



St. Nicholas Church School

Friday 26th September 2025



This week we have been thinking about our value of respect, and the verse 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. (Matthew 7:12)'. We heard the story of the lost son and how his actions did not show respect for his father or brother, but when his father showed respect for him, he was sorry and changed his ways.

We also heard about how respect can help us learn about and from other cultures. We learned about the work of Jane Goodall who was one of the first scientists to work closely with chimpanzees. She was only able to make the breakthroughs that she did because she respected the

chimps as fellow creatures, not just as animals to be studied. We also thought about the upcoming European Languages Day, and how learning different languages can help us to understand other cultures, make friends and develop ourselves.

Eco Council

The eco council are already hard at work helping our school to be environmentally friendly. They have planned some litter picks and shared advice with the wider school. Look out too for their eco tip of the week which will appear in future newsletters!

Clubs update

Miss Stokes is beginning a homework club on Thursdays for children in KS2. This will be an opportunity for children who would like some extra help with homework or a dedicated time to do it in school. Children can sign up for this club regularly or come for a week if they want help with a specific piece of homework. There will not be a charge for this club.



Ladybirds Science

Ladybird Class have continued their investigations around forces by testing the force of gravity on objects of different weights. They have measured carefully to see how changing the amount of water in a bottle affected the force of gravity on the bottle, taking their measurements in Newtons.

Celebrations

	Dojo winners	Dojo runners up	Star worker	Role model
Hedgehogs	Harriet and Ronny	Isobel and James	Toby	Burak
Ladybirds	Sonny and Louie	Jack, Leah and Oscar	Jack and Wilf	Louie
Butterflies	William and Sutton	Jessica and Oakley	Eden, Hattie, Ivy, Milly, Oakley and Sutton	Anaya

	Attendance cup Well done to Ladybird Class for the highest attendance this week!	House Cup Well done to Oak house for the highest number of dojos this week with 202 dojos!	
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Also a huge well done to Daisy who has completed this year's Summer Reading Challenge.

Year 3/4 residential

Mr Webb will be holding a session for parents and children in years 3 and 4 with information about the this year's residential. This year, they will be going to Kilve Court and this session will be an opportunity to hear about the event and ask any questions.

Open mornings

We are currently planning two open mornings for new starters on the 17th October and the 5th December. These are predominantly aimed at parents of children who are due to start in Reception in 2026. For more information, or to book a tour, please contact the school office.

Inclusive sports

Please see the attached flyer about inclusive sporting opportunities in and around Somerset.

Bladder and Bowel Coffee Drop-In Session

We are holding a coffee morning / drop-in session with an NHS Paediatric Bladder & Bowel Educator at 8.45am on Tuesday 11th November the school hall. Please do drop in if you would like information or advice on bladder training/childhood urine continence/constipation/diarrhoea/repeat UTI's/nighttime continence/use of pull ups/advice around regulated drinking/hydration to enable healthy bladder function etc. This is an opportunity for you to come along and ask any questions and to find out more information on this area of your child's development from a school advisor as we recognise that this is an issue for many of our parents. Sessions are not limited to parents of children who attend our schools – they are open to all so please do spread the word that there is support and advice available. Whilst this is a general briefing, there will be opportunities to ask questions if you have specific concerns. We hope that our PFSA will be in attendance too. The aim is for this to be an informal environment for parents to receive some really useful help and advice.

Have Your Say – Childcare Survey from Somerset Council

Somerset Council is seeking feedback from families around wraparound and holiday childcare needs across the county. The survey aims to collect information around current and future childcare needs, reasons why families may not use existing provision and any barriers or challenges families face. Where 10 or more responses are received, an anonymised summary will be shared with the school. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey by midday on 14th November 2025: <https://forms.office.com/e/5wZtEjuYqP> or scan the QR code.



Harvest Service

We are currently getting ready for our school Harvest Service on the 24th October. St Nicholas Church also has its Harvest service on October 5th at 10.30. All are welcome.

Arbor

Many of our school systems are now running on Arbor. Although messages from the school can be received through Arbor, the inbox is not regularly monitored and the office email or telephone is still the best way to contact the school.



Eco tip of the week:

Make sure that all of your litter goes into the bins around school and everywhere.
-Amy

Diary Dates

Thursday 2nd October- 3.15- Year 3/4 residential information evening in the hall
Friday 10th October- First Hedgehogs swimming
Tuesday 14th October- Whole School flu vaccinations
Friday 24th October- Harvest Service- 2.30 in the church- all welcome
Thursday 6th November- Individual and sibling photographs
Tuesday 11th November- 8.45 Bladder and Bowel drop in session
Friday 14th November- Children in need- details to follow
Tuesday 25th November and Wednesday 26th November- parent's evenings

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.
Mr Pavey