



St Nicholas Church School

School Newsletter

28th June 2024 Term 6 Newsletter 4

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week we have once again experienced the power of music at St Nics. If you'd have told us at the beginning of the year that some of our quietest children in Year 5 would have stood up and performed trumpet solos in a concert to parents, we wouldn't have thought it possible. But that is exactly what we had this week, with the year 5 children putting on a wonderful show for parents and carers in the hall. A huge thank you to Chris from WEMA (West England Music Service) whose enthusiasm and energy gave the children such immense confidence. Well done Year 5—you are musical superstars! The artistic flair doesn't stop with just music, as the children in all year groups have been working hard updating our art displays in the hall. There is art-work inspired by Kandinsky, Mondrian and Haring to name a few, so if you haven't managed to see it yet, please have a look next time you pop in for assembly.

Our links to Bath Rugby were further developed this week with the Year 6's heading to Bath's stadium, 'The Rec', for a well deserved day of sporting fun. The highlight was the tug-of-war event and some of the Year 6's now want to challenge their teachers! I think we know who would win! See our Facebook page for the fun photos of the day.

A few reminders for the next couple weeks— We have our sports star guest (Corey Samuels) visiting the school on Tuesday so please keep raising sponsorship money, as some of the proceeds will go directly to St Nics. Move up day will take place on Thursday 4th July. Year 6 will be heading up to secondary school for the day and all other classes in school will spend the morning with their new class teacher. You should have received a letter with details of new classes today. We know some children find transition tricky so there is plenty of time between now and the end of term for them to ask questions or speak to their new teacher. Please note that the 12th of July is an INSET day so no school that day.

We are delighted to finish this week's update by being able to share the fantastic news that Mrs Biss has had a baby girl! Both mum and baby are doing really well and we can't wait to see them in school for cuddles. Have a great weekend and hopefully the sun will shine for those heading to Glastonbury!

Mr Low & Mrs Simmons

Our Peg Award Winners

Bronze	Yellow	Pink	Green	Orange	Purple	Blue
Lennox D Alicia P Freddie B	Thomas B	Thomas B James G Max H	Maisy P Lily T Joshua T Harley F Ellis R George W Matthew C Florence D	Harry G Zinitha G Morgan C	Pixie-Rose Harrison P Morgan C	Joseph Sienna U

Midford Children Become Wildlife Detectives!



On Thursday, children in Midford class discovered a large, strange looking creature in the river at the end of the school field. It looked very much like a lobster (which couldn't be right!) so we decided to investigate what it could be!

After using the School library, ipads (and tapping into Mr Low's amazing wildlife knowledge!) we discovered that it was in fact a Crayfish. We found out lots of facts about the Crayfish and presented our information in a range of ways, including speeches and Powerpoint presentations. The facts that we discovered include;

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'Crayfish live in holes in the dirt of the river bank. American signal crayfish (like the one we found) hold up their red claws when they want to signal to other Crayfish'. - Zayben

'Crayfish live for 2 to 4 years'.—Caydn

'Crayfish like fresh water and have been around for 150 million years'.—Lexi

'American signal crayfish are an invasive species and kill our British Crayfish' - Jaycub

Well done for some amazing research and for your great presentations Midford!

Our Award Winners

	Star	Maths Magician	Reading/Oracy	Wizard Writer
Avon	William P	Lena S	Sophia K Sophie C	Lily-Rose W
Mells	Rosie G	Riley M	Logan S Amelia-Rose P	Teo LG
Yeo	Darcie N	Matthew C	Max H Thomas B	Mario W
Hartlake	Ella T	Ronny DB	Freddie B Harrison P	Thomas B
Midford	Brooke DG	Lexi DW	Cerys OC Zayben L	Caydn M

Our Values

In Dart class RE lessons, we have been thinking about what it means to be part of a Muslim faith community. The children have enjoyed spending time finding out about key beliefs and ways of living for Muslims. This has included learning out the five pillars of Islam and the importance of prayer. Ask them if they can name all five pillars?



Paris Olympics 2024

Date for your diary: On Monday July 15th we will be celebrating the upcoming Olympics with a school Olympic Day! Please can all children come into school wearing one of the Olympic colours (blue, yellow, black, green, red)



Problem Parking

Unfortunately we are still receiving complaints of parents parking inconsiderately around the school. This puts all of our community in danger. School reports all dangerous parking to the local PCSO and we would urge parents to do the same. We thank you for your support with this matter.

Outside of School Achievements

- Well done to Chloe B and Nore G who have completed Level 3 gymnastics.
- Congratulations to Jake C who has been awarded a skills certificate in Basketball club.
- Well done to Isla T who has completed level 9 in swimming.

Brilliant work everyone—well done!

Attendance

Cam	81.3%
Somer	94.1%
Dart	93.9%
Avon	96.5%
Mells	91.7%
Yeo	96.4%
Hartlake	95%
Midford	100%
Wellow	83.3%
Overall attendance is: 93.5%	

Time to Talk

Cam	What can we do to take care of the Ocean?
Somer	What would Dougal see in the Atlantic ocean?
Dart	Name 3 human features on Weymouth's coastline>
Avon	What are the features of a mystery story?
Mells	Tell your family about The Shang Dynasty.
Yeo	Tell your family about the history of Clevedon pier.
Hartlake	What was your favourite activity at the Summer Scrum?
Wellow	Can you share one fact about Crayfish?
Midford	

House Points

Ludlow	237
Foxcote	291
Tyning	180
Huish	209

Diary Dates

Wednesday 3rd July

Y5 Trip To Clevedon

Friday 5th July

KS1 Celebration Assembly

Thursday 11th July

Reception Trip To Bristol Aquarium

KS2 Celebration Assembly

Friday 12th July

INSET DAY

Wednesday 17th July

2.00pm Leavers Play

Thursday 18th July

Leavers Party

Friday 19th July

9.00am Spirit Of St Nicks

Tuesday 23rd July

9.00am Leavers Service

End Of Term 6 - Please note we will be finishing at 12.40pm

Wednesday 4th September

Term 1

PLEASE SEE NEW TERM DATES AND INSET DAYS AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS NEWSLETTER

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	

2024-2025 SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

Including INSET DAYS

TERM 1	
Start:	Monday 2nd September
Finish:	Friday 25th October
TERM 2	
Start:	Monday 4th November
Finish:	Friday 20th December
TERM 3	
Start:	Monday 6th January
Finish:	Friday 14th February
TERM 4	
Start:	Monday 24th February
Finish:	Friday 4th April
TERM 5	
Start:	Tuesday 22nd April
Finish:	Friday 23rd May
TERM 6	
Start:	Monday 2nd June
Finish:	Tuesday 22nd July
INSET DAYS	
Monday 2nd September 2024	
Tuesday 3rd September 2024	
Friday 25th October 2024	
Monday 6th January 2025	
Wednesday 18th June 2025	



NEW PLAYERS

WANTED

Holcombe are launching a new U8's team for the 24/25 season.

If you have a child currently in year 2 looking to join a family friendly club then get in touch.

Contact us
Holcombeyfc@gmail.com

Search Holcombe FC on Facebook or contact our club secretary Luke via email

Free Trial Session! ✨

Book Now

Until the end of June 2024 we are offering a free trial session for our Recreational & Preschool Classes. Book into a session, come along and give it a try.

For more information please visit our website

www.libertygymnasticsclub.co.uk



Bath & North East Somerset Libraries

Gift a Costume

Donate your unwanted kids costumes to us!

We're creating dressing up corners in our children's libraries and we'd love some costumes to get us started!

Where can I donate?

- Bath Central Library
- Keynsham Library
- Midsomer Norton Library



What do we want?

- Good quality, clean kids costumes such as princess dresses, mermaid tails, tutus, pirate/superhero/police/nurse/vet outfits.
- Accessories in good condition such as wings, tiaras, capes, masks, swords, hats, deely boppers etc

Bath & North East
Somerset Council

Improving People's Lives

Please hand your donations into a
member of staff from 27 May - 29 June.

STAY SAFE ONLINE

1

Don't share your personal information



2

Only talk to people that you know



3

Don't meet up with anyone you have only met online



4

Only accept friend requests from people you know personally



5

Always think carefully about what you post



6

Make use of the privacy settings on all of your social media accounts



7

Remember that not everyone online is who they say they are



8

Report inappropriate content immediately



9

Only share images that you'd be comfortable with your friends and family seeing



10

Never share your passwords





The Summer Reading Challenge is a **FREE** holiday activity for children aged 4 - 11, so visit Midsomer Norton Library to:



Join the library, it's free!



Sign up to take part in the challenge



Enjoy our **FREE** Summer Reading Challenge Craft Events

Find out more online!

Just pop in to your local library or sign up at:
summerreadingchallenge.org.uk



Sunday Social



Sundays 3 - 6.30pm,
free food, tea & coffee

**OLD
PRINTWORKS
ARTS** Radstock

Old Printing Works - behind the Radstock Museum
Bath Old Road, Radstock, BA3 3HA

W E N D E D



**DO
FIX
MEND
REPAIR
REPURPOSE
RE-ENERGISE**

A practical meet-up for men

Wednesdays 10am - 2pm @ Old Printworks Arts

Bath Old Road, Radstock, BA3 3HA Must be aged over 16 years



FESTIVAL DECOR MAKING

Drop in 10 - 2pm
22nd - 26th July
Everyone welcome,
family friendly

@Old Printworks Arts

Monday - Thursday
12-3pm

Week 1 - Space

Weds 24th July Beacon Field, Peasedown St John BA2 8SN
Thurs 25th July Whiteway Green, Bath BA2 1PB



Week 2 - Pirates

Mon 29th July - Southfields, Radstock BA3 3NZ

Tues 30th July - Alice Park BA1 7BL

Weds 31st July - Town Park, Midsomer Norton BA3 2UH

Thurs 1st Aug - Play Out Wild, Broadmoor Lane, Newbridge BA1 4JY

Week 3 - Superheroes

Mon 5th August Paulton Memorial Park BS39 7LW

Tues 6th August Springfield Park, Meare Road, Foxhill BA2 5PP

Weds 7th August National Playday, Pennyquick Park, Twerton BA2 1NW ("£3 entry per child")

Thurs 8th August Play Out Wild, Entry Hill BA2 5NA

Week 4 - Fantasy

Mon 12th Aug Kelston Road, Keynsham BS31 2JL

Tues 13th Aug Norton Hill Rec, Westfield BA3 4AY

Weds 14th Aug Roundhill, Mount Road, Southdown BA2 1LF

Thurs 15th Aug Bloomfield Open Space, off Wellsway BA2 2AB

Please Note:

- Parents: Stay close, supervise, or join in!
- Wear old clothes for messy play and water slide.
- Don't forget water bottles, sun cream, coats, and umbrellas.
- TOILETS: Only at near or near certain sites

National Playday

£3 entry per child

- Straw Bale Dens | Spin Painting | Archery | Swingboats | Messy Play | Drumming | Bungees | Construction | Scrap Adventure | Woodwork Adventure | Samba Band | Inflatable | Games | Chair'Planes | Ringworld

Pennyquick Park, Newton Road Bath BA2 1RW

Limited Parking

Please walk, cycle or take a bus if you can



Activities

- Play Days: Messy, Sensory, Creative play; Bouncy castle, and Football.
- Play Out Wild: Nature-based play, Den building, rope activities, and mud play.



A campaign led by Play England
Reg Charity # 1013897



WHILST THESE ARE FREE WE REALLY APPRECIATE DONATIONS OF £2/3 PER CHILD PER DAY



www.bapp.org.uk | Call Us (01225) 832479

Bath Area Play Project

FAMILY Playdays 2024

12-3 pm

24TH JULY - 15TH AUGUST

Inclusive & SEND Friendly

We are very Grateful for Financial Support From Town & Parish Councils & The Ludlow Trust

Families with children aged 5 to 11 years (younger ones welcome!)

Team Games



Play is the best way to learn and discover new things!



Inflatables



Messy & Creative Play



Play Out Wild

JOIN IN A SUMMER OF FUN FOR CHILDREN & PARENTS

- Active games
- Messy & Sensory Play
- Imaginative & Creative
- Den Building
- Construction
- Clay
- Football Coaches
- Inflatables
- Waterslide
- Smoothies
- and Much More!

Playdays are "More Fun Than the Whole of Summer!"
Come & have fun together with the fantastic BAPP Playworkers!



Bath Area Play Project

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FREE family cycle training

This Summer B&NES Council is pleased to offer free family cycle training in Midsomer Norton at Free Rangers Forest School Nursery.

This one to one course is designed to instruct the lead family member how to shepherd the group with road safety tactics. It also aims to improve children's cycle skills and road awareness while having fun with parents! The first hour will introduce basic cycle skills and will take place under a barn. Then, the group will have activities on a cycle lane and carefully selected local junctions under guidance of our instructor.



There is no minimum age but to attend this course, all riders must be able to ride a bike (set off, pedal, slow down and stop). If required, we can offer bike & helmet loans free of charge.



To see available dates and book a space,
scan the QR code or email: bikeability@bathnes.gov.uk

Bath & North East
Somerset Council

Improving People's Lives

LIBRARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c
1 July

Bath Central Library

Storytime

Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am 2 July

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 3 July

Knit Two, Share One - knitting & Crochet group for any age/ability

Thursday 10.00 - 12.00pm 4 July

Norland Nannies Community Sewing Bee

Friday 10.00 - 12.00pm 5 July

Board Game Saturdays

Saturday 12.30 - 4.00pm 6 July

Art in the Library: Library Centenary Exhibition

Mon - Sat During opening hours 1 - 31 July

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

For any ticketed events, the link will be online via the blog.
Visit baneslibraries.co.uk/events

