

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



A huge thank you to everyone who donated so generously to our Harvest Festival this week. We are incredibly grateful for your kindness and support. We enjoyed a beautiful service, during which we welcomed our Reception children into the St John's family. Each child placed their pebble into our Koinonia dish, symbolising their place within our school community, and received their very own Bible. Thank you also to our wonderful House Captains, who did a fantastic job helping to lead the service.

This week, our Year 5 and Year 6 children were lucky enough to enjoy an author visit from Abi Elphinstone. It was a wonderful opportunity to inspire our young readers and writers, and we hope it has sparked lots of excitement and imagination!

A little reminder that Parents' Evening takes place next week. When you arrive, please enter via the Pottery Room and spend some time looking through their books in the Year 4 classrooms. You can then make your way into the hall for your appointment at your allocated time. We look forward to welcoming you into school and sharing your child's learning and progress with you.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs West-Gaul



Dates For Your Diary

October

20th	Parents Evening
21st	Parents Evening
21st	End of term
22nd	INSET
23rd	INSET

November

2nd	Children return to school
4th	Open Evening for September 2027 starters
11th	Wear something red in support of the Poppy Appeal
11th	Year 6 Parents Information Meeting
16th - 20th	Anti-bullying Week
18th	Open Morning for September 2027 starters
25th	INSET Day
28th	PTA Christmas Fayre

General Notices



Stay and Calculate

This year, we are excited to introduce Stay and Calculate sessions across the school!

These sessions will give parents the opportunity to explore the Maths skills their children are learning and discover how these skills progress throughout the primary school journey.

Each year group will be invited to attend a session on a separate date. The session will begin with 30 minutes in the hall, where a teacher will teach a particular Math skill and explain how it develops across the year groups. Parents will then have 30 minutes to join their child in the classroom to practise the skill together.

Our aim is to help parents gain a greater understanding of our approach to teaching Maths and feel more confident supporting their children's mathematical learning at home.

We look forward to welcoming families to these sessions!

Updated School Menus

Please note the updated menus for Term 2 have been added to School Grid so are now live and ready for booking and will start with Week 2. The menus are being sent out for your reference and will also be available on the school website.



Please note the Pre-Order Deadline is Thursday 29th October.

Parents' Evenings

A reminder to book an appointment via the Arbor Parent Portal to see your child's teacher at the parents evenings:

Tuesday 20th October: 3.30pm-7pm
Wednesday 21st October: 3.30pm-5.30pm

Please note that all teacher-led after school clubs are cancelled for the week of 19th-21st October.

School Photographs

The proofs of the recent photos of individuals and family groups have now been sent home. Should you wish to make a purchase, please note the deadline is **Monday 19th October.**



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	Noah Maeve	N/A	N/A
Ash	Mila	Remi	Hugo and Mila (Playing Fair)
Birch	Albie	Codie-Leigh	Hugo, Toby and Hope (Playing Fair)
Chestnut	Presley	Isabella	Presley and Eden (Playing Fair)
Elm	Ivy	Shaylun	Leo and Bonnie (Calm and Confident)
Hazel	Ronan	Dexter	Hugo and Oliver (Amazing Ability)
Holly	Elsie	Serena	Lyra and Tommy (Terrific Teamwork)
Maple	Blake	James	Casey (Really Resilient) and Ayda (Terrific Teamwork)
Oak	Nancy-Rose	Amelia	Poppy-Rose and Zack (Fantastic Focus)
Pine	Mason	Aeris	Sam, Harry (Playing Fair) Sophia L (Really Resilient), Aoife (Huge Helper)
Rowan	Myla	Jaxon	Myla, Jake and Samantha (Terrific Teamwork)
Sycamore	Anikah	Zena	Amelia S (Playing Fair), Charlie and Sorya (Amazing Ability)
Willow	Darcey	Lola	Mollie and Jack B (Playing Fair)

Friday Treat



Top
Doodle
Class

CHESTNUT



Out of School Achievements



Well done to Jack (Willow class) who entered his tennis club annual championships in the U16 boys category and was runner up



Well done to Harry (Willow class) who took part in a gymnastics competition at Hengrove at the weekend, with Writhlington boys development group. He was pleased to earn Gold in his Floor routine and Silver for Trampoline.

**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





Reading in Year Two



Our text focus in reading and literacy has been *The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark* by Jill Tomlinson. The story follows an owllet called Plop as he overcomes his fear of the dark.

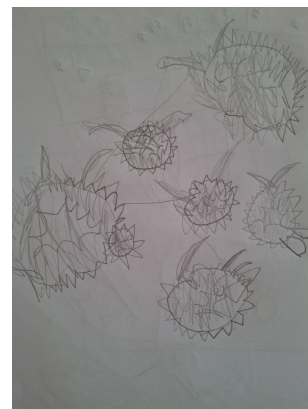
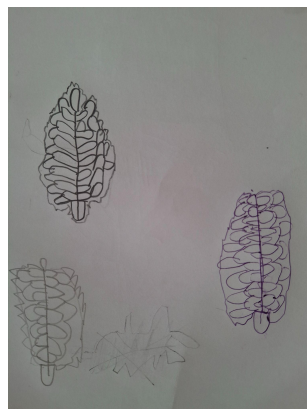
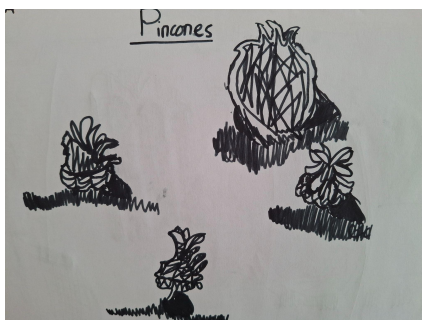
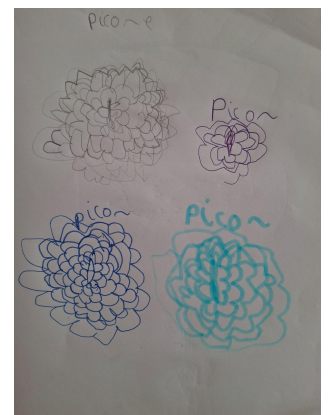
Over the past weeks we have been using our senses to describe settings for stories similar to the book. To help us with our setting descriptions, we took our learning outdoors with a sensory walk up to the woods where we sat, looked and listened. We've also explored Plop's experience of watching fireworks for the first time, using our sensory ideas to create wonderful descriptive writing and colorful artwork!



Sketch It Friday



Pupils have today been challenged to draw pine cones and have made fantastic sketches.





SPARK

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

BOOK ONLINE HERE!



SCAN ME

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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Years R - 6

09:00 - 15:30

OCTOBER CAMPS

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



Nerf, Dodgeball & Archery
Monday 26th Oct



Musical Theatre
Tuesday 27th Oct



Halloween Party & Football Camp
Thursday 29th Oct

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After school sports clubs

Term 2

St John's C of E Primary School



Years R-2 Football
Monday



Years 3-6 Football
Monday



All Years Yoshi, Nerf & Jailbreak
Tuesday



Years R-2 Dodgeball
Wednesday



Years 3-6 Dodgeball
Wednesday



All Years Girls Football
Friday

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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Thought for the Week

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'Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things..'

(Phillipians 4:8)

The verse this week is applicable to all of us, whatever walk of life we come from.

'The striking word' in this verse is the word 'whatever'.

John Ortberg, an author and speaker writes, 'Our minds are being shaped all the time, but we have great freedom to pursue minds that flourish. As a bee that can find nectar in all kinds of flowers, we are now free - even commanded - to feed our mind on noble thoughts wherever we find them. The Bible itself commands us to look beyond the Bible to feed our minds.'

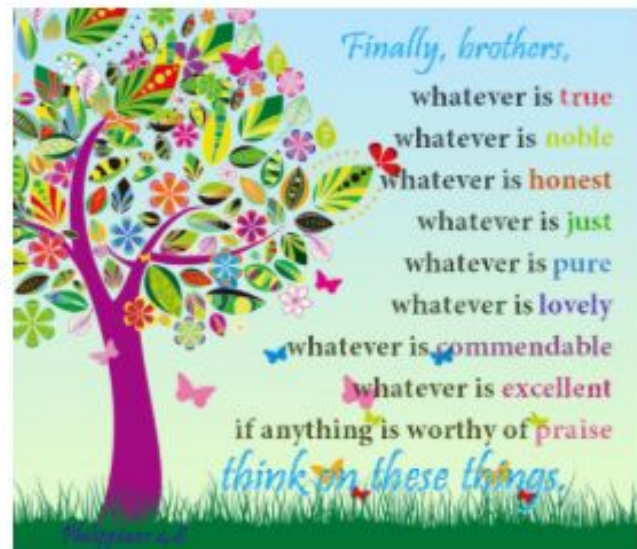
'Whatever is lovely.' Think about something that is "lovely" to you. Maybe a sunset (or sunrise), a favourite novel, a holiday memory, the face of a loved one, or some music that really brings you joy.

'Let your mind dwell there for a moment,' John continues. 'Give it directed mental focus. You just obeyed the Bible. That "counts".'

When we experience something of beauty and focus on it, we experience what psychologist Jonathan Haidt called "elevation". We can feel a slight expansion in our chest, we can feel lighter on our feet. 'Our emotions are inspired and we want to become more excellent ourselves...That is spiritual.'

This week, try and take a moment, maybe each day to focus your attention on something that is "lovely" to you, something that brings you joy, someone who lifts your spirits. We all need an "elevated" experience, we all need a moment of spirituality.

Focus and enjoy!





NON UNIFORM

Donation

WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER

BOTTLE DONATIONS

Examples include:



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NON ALCOHOL
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TOMBOLA
AT CHRISTMAS!

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DONATIONS AT MORNING DROP OFF

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ST JOHNS PTA

Community Notices



N'FEST LIGHT PARTY AND FREE PARENTS/CARERS CAFE

FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER
6.30PM - 8.00PM
WELTON CHAPEL
AGE 6 - YEAR 6

GAMES

QUIZ

PLACES ARE LIMITED SO YOU MUST
BOOK IN ADVANCE BY SCANNING
THE QR CODE



Craft



AND MUCH MORE

music



CANDYFLOSS

WELTON BAPTIST CHURCH

TIMSBURY THEATRE GROUP presents
Jack and the Beanstalk
Written by Ben Crocker

Wednesday 16th December to Friday 18th December 2026
7:30pm
Saturday 19th December 2026
2pm & 6pm

Conygre Hall
North Road, Timsbury,
BA2 0JQ

Ticket Prices:

Adults	Children	Family 2 adults & 2 children
£12	£8	£35

Bar & refreshments available

www.Timsburytheatre.co.uk

Scan for tickets

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c 17 October 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

Green Libraries Week

As part of Green Libraries Week, we have Halloween themed crafts in our libraries.

Come along and make your own spooky character! Drop in anytime over the half-term holidays to get creative.



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October Half Term at The Roman Baths

- **16 Oct-1 Nov:** Follow our new *Eew! Revolting Roman Remedies* family trail.
- **24 Oct-1 Nov:** Meet a Roman doctor. Make your own Roman Remedy.
- **31 Oct:** Get crafty with our Halloween Scraptastic Event with Children's Scrapstore Bristol (£5)

VAG
 Victoria Art Gallery

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 the best art
 activities for
 kids in Bath!"
 - previous
 participant

Find out
 what's on

October Half Term at Victoria Art Gallery

- Visit the colourful Bath Society of Artists Annual Open Exhibition
- Find and draw flowers and make a bouquet from tissue paper at Mini Makers (£5)
- Have fun making your own unique flowers at Create and Colour (free)

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