



St Nicholas Church School

School Newsletter

19th January 2024 Term 3 Newsletter 3

Dear Parents and carers,

The sunshine this week has been most welcome, especially after all the rain and we have been enjoying the frosty weather around school. Children in reception have been making the most of this weather and have been trying to rescue animals which have been frozen in the ice. They have demonstrated excellent problem solving and teamwork skills to free the poor animals from their icy environment.

On Tuesday, Paula Shore (our Assistant Director of Education from BWMAT), visited school and spent the morning with leaders popping into classes and speaking with children about their learning. She had a wonderful morning and complemented the children on their behaviour and their attitude to learning. She loved the working walls in the classes which help children learn and is proud of the achievements that have been made in the last year. The children were excellent ambassadors for the school and demonstrated all of our school values, as they do everyday.

Thank you to everyone who joined our Year 1 Family Event on Tuesday, despite the last minute reminder. We hope you enjoyed learning alongside your child. We have now ensured that all dates are on the school calendar on the website and these are also visible on the e-schools app.

Next week, Year 6 will be visiting the Steam Museum as evacuees and Reception will be visiting the Egg Theatre to see Snow Mouse. We also will be welcoming Year 2 parents and carers for our first Family Lunch this term.

Hope you have a fantastic weekend

Mrs Biss and Mr Low

★ Our Award Winners ★				
	Star	Maths Magician	Reading/Oracy	Wizard Writer
Cam	Isabella N	Aille	Tilly	Lily-May
Somer	Nevaeh	Jacob D	Kayla	Harley
Dart	Autumn	Ada	Enzo	Luna

House Points	
Ludlow	103
Foxcote	62
Tynning	92
Huish	76

☀ Our Peg Award Winners ☀				
Red	Yellow	Pink	Green	Orange
Marina C Autumn P	Nevaeh Willow Lily P Zoe William P	Keisha Grayson Pixie-Rose Reggie Ada Thea		Iona T

Answerphone Message Reminder

When calling school to report your child absent, please remember to leave a message stating the reason for the absence. Otherwise the office will have to contact you again as we have to input the reason into the school attendance system. Please also remember, unless your child is off for a sickness bug which they have to stay at home for 48 hours, please call into school each day to report an absence.

Using School Toilets

We have had an increase in the number of people wishing to use the school toilets before and after school. Whilst we never mind people using the toilets in an emergency, as part of our safeguarding policy, people will have to sign in and then be escorted to and from the toilet. This puts pressure on office staff who are busy dealing with queries at the beginning and end of the day. We will always allow people to use the toilet in an emergency but please be considerate of the office staff and the procedures we have in place to protect the children and adults in our school. Many thanks

Friends of St Nic's PTFA



Friends of St Nic's PTFA has some exciting news! We are going to be purchasing two Friendship Benches, one for each playground. The Pupil Leadership Team will be running assemblies once they come, to explain what they are for and how they will be used.

We also have some events planned for the coming weeks, the first of which will be a Table Top Sale on the 8th February, after school. Further information will follow, but you will be able to purchase a table for £5, to sell, or donate items to the PTFA, for us to sell. A great way to help declutter after Christmas!

Time to Talk

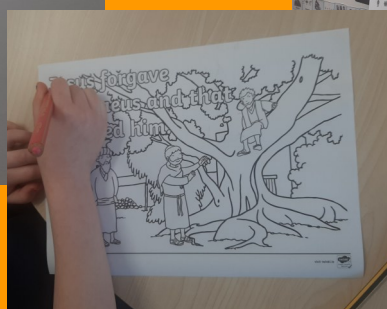
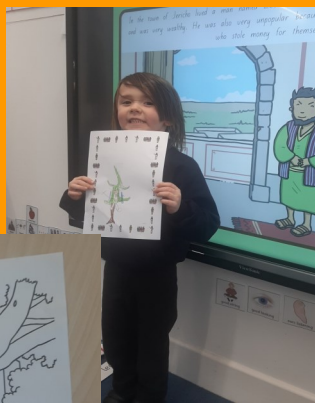
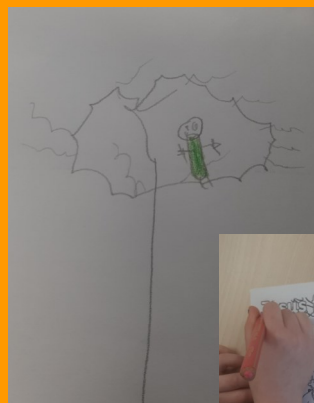
Cam	What facts can you remember about Polar Bears?
Somer	Which country do we live in and what is the capital city?
Dart	Can you name any hot countries and cold countries?
Avon	What countries are in the UK?
Mells	Name a solid, liquid and gas.
Yeo	What do you remember from our online Space workshop?
Hartlake	Can you summarise what caused WW2 to start, the stages of the battle of Britain and what happened in the Blitz?
Wellow	Explain what we learnt about in science this week?
Midford	What are we learning about in our topic 'Earth Matters'?

Attendance

Cam	93.9%
Somer	96.2%
Dart	94.4%
Avon	94%
Mells	92.5%
Yeo	93%
Hartlake	86.10%
Midford	85%
Wellow	73.3%
Overall attendance is 91.9%.	

Our Values

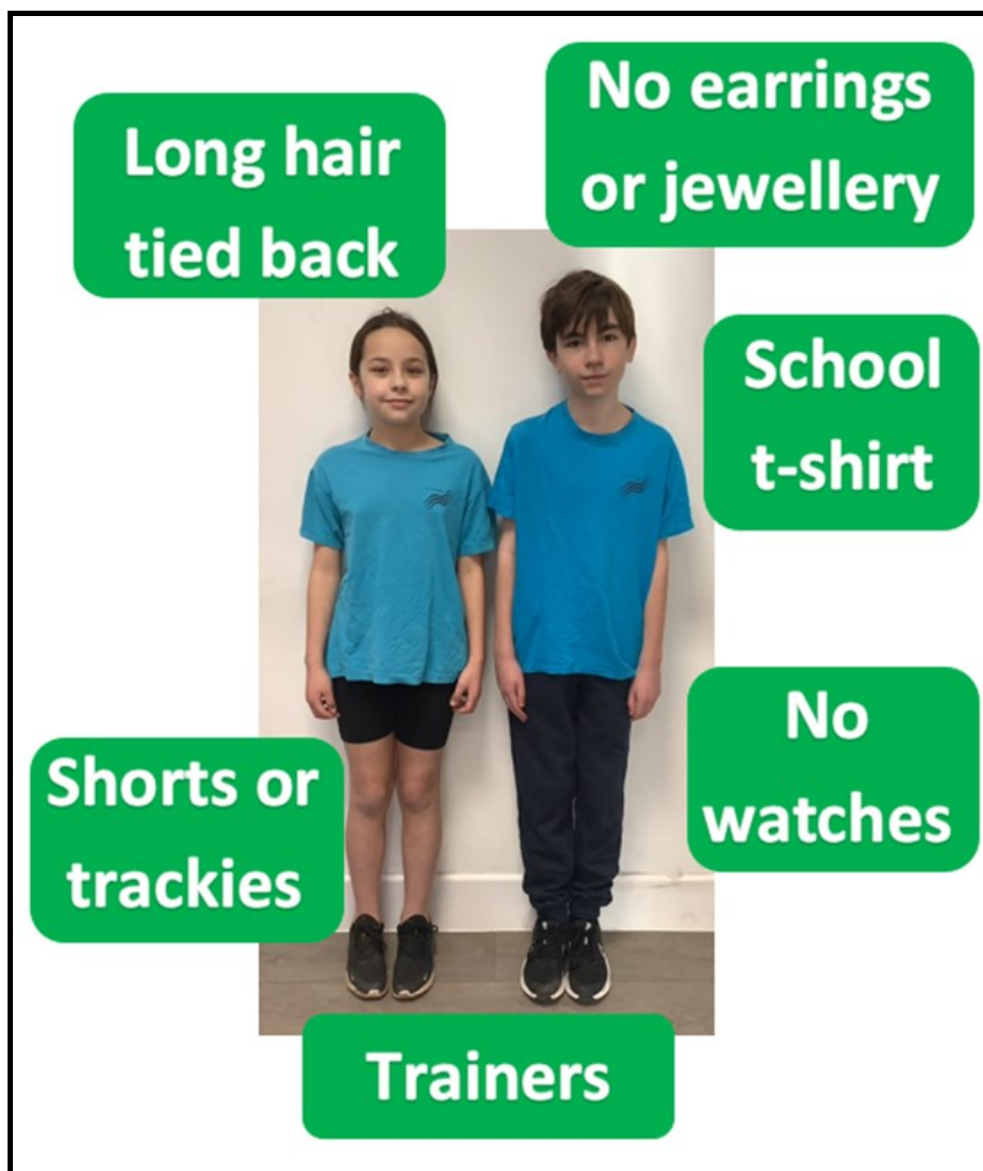
Y1 have been looking at stories from the Bible and how the values we use are shown in them. We read Zacchaeus and acted out how Jesus saw the good in everyone. The children then drew the bit of the story that they thought was important and showed respect. Well done Somer Class.



Diary Dates

Tuesday 23rd January
Y6 Trip To Steam Museum
Thursday 25th January
Reception Trip To The Egg Theatre
Y2 Family Lunch
Friday 26th January
KS2 Celebration Assembly
Monday 29th January
INSET DAY
Tuesday 30th January
9.30am Toddler Group
Friday 2nd February
KS1 Celebration Assembly
Tuesday 6th February
Y1 Family Lunch
Wednesday 7th February
2.30pm Y4 Family Event
Thursday 8th February
3.35pm Table Top Sale
Friday 9th February

ARE YOU P.E. READY?



As it is the start of a new year we thought it would be a perfect opportunity to send out a reminder about our school PE kit. It is important that your children have their PE kits in school every day so they are ready for their PE lessons and in case of any timetable changes. Our PE kit includes: a turquoise t-shirt, navy or black shorts or tracksuit bottoms (without large letters) and trainers.

To keep your children safe during PE lessons it is essential that long hair is tied back and no jewellery or watches are worn during PE lessons (this includes smart watches).

Earrings should not be worn during PE lessons. If your child has their ears pierced, they must remove their earrings for PE lessons (they need to be able to do this independently). If piercings are new and earrings cannot be removed, they must be taped for the duration of the lesson (your child must be able to independently tape their ears). They will need to be removed once they are healed after 8 weeks.

In the colder months, children are allowed to wear warm plain tracksuit bottoms and top / hoodie when outside. A coat is also essential.

Bath & North East Somerset Libraries

Gift a Coat

Donate a coat to someone who might need it to keep warm this winter.

When can I donate?

Tuesday 2 January - Saturday 17 February 2024

Where can I donate?

- Bath Central Library
- Bath Housing, Welfare & Advice Services

What can I donate?

- Coats, bodywarmers, hats, scarves or gloves that are new or as new. Your donation will go to people who need warm items over the colder months.
- Warm items for adults and children
- Please hand donations to a member of staff

Warm items of clothing will be available in Bath Central Library and Bath Housing, Welfare & Advice Services until the end of February for people to take what they need.



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For more information:
library_events@bathnes.gov.uk

February Half Term - Inspired Camps

12TH - 16TH FEBRUARY

- 9am - 3pm (Late and Early at Northgate)
- Multi-sports
- Champions League Football Camps

Venues

- NORTH PETHERTON
- NORTHGATE
- WOOLAVINGTON
- WELLS BLUE

Medals for all

Presentation ceremony on the final day

£20 Per day

10% Whole week discount

15% Sibling discount



Inspired Schools

01278 550945

hello@inspiredschools.co.uk

<https://inspiredschools.ipalbookings.com>

Free 5 week cooking course for children and young people* aged 5-17

Learn how to make healthy recipes on a budget

Ingredients and equipment provided for f2f courses and a £30 supermarket voucher is given for online courses

*1 adult is required to attend per family

☎ 0300 247 0050 ✉ bathnes.thehub@hrcgroup.com


Cook it

Tues 23rd Jan- 27th Feb (no session 13th Feb), St Martin's Garden Primary School, Combe Down, Bath, 4-5.30pm.

Thurs 25th Jan- Thurs 29th Feb (no session 15th Feb), online via Microsoft Teams, 4-5pm.

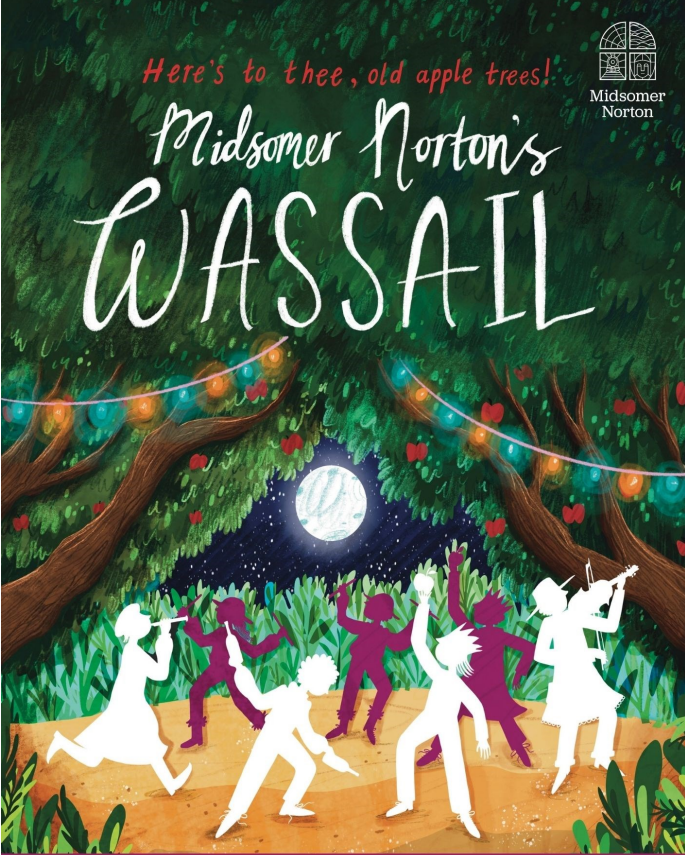
Mon 4th March- 1st April, online via Microsoft Teams, 5-6pm.

Here's to thee, old apple trees!



Midsomer Norton

Midsomer Norton's WASSAIL



Saturday 3 February 2024
 Info, booking and venues: www.mnct.co.uk/wassailing




Bath College



Scan Here To Email Us



Scan Here To Call Us

Are you trying to help your child through Key Stage 2 maths, but finding it a bit more difficult than you thought?

Bath College are running a four week course, from 11th January to 1st February, covering Key Stage 2 topics.

If you are interested, then please contact us on: 01225 328822 or acl@bathcollege.ac.uk

skills CONNECT **Employment & Skills POD**

Skills for Work Volunteering Opportunities

Gain skills and experience for work through volunteering. Come along to this FREE event to find out more from a range of charities.

Many opportunities can lead to paid work and charities can offer references for future employers.

 **Wednesday 31st January**

 **Bath Central Library**

 **10am - 12pm**

 **FREE**

Drop in to this FREE event to talk to local charities offering volunteering opportunities.

Bath City Farm, Dorothy House, Bath Cats and Dogs Home, Your Park, Avon Wildlife Trust, Somer Valley Rediscovered, B&NES Community Volunteer Services, Healthwatch, Sendias, SW National Trust,

 EmploymentSkills_Pod@bathnes.gov.uk

 www.achieveinbathnes.co.uk  @AchieveBathnes

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ACHIEVE IN B&NES

The Employment and Skills Pod is funded and managed by the West of England Combined Authority, led by Metro Mayor Dan Norris, and delivered by Bath and North East Somerset Council in partnership with Skills Connect.

LIBRARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES w/c 22 Jan

Bath Central Library

BookTrust Storytime - Zeki Rise and Shine	Tuesday	10.30 - 11.00am	23 Jan
Baby Bounce and Rhyme	Wednesday	10.30 - 11.00am	24 Jan
Knit Two, Share One - knitting & Crochet group for any age/ability	Thursday	10.00 - 12.00pm	25 Jan
Norland Nannies Community Sewing Bee - For any age/ability, drop in	Friday	10.00 - 2.00pm	26 Jan
Board Game Saturdays	Saturday	12.30 - 4.00pm	27 Jan

Sensory Space, for families with children and young adults with sensory needs
 Mon - Sat, Book a Session via Eventbrite

Lego Lab, Family Fun Drop In
 Mon - Sat During opening hours

Art in the Library - Care Leavers Lens - photography by young people who have been in the care of B&NES Council
 Mon - Sat During opening hours 2 - 26 Jan

For any ticketed events, the link will be online via the blog. Visit bathneslibraries.wordpress.com

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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	