

Newsletter

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"Learning together... aiming high"

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HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Keegan & Sylvie (Ash) Whole class (Oak)

Ethan (Hawthorn) Mila (Poplar)

Rio (Beech) Alicia (Fir)

Sophie (Rowan) Sophia (Willow)

Alex (Maple) Ruaridh & Ania (Sycamore) Telia (Acorns)



CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Thank you to everyone who has joined us to watch our fabulous Christmas performances this week. This year, Year 1 went to church (in the pouring rain) for their Christmas play, "The Well Good Nativity"; Year 2 filled the school hall twice for "The Bossy King", and Reception sang their Christmas songs to a packed hall twice too. The children really did you and their teachers proud in their very enjoyable performances. Thank you all, too, for giving so generously to the collections on the door.



Have you ever seen an angel in a raincoat?!

The school choir sang at the church Christmas lunch on Wednesday, and for Frome 3A at the Assembly Rooms this afternoon. They will also be singing at the church Candlelit Service on Sunday 22nd and at the Christingle Service on January 12th.



SCHOOL VISITS TO ST JOHN'S CHURCH

We have been delighted to welcome so many of you into church this week: Poplar and Hawthorn classes enchanted us with their Nativity play (two performances!) and on Wednesday our Christmas Lunch was brightened by the cheerful singing of the choir. Years 1 and 2 came into church as part of their RE lessons later on Wednesday afternoon, as the Christmas Lunch was finishing. Once again the church was buzzing with young and old! Always, people comment on the good behaviour of St John's School. We look forward to seeing you all again for your end of term service next week and for our Carol Service. And we have already booked you to sing 'Away in a Manger' at the Christingle service in January!

JOIN US AT CHRISTMAS

We will be having our usual **End of Term Service** in church at 9.15am next Friday 20th. All our families and friends are welcome to come along and join us.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Sunday 12th January at St John's Church at 10am

All are welcome to join us in church for the Christingle Service at 10am, which will be led this year by the Bishop of Bath and Wells. St John's children will be reading, and the school choir will be singing. Please come along - it should be a very special morning.

KEY STAGE 1 CHRISTMAS PARTY MORNING Wednesday 18th December

On Wednesday 18th December we will be having a Christmas Party morning for children in Hawthorn, Poplar, Fir and Beech. The children can come to school wearing party clothes and will take part in lots of fun, festive activities including Christmas games and dancing, Christmas craft and decorating biscuits. They will also watch a U certificate short Christmas film.



ROCKTOPUS

Here is a youtube link to Rocktopus's 'Change Today. The Voice of the Children' video, recorded in the summer. You'll see some St John's children in there, and you'll hear the choir. Two of the three soloists are from St John's too! Well done Oliver J and Chase.

[youtube.com/watch?v=3kG03vgyXUk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3kG03vgyXUk)

COPPER BEECH TREE AND TIGER MULCH AREA UPDATE

Further to our previous communications about the closure of the tiger mulch area under the copper beech tree, we have now had some recommended maintenance work undertaken to lighten some limbs of the tree. Somerset Property Services have also prepared a tree management plan for the school.

We are pleased to let you know that the tiger mulch area will be open from Monday 16th December. As recommended by the tree management plan and specialist reports received, we will close the area under particular weather conditions.

As we let you know previously, the play equipment located under the tree has been removed as it had reached the end of its life. We are in the process of exploring the options for new equipment.

THREADWORM

We are aware there have been one or two cases of threadworm in school over the last few weeks. It's unpleasant, but very common in younger children. Luckily, it's also very quick and easy to treat with medicine available from a pharmacist. The only thing we can, and continue, to do in school is to remind children to wash their hands after visiting the toilet, and before handling food. Please continue to remind them at home, too.



FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S SCHOOL
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St John's Festive Bake-Off Deadline 9.30am Mon 16 December

Calling all star bakers! This is a chance for you to create your own Christmas Showstopper, to be judged by Mrs Marsland. Competition open to both children and adults. Please leave your entries at the front desk by 9.30am on Monday, and provide your name, class and list of ingredients. Remember: we are a nut-free school. Winners will be announced during our Christmas event, after which all entries will be available to buy.

Cakes, Carols & Secret Shhhop After school, Mon 16 December

We are delighted to invite everyone to our special seasonal event. Carols by the choir, Bake-Off goodies for sale, festive treats on offer and the Secret Shhhop! (where children can spend their pocket money on low-cost handmade gifts) - it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

Spelliarmus: Magical Tales from Children of St John's School

There are still a few copies of this wonderful book available at the front desk and in the children's section of Hunting Raven bookshop. You can also find it at our event on 16th. It will make a great stocking filler or gift for the grandparents! £5.99 for one; £10 for two.

And don't forget to sell those **Christmas Raffle** tickets to friends, neighbours, colleagues and families - there are more books available from the front desk. We have some wonderful prizes already, with many more to come. The draw takes place on Tuesday 17th December.



DIARY DATES

Mon 16 Dec	Cake, Carols and Secret Sshhhop - 3.30
Tues 17 Dec	Flu Immunisations in school
Tues 17 Dec	Christmas Lunch
Fri 20 Dec	Last Day of Term
Sun 22 Dec	Choir Singing at Church Carol Service
Mon 6 Jan 2020	Inset Day - School closed
Mon 9 Jan	Carymoor Viking Day Trip - Y4
Sun 12 Jan	Christingle Service
Feb 17 - 21	Half Term
Weds 4 March	Wells Pilgrimage - Year 4
Thurs 5 March	World Book Day
March 18, 19, 20	Liddington Residential - Y4
28, 29, 30 April	Life Bus in school
16 - 22 June	Book Fair in School



*At St John's CE VA First School the health, safety and wellbeing of every child is our top priority.
We expect all staff, governors, parent/carers and visitors to share this commitment to safeguarding our pupils.*