



St Nicholas Church School

School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

If we could have harnessed the energy on show today for the Run for Reading event, we could have powered the whole of Radstock for a year! The effort and distance covered, especially by the younger children, was remarkable! Four laps of our KS2 course today was about 1km in distance, and many children completed over 10 laps without stopping. KS1 children were so fast that Mr Low and Mr Beament had no chance of keeping up! Please make sure all sponsorship money is brought in next week so we can start to order those new books for the St Nics library and the children can start to see the reward for all their hard work. We must say a huge thankyou to the wonderful PTFA who helped arrange the event and made sure that every child who took part received a medal for their efforts.

On Tuesday, the children experienced the sounds and colours of Diwali—the Hindu festival of light—with our guests Mr and Mrs Patel. They told the children stories linked to the festival and some of the classes got to make diva lamps out of clay and jewels. It was a memorable experience for all.

We were so impressed with Year 5 on Wednesday with their engagement in our Tudor Workshop. When we went into the hall to see them, there was a lot of smiles on faces and some very strange, competitive games going on! The spear throwing and dressing up were a real hit and hopefully this will help the children to really embed their Tudor knowledge.

Next week sees a number of year groups heading out on their first trips of the year, with visits to Cardiff Castle, The Roman Baths and The Wild Place in Bristol. We can wait to hear all about the new things you learn and discover!

Have a great weekend.

Mr Low & Mrs Biss

Feedback Friday

You may have noticed the new feedback board outside school this morning at drop off. This will be in place on Fridays with questions for parents and children to answer to tell us how you feel about various aspects of school life. We value your opinions and believe strongly in making sure parents views are heard.

Today, some people expressed that they would have liked us to have supported Children in Need as a school. We have raised a significant sum of money for Children in Need in the past and will continue to do so in the future. However, we decided at the beginning of the year that with the library fundraising and harvest collection happening over the last two terms, we didn't want to ask too much of parents with regards to donations and sponsorship, as many had highlighted this as an issue in the past. We always strive to keep costs down as much as possible for parents. The Run for Reading event was moved to today as weather conditions and staffing meant there was no other suitable day this week. The newly formed Pupil Leadership Team, run by Mrs Hinkley, will shortly be deciding on which charities we will focus our fund-raising efforts towards for the remainder of the year.

Things you've told us your children have enjoyed this week:

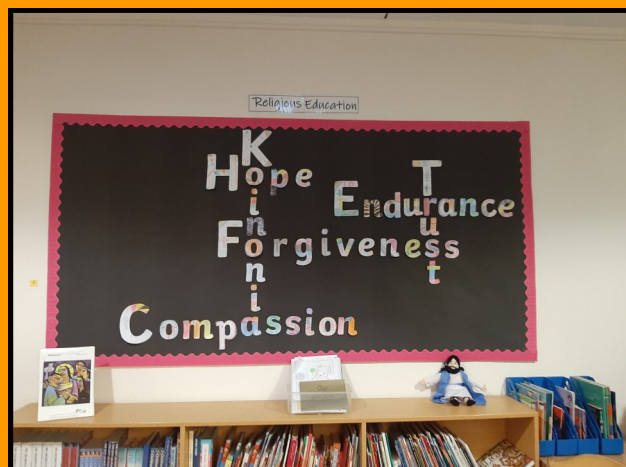
"My child loved the Tudor day in Year 5."

"The singing assemblies have been fun."

"New pupils making new friends already in school."

Our Values

This week in school has been value week! Each class discussed our school values and how we use them every day. Each class did a different activity, some decorated crosses and year 5 and 6 coloured each letter for each value. This was all put together to make a beautiful display. Well done everyone super value work.



Attendance

Cam	96.2%
Somer	97.6%
Dart	95%
Avon	96.9%
Mells	95.2%
Yeo	95.6%
Hartlake	87.8%
Midford	82.5%
Wellow	73.3%
Overall attendance is 93.7%.	

House Points

Ludlow	101
Foxcote	82
Tyning	80
Huish	93

Celebrating Diwali



KS1 Celebration Assembly

	Star	Maths Magician	Reading/Oracy	Wizard Writer
Cam	Matilda B	Theo W	Aille	Harleigh D
Somer	Fabian D	Austin R	Keisha M	Grayson W
Dart	Thea T	Ezra C	Iona T	Luna L

Diary Dates

Monday 20th November

Y1 Trip To The Wild Place

Tuesday 21st November

Toddler Group

Thursday 23rd November

Y2 Trip To Cardiff Castle

Y4 Trip To The Roman Baths

Friday 24th November

Odd Socks Day

KS2 Celebration Assembly

Tuesday 28th November

Toddler Group

Wednesday 29th November

3.00pm PTFA Christmas Fayre

Thursday 30th November

2.30pm Whole School Family Christmas

Decoration Making

Friday 1st December

KS1 Celebration Assembly

Time To Talk

Cam	How is Diwali celebrated?
Somer	A ring-tailed lemur is an omnivore. What food might it eat?
Dart	Name some bossy verbs you can use in instructions.
Avon	What forces can you name?
Mells	What is special about the water in the Roman Baths in the city of Bath?
Yeo	What do you remember from our Tudor Day on Wednesday?
Hartlake	Can you explain how light travels and how shadows are formed?

Peg Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been awarded peg awards this week:

Red: Chloe F, Olivia H

Yellow: George L, Rocco M, Reggie K, Ada H, Alex P

Pink: Iona T

School Lunches

Please can we remind everyone to book their child's school lunches on ParentPay. We have had quite a few lunches not booked this week, thank you.



PLEASE JOIN US
FOR AN EVENING OF

Wreath Making

DEC | 07 | 6 PM
ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH SCHOOL
ARRIVE FROM 5.30 PM

TICKETS £15

TO INCLUDE ALL MATERIALS, A HOT
DRINK AND A MINCE PIE



FRIENDS OF ST. NIC'S PTFA
PRESENTS

ELFRIDGES! ❄️

HOW IT WORKS

Children can buy 1 or 2 presents for adults

Each present is £2.50, which must be paid for in advance on ParentPay

Our elves go in to school on 4th December to help the children choose and wrap their presents

The children write out the label, and then take the presents home ready for their adults on Christmas Day!

ORDER DEADLINE 1ST DECEMBER!



2023-2024 SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

Including INSET DAYS

TERM 1	
Start:	Tuesday 5th September
Finish:	Friday 20th October
TERM 2	
Start:	Monday 30th October
Finish:	Friday 15th December
TERM 3	
Start:	Wednesday 3rd January
Finish:	Friday 9th February
TERM 4	
Start:	Monday 19th February
Finish:	Thursday 28th March
TERM 5	
Start:	Monday 15th April
Finish:	Friday 24th May
TERM 6	
Start:	Monday 3rd June
Finish:	Tuesday 23rd July
INSET DAYS	
Friday 1st September 2023	
Monday 4th September 2023	
Tuesday 2nd January 2024	
Monday 29th January 2024	
Friday 12th July 2024	



LEAP is a free programme for families of children and young people who are above a healthy weight*

1-1 face to face support for 5-10 year olds and a combination of face to face & virtual support for 11-17 year olds*

Receive a **FREE 3-MONTH leisure centre pass** upon completion for the child and nominated adult**

Topics covered:

- Healthy food and drink swaps
- Physical activity/active play
 - Impact of screen time
 - Food choices

To book a place or find out more contact the
Community Wellbeing Hub:

t: 0300 247 0050

e: BATHNES.thehub@hcrgrcaregroup.com



FREE five week cookery course for parents/carers and children

Join an in person or virtual group course to discover
how to make easy, healthy, budget friendly recipes.

Receive a recipe booklet and links to our NEW video recipes

Support with meal planning and budgeting

Encouraging children to eat balanced meals

Ingredients and equipment provided or funded up to £30 for virtual courses

For families with children aged 5-17

Range of dates available:

Contact the Community Wellbeing Hub to find out more:

0300 247 0050

BATHNES.thehub@hcrhcaregroup.com

FREE
CONCERT

VITAL ART PRESENTS



TICKET
SHOP

MANUS NOBLE



"Remarkably self-assured, Noble dispatched everything with refined technique, kissed by poetry." *The Times*

WEDNESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

DRAGONFLY THEATRE, WRITHLINGTON SCHOOL, 6:00PM

[TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/DRAGONFLYTHEATRE](https://ticketsource.co.uk/dragonflytheatre)

[MANUSNOBLE.COM](https://manusnoble.com)



23rd
Oct

Bath Lantern Workshop

A fun activity for kids to get involved with over the October Half Term!

Banish the winter blues by creating a willow lantern at our lantern making workshop.

You can show off your lantern at Bath Lights the Night.

Tickets are free, donations are welcome

welcometobath.co.uk/bath-lights-the-night



15th
Nov

Bath Lights the Night

Bringing light to the streets of Bath during the gloomy dark days, join us across the city to walk through the streets of Bath with beautiful handmade lanterns created by local children. Finishing at Bath Abbey for some music.

Seats are on a first come first served basis.

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15th
Nov

Music at the Abbey

Following the Bath Lights the Night procession through the city, we will meet at the Abbey for an evening filled with music and singing from the Orchestra of Everything.

If you are in the parade we will reserve a seat for you.

Tickets are free, there will be a retiring collection in aid of Dorothy House.

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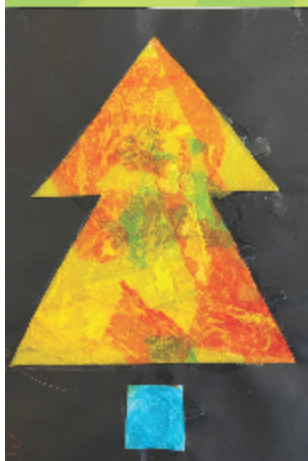
Browse events and activities at welcometobath.co.uk/beautiful-bath-at-christmas

Christmas Art Trail



**Make a piece of Art for the
Christmas Art Trail in shop windows**

Deadline Friday 24th November
Trail 29 November to 19 December



Christmas window

Create an outline using
black sugar paper or card.

Stick coloured tissue
paper in the spaces.

Hand completed work
to Unit 14, South Road, MSN



Free workshop Saturday 18 November 10-1 Unit 14

contact manager@midsomernortoncommunitytrust.co.uk

01761 419133 07903951168





Festive Fun Holiday Clubs

Let's Play, Move, Create, Discover & Nourish

St Paul's Junior School



Shepton Mallet

Mon 18th - Thurs 21st Dec
9-3pm or extend to 4pm



St Johns Primary School



Midsomer Norton

Weds 20th - Thurs 21st Dec
9-3pm or extend to 4pm



"All 3 of my children came home full of joy."

Let's Play, Move, Create, Discover & Nourish

BOOK NOW AT HAPPYMOJOS.CO.UK

OR USE OUR
HANDY QR CODE



**Saturday 4th November -
Monday 1st January**

ICE

VOLT



Ice Skating. Santa's Grotto. Alpine Bar

Book -

www.icevolt.co.uk

Planet Volt, Charlton Lane, Midsomer Norton BA3 4BD