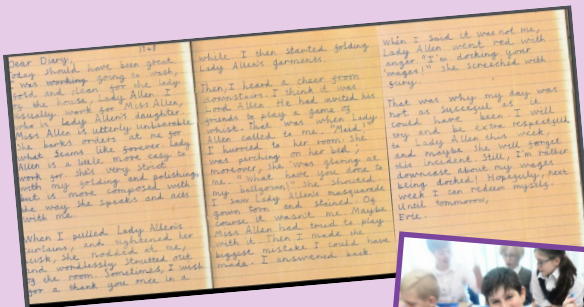


**REMINDER: We break up next Wednesday and there is an INSET day on Monday 2nd November**

## Message from the Headteacher

It has been a busy first half term here at St John's and the children have done extremely well at settling into our new routines. The corridors have come alive in the last few weeks with a variety of displays featuring the learning taking place. Reception are showcasing their 'who lives in my house' work, Year 1 have created Autumnal portraits, Year 2 have been busy cooking and investigating plant growth, whilst Year 3 are displaying their Pharaoh sketches and death masks. Year 4 are showcasing their Gaudi art work, Year 5 have been creating Anglo Saxon timelines and descriptive diagrams, whilst Year 6 have displayed a variety of news articles, letters and diary entries linked to their Georgian Bath and Bristol history topic.



This week the classes have been preparing for our harvest festival celebration. We are hoping to email a link for this once it has taken place next Wednesday (21st October). Thank you for all of your donations, next week I will meet with School Council to decide which items we will purchase from Send a Cow.

If I don't see you before I hope you all have a lovely half term.

Best wishes

Mrs West-Gaul

## Worship Theme: Harvest

### Dates to note:

#### October:

21st October: Harvest Festival. Photos will be sent home of the Harvest Festival and presentation of bibles to Reception pupils.

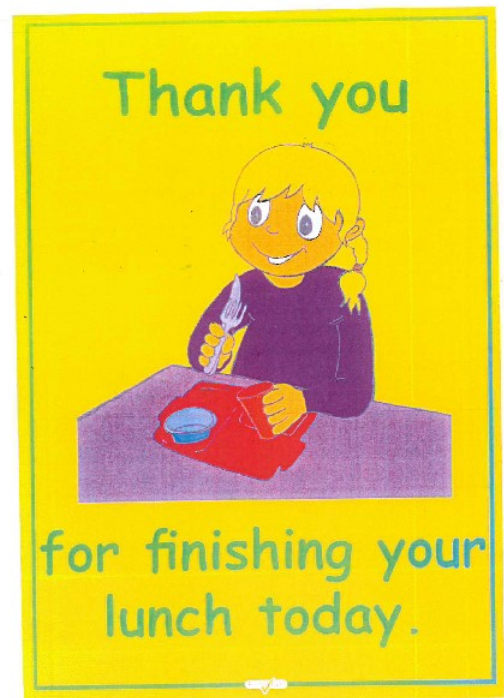
21st October: PTA Muffin

#### November:

2nd November: INSET day

Week commencing 2nd November: Parent Consultation Evenings

## Next Week's Manner of the Week



## Achievosaurus

Well done to everyone who has received an Achievosaurus Certificate this week:

<b>Year 1</b>	Christopher Owen	<b>Year 4</b>	Bea Regan
<b>Year 2</b>	Teddy P T Esme C	<b>Year 5</b>	Imogen Imogen
<b>Year 3</b>	Teddy Edward	<b>Year 6</b>	Evie I Paddy

### Contacting the school

Please note that due to after-school meetings, our teachers are unfortunately not always able to speak to you on the phone after school. Should you have any queries after school, could you please e-mail the school on [office@stjohnsmsn.co.uk](mailto:office@stjohnsmsn.co.uk) clearly marking it for the attention of your child's teacher. The teacher will then be able to respond as soon as possible. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Quadkids

For those children who took part in Quadkids 2 weeks ago- St. John's came first and received a gold medal! Ozzie was the overall male winner with 149 points and Sam M came second with 134 points. Ozzie and Sam will both receive individual medals. Well done those children!



### Wellbeing Questionnaire

Thank you to all of you who completed the wellbeing questionnaire with your children at home. This form has now closed for entries and our wellbeing team are looking through the responses to see if there is any action that needs to be taken. As always if you have any concerns please come and speak to your child's class teacher.

### Healthy Snacks

A reminder please that the children need to bring in healthy snacks for break times such as fruit and vegetables, cheese, etc. It has been noticed that many children, particularly in Key Stage 2, are having crisps and biscuit bars.

### Rotakids - Crocus Bulbs

Over 500 crocus bulbs have been donated to the Rotakids at St. John's by the Rotary Club of Midsomer Norton & Radstock. These purple flowers are a symbol of the fundraising efforts of the Rotary club to raise money to support global polio vaccinations.



The Rotary Club have donated the bulbs for our RotaKids Club to sell in order to raise funds for future events and activities. If you would like to buy bulbs they are available in packs of £2 for 10, £4 for 20.

Please send money into school with your child or contact the school office.





As always we will be supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal this year. Due to COVID19 we will not be selling poppies at school, however these can still be purchased elsewhere. We have decided to make Wednesday 11th November a 'Wear Something Red' non uniform day to symbolise our support for the appeal. We will be asking for contributions which we will send on to the Royal British Legion.

We are aware that Children In Need is the same week as Remembrance Day but don't want to overburden you as parents with lots of fundraising events. Therefore if you would like to donate to the cause then please visit their website at <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>.



We will be talking to the children about both causes during class worships that week.



#ProjectNova is a programme run by RFEA, The Forces Employment Charity, who provide life-long, life-changing support, jobs and training opportunities to service leavers and veterans. They have launched a project called 'Past and Present' remembering our service men, women and animals. **As part of this project they are asking people to paint a poppy onto a pebble and place it at the local war memorial.** Once you have placed your pebble they're asking you to let them know the location by emailing [colin.back@projectnova.org.uk](mailto:colin.back@projectnova.org.uk) so that they can map the project.

We'd also love to see pictures of the pebbles for our class worships in school after half term so please send pictures to the school office!

### Winter uniform required after half term

Please be aware that after half term full winter uniform expectations will be in place. This means that all children wearing a buttoned up collared shirt will be required to also wear a tie.

Boys	Girls	PE
Grey v-neck jumper White shirt Grey long trousers / shorts Black shoes	Grey or purple jumper or cardigan White shirt Grey skirt/pinafore/trousers Summer dress (with white socks) White or grey socks or grey tights Black shoes	Purple T-shirt with school logo or plain white T-shirt Black shorts Black daps  For outdoor sports during winter: Trainers, Tracksuit School hoodie.

Just a reminder - Hairbands with large accessories attached are not part of the school uniform and can cause huge distractions to the learning. Jewellery is not allowed, however small stud earrings can be worn but must be removed by the child independently for PE.

Currently ties are optional, if you choose for your child to wear one these need to be washed regularly.

Nursery - uniform not compulsory but branded t shirts can be bought from nursery office - see Suzanne for more info.

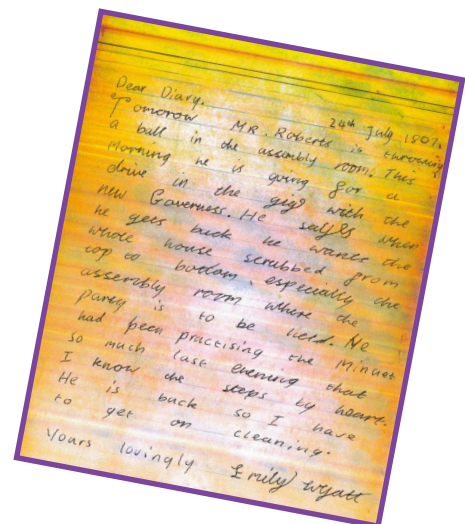
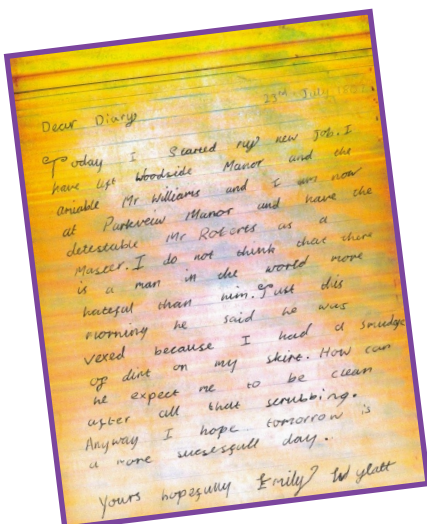
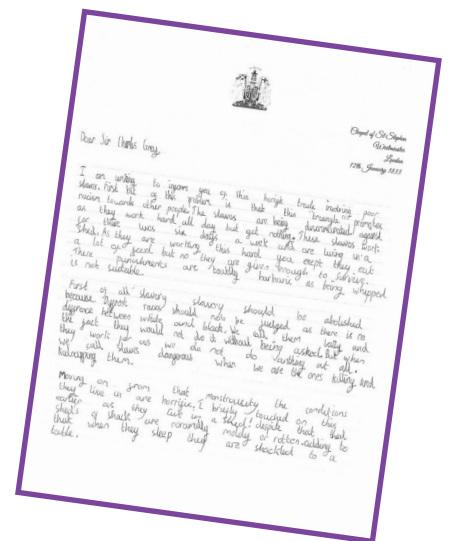
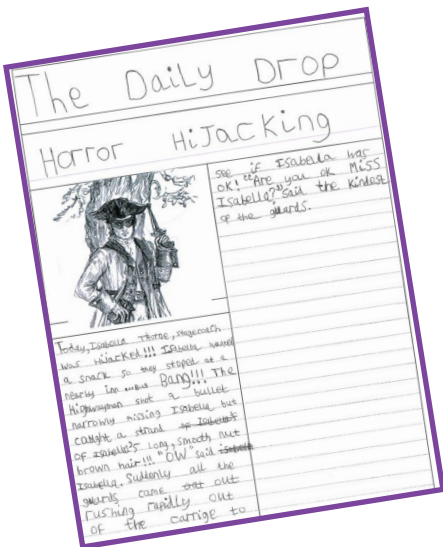


# Learning in Year 6

In Year 6, we have been reading Kensuke's Kingdom in class. We created some artwork to depict various segments of the book. One of our favourite chapters was when the main character Michael encounters a storm.



Our Humanities focus this term has also been centred around Georgian Bath, Crime and Punishment during the Georgian era and Bristol's involvement in the Slave Trade. We have written diary entries from the perspective of a Georgian housemaid, a newspaper article reporting a highwayman robbery and a persuasive letter to the prime minister in 1833, justifying our arguments on why the slave trade should be abolished.





### Learning in Reception

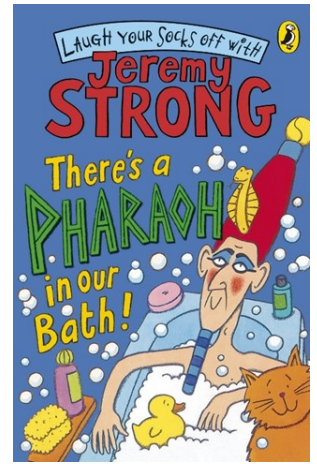
While collecting Autumn leaves during Forest School on Friday we discovered all the apples that had blown down in the orchard and thought it would be fun to make apple crumble. We collected all the good ones, washed them and then Friday afternoon we went to the cookery room where we learnt to use a knife safely to cut the apples up. We washed them again, sprinkled with a little sugar and covered with crumble mixture. The grown ups put them in the oven and we all got to take a portion home to share with our families. Delicious!!



## Reading Corner

### Year 3

This term, we have been reading Jeremy Strong's 'There's a Pharaoh in our Bath'. The children have loved listening to this story because it's hilarious and makes us all laugh out loud. Below are some quotes from the children as well as a few book reviews in case you wanted to check it out yourselves!



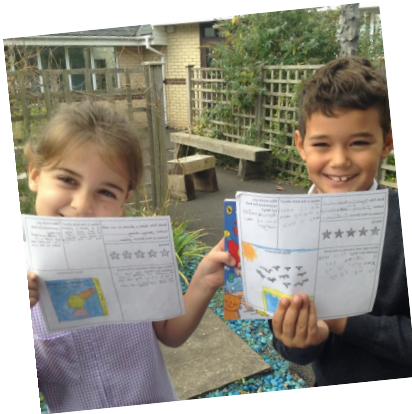
"I like it because it is so funny when the Pharaoh says he wants to roast a hippopotamus and then he faints because he is so hungry." - Philip 3A

"I love this book. It's so funny because the Pharaoh is wrapped up linen and bumps into a lamppost!" - Charlie 3A

"It is exciting because you never know what's around the corner." - Nikita 3A

"I love it because it's just so random and you just don't know what's going to happen next." - Esme 3A

"I loved it when the pharaoh gave a speech in the living room before falling onto the sofa making a huge squelchy noise. It made me laugh so much"- Teddy 3A



### Year 2

Year 2 have recently been reading Flo of the Somme by Hilary Robinson and Martin Impey. This story follows the journey of Flo, a mercy dog, who served alongside soldiers and played an important part during World War I. Racing across No Man's Land, this brave, loyal dog searched for injured soldiers and alerted Ray, a stretcher bearer, who carried them back to the field hospitals of the Somme. Written in the style of a repetitive rhyming poem, this beautifully illustrated story has captured the imagination of our students. Here are some of their quotes about the book.

"I like how the sentences rhyme."  
"I like the story because there is lots of action."  
"I like the story because Flo is very brave."



Explore the Bible with...

# Bible Chat Mat

Bible Chat Mat allows people of all ages to read the Bible and have conversation together, whether around a meal table, sitting on the sofa or wherever works best.

This activity can be done as a household, friends together, home group, Sunday group or even in a school club.

The sheets can be coloured and doodled on, allowing you to respond to the Bible story in your own unique way.

To get the best from this resource, we encourage you to:

1. Do this with others
2. Print a copy to colour and doodle!
3. Read the Bible story together in an age appropriate Bible
4. Discuss the questions together
5. Pray together
6. Grow in faith together

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The whole world stands in awe of the great things that you have done.

# Harvest

Psalm 65 Verses 5-13

What is your favourite part of the story? Why?

How many ears of corn and wheat can you find?

What did you learn about God from this story?

How could you share the love of God this harvest?

Thank God for Harvest and pray for those who find this season difficult.

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# You are invited

Wednesday 21st October



**BREAK THE RULES  
MUFTI DAY- ANYTHING  
GOES, WACKY HAIR &  
CRAZY CLOTHES, ITS  
YOUR CHOICE !**

£1 DONATION TO THE PTA  
COLLECTION WILL BE MADE BY THE PTA ON ENTRY TO  
SCHOOL

Bags containing sweets and chocolate will be  
available to buy in the morning from the pta for  
breaktime snack at 50p each

Plus don't miss the chance to buy Extra golden time for your class.  
Every 50p gets your whole class an extra 1 minute ( capped at 30 mins ) .  
Look out for your class pot on entry to school with the pta.

