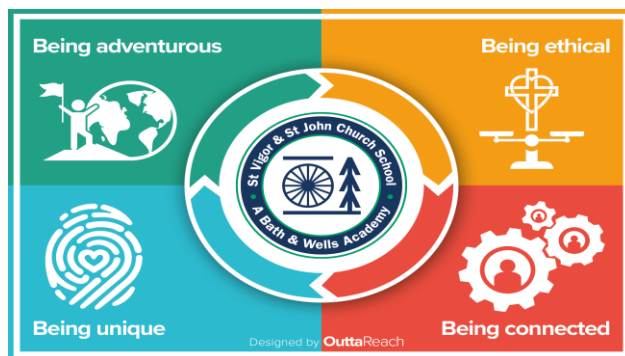




Tel: 01761 233847

School Email:
Enquiries@svsj.bwmat.org

Nursery Email:
nursery@svsj.bwmat.org

Website:
www.stvigorandstjohnschool.co.uk

Executive Headteacher: Mr Chris Chorley
Head Of School: Mrs Leah Sheppard

14 October 2025

Dear Parents

We are very sad to inform you that Elise Petit suddenly passed away on Sunday. Elise worked at SVSJ for the past 3 years as both an SMSA and a 1:1 TA. Elise's daughter, Eva, attends SVSJ.

This is a tragic loss for our school family, and our thoughts and deepest sympathies are with her family and friends at this incredibly difficult time. Elise was a valued and loved part of our community and will be particularly remembered for the genuine and natural kindness she demonstrated to all our children on a daily basis.

We understand that news like this can be upsetting and that children may have questions or worries. We will not share this news with children today so that parents have the time and opportunity to talk to them first if preferred. We will talk to the children over the coming days in a simple and sensitive way, guided by their age and understanding. If you feel your child needs extra support at home, please do not hesitate to contact us – we can offer advice or direct you to further help if needed. Staff will be available to offer support and comfort to any child who needs it.

Elise will be greatly missed by everyone here and we will find an appropriate way to remember and celebrate her contribution in due course.

Of one thing we are sure, SVSJ has the most wonderful school community, and we know that many of you will want to express your condolences. We will share information about ways to offer support in the coming days, in line with the family's wishes.



St Vigor and St John Church School & The Mill Nursery,
Wells Road, Chilcompton, BA3 4EX



@ChurchSvsj



We will all process this sort of news in our own ways, but we are a loving and strong community that will always be here for each other. If any parents would like to discuss things further, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you and take care.

Yours sincerely

Chris Chorley
Executive Headteacher

Leah Sheppard
Head Of School

