessons help them to both understand and to thrive.

### A few reminders:

Following recent staff training, please complete and return the medical form sent home so our records are up to date about any medical needs (or to confirm there are none).

Harvest Festival is on Thursday 15 October. We will again be collecting for Somer Valley Food Bank — donations will be gratefully received.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Together we continue to build strong roots and growing minds.

Danielle West-Gaul  
Headteacher



# Harvest Festival

**Thursday 15th October | 9am**

## **Reception Parents - You're Warmly Invited!**

Join us as we officially welcome our new children to school and present them with their Bible.

This year we are collecting for Somer Valley Foodbank.  
Please leave all donations in the crates outside the main entrance.

### **This month the FOOD ITEMS we are currently in need of:**

Vegetable meals (tinned)  
Tomatoes (tinned)  
Custard (tinned)  
Rice Pudding (tinned)  
Squash/Long Life Juice  
Fish (tinned)  
Fruit (tinned)  
Curry Sauce (jars)

### **Non-food items we are currently in need of:**

Deodorant  
Shampoo  
Dental



**Thank you for your generosity!** 🌽

# 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](mailto:office@stjohns.mnsp.org.uk)

## 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.

## 2027/28 Term & Holiday Dates

Please see the attached Term & Holiday Dates for the 2027/28 academic year.

For information relating to attendance, please refer to the [ATTENDANCE](#) page on the school website.



Despite being only a few weeks into the term, we already have some unnamed items in our Lost Property boxes. Please spend some time checking for anything your child may have misplaced.

Please label as many items as you can - jumpers, cardigans, coats, water bottles, lunch bags, snack pots, etc.

## Dates For Your Diary

### October

|      |                                      |
|------|--------------------------------------|
| 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                                |



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](mailto: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                                |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Acorns</b>   | Finley Aria      | -           | n/a                                                        |
| <b>Ash</b>      | Daisy            | Rosalia     | Violet (Playing Fair) Logan and Bonnie (Caring and Kind)   |
| <b>Birch</b>    | Milo             | Max         | Hope and Aiden (Caring and Kind) and Oakley (Playing Fair) |
| <b>Chestnut</b> | Ronnie           | Jesse       | Daisy and Florence (Fantastic Focus)                       |
| <b>Elm</b>      | Edie             | Evie        | Freddie and Mila (Terrific Teamwork)                       |
| <b>Hazel</b>    | Lily N           | Betsy       | Isla (Really Resilient) Ronan (Playing Fair)               |
| <b>Holly</b>    | Emilia           | Jack        | Ayda and Elsie (Amazing Ability)                           |
| <b>Maple</b>    | Hugh             | Ayda        | Sofia and Eric (Playing Fair)                              |
| <b>Oak</b>      | Oliver           | Zach        | Remi (Really Resilient) and Aubrie (Fantastic Focus)       |
| <b>Pine</b>     | Sam              | Covenant    | Albie and Mason (Fantastic Focus)                          |
| <b>Rowan</b>    | Mackenzie        | Sophie      | Sonny and Darcey (Excellent Effort)                        |
| <b>Sycamore</b> | Millie           | Tommy G     | Louie (Calm and Confident) and Jessica (Playing Fair)      |
| <b>Willow</b>   | Fleur            | Max         | Oscar and Sophie (Terrific Teamwork)                       |

Friday Treat



Top  
Doodle  
Class

ACORNS





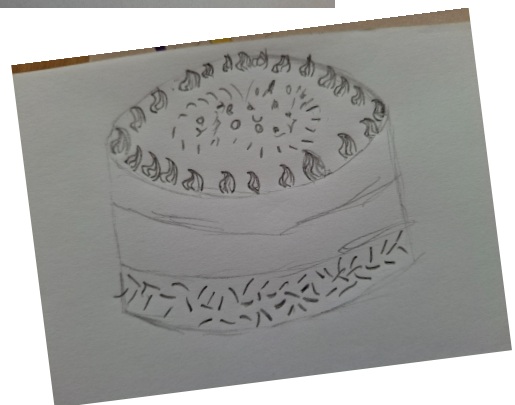
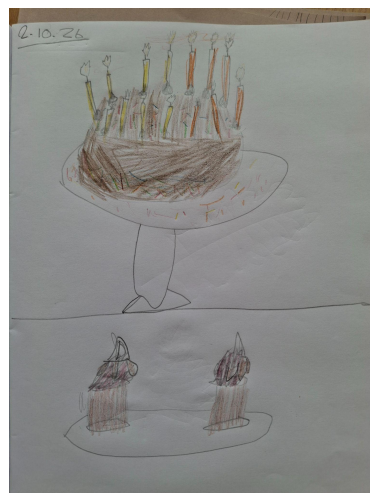
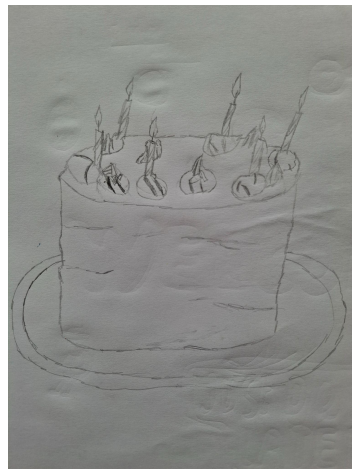
# Reading in Year Four



In Year 4, we have been learning all about Ernest Shackleton and his adventures in Antarctica. We started this term off by reading *Shackleton's Journey* by William Grill. This non-fiction text helped us to learn more about his expedition to Antarctica on *Endurance*.

We have now moved on to reading an exciting adventure story called *Maisie Vs Antarctica* by Jack Jackman. We have had fun exploring some of the vocabulary like the meaning of MAYDAY! MAYDAY!

## Sketch It Friday





After school sports clubs  
Term 1

## St John's C of E Primary School



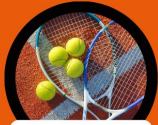
**Years 1-2**  
Football  
Monday



**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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**Years  
R - 6**



**09:00  
-  
15:30**

## OCTOBER CAMPS

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



**Verf, Dodgeball  
& Archery  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Oct**



**Musical Theatre  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Oct**



**Halloween Party  
& Football Camp  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> 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\*



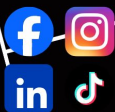
**Option 4  
16:15 – 17:45**  
\*Includes a light tea\*

### 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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**"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5: 43-45)**



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.

Key to all of our learning is engagement. Engagement is linked very closely with courage and koinonia. It takes courage to keep on asking questions and to be curious and if we are engaged and interested, we will take an interest in those

around us, those who are in our community or koinonia.

Being engaged means that we are more likely to look after each other and challenge unfairness. But who does this include? Does that mean we are meant to look after those people who we find difficult and challenging as well as our best friends?

In today's verse, Jesus talks about loving our enemy as well as our neighbour. Although most people don't use the word enemy to describe people who they don't get along with, these are the sorts of people Jesus is referring to. Can we look out for and even look after those people who rub us up the wrong way? What about those people who intentionally get on our nerves?

Jesus had his fair share of "enemies". Many of the religious leaders didn't like him because he challenged the way they did things, many people who came from Jerusalem didn't like the fact that he was a Northerner from Galilee ("Can anything good come from Nazareth" - John 1:46) and the Romans weren't keen on him because he disturbed the peace. People disliked him so much that they demanded that he be crucified. So he understood what it would mean to love and take care of your enemies.

If we want to show that we are engaged and interested in someone else, we often need to take the time to find out more about them. Maybe that person you just can't bear just needs someone to take a moment to listen to them and understand them. Maybe they annoy you so much because they are hurting and don't know how to "engage" with others? Would it hurt to strike up a conversation and ask them how they are? This might be exactly what they need. It might be exactly what you need too.

## **LOVE YOUR ENEMIES**



# PTA News

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for all of your brilliant guesses this week!

St John's PTA are delighted to announce that St John's will be hosting Zack George aka Steel from Gladiators. Zack will be at St John's on Weds 7<sup>th</sup> October to host an assembly for all children in years R-6 followed by visits to each class for any questions the children may have so get thinking!

Zack will be sharing his story with a high energy workshop designed to inspire and motivate. Zack will encourage the children to believe in themselves, enjoy movement and feel proud of what they can achieve.

All children will receive a Zactiv water bottle and signed photo of Zack.

We can not wait to have Zack at St John's! We really hope it's an experience the children will remember for a very long time!

**Also as a reminder we have our AGM at 3.15pm on Weds 7<sup>th</sup> and would love to see many of you there to help us shape plans for the year ahead.**

St John's PTA



# Community Notices



## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c 3 October 2026

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



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