

Friday 3rd October 2025

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St John's Church of England Primary School

Weekly News

Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of another packed week, we reflect on the good things we've seen.

The Poetry Day was a highlight for all; well the pupils appeared to be keen!

All over the school creativity sparked, many different poems inspired.

Children performed in assembly to rapturous applause, going home feeling ever so tired!

On Tuesday a treat for the kids of St John's, with a concert enjoyed by us all.

Miss Allen arranged for this musical feast, the pupils poured into the hall.

The silver band played some familiar tunes, a range of brass instruments played.

Year 5 and 6 were invited to join their own band, a letter to explain will be made.

Kind Regards

Olly Priestley - Headteacher

Certificate Winners:

Attenborough - Minh

Mandela - Janelle

McCartney - Delilah-Blu

Simmonds - Thea and Zara

Hawking - Harley

Pankhurst - Jayden

Rashford - Francis

Medal - Donell

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultation bookings will be going online on Monday 20th October, but to give you advance notice, the dates and times are as follows:

Monday 10th November 3.30-5.20pm-not Attenborough Class

Tuesday 11th November-3.30-6.20-all classes

Wednesday 12th November 3.30-5.20-Attenborough Class only.

Safeguarding/Well being:

CBeebies have a web page which focuses on parenting and includes help and advice on a range of ages. There are great resources and also tips on supporting families over a range of issues.

Parenting throws many challenges and there has often been no coaching or training for each new situation. It's worth having a look at the site to raise awareness of what is available.

[Tiny Happy People](#)

Sharing joy and hope in the community

Weekly House Point Winner: ST DAVID

Ordering School Lunch

We appreciate that most of our parents order lunches on Scopay in plenty of time but to those who don't, it is really important that if your child is having a school lunch that it is booked as far in advance as possible. This is to enable our catering staff to order the correct amount of food and to limit the amount of waste. We have had a number of children who regularly do not have a lunch ordered and do not bring a packed lunch, then turn up in the dinner hall expecting to be given food.

Even if your child is entitled to a free school meal you still have to book on Scopay. We will never let a child go hungry but it is really important to have meals booked in advance. If you need advice about how to use Scopay please ask at the school office.

Harvest Festival

We are looking forward to our Harvest Festival celebration in St John's Church at 1.30pm on Thursday 23rd October. We will once again be collecting for the Taunton Foodbank.

Each complete foodbank box contains items which are designed to fit together to provide 3 days nutritionally balanced meals. The items they are currently most in need of are:

- Pasta Sauces
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Meals (Meat & Vegetarian)
- Cup a Soup
- Savoury Snacks

Any other items can also be donated, please ensure they are unused and in date, thank you.

Data Collection Sheets

Each child will have taken home their data collection sheet last week. If you haven't already done so, could you please read, check, amend and sign the sheet before returning it to the office. It is essential that we have up to date information so that we have current contact details. Thank you.

EV6

Thank you to everyone who has returned their child's Educational Visit form. We're sorry it was so short notice, we were only told by Somerset Council last Thursday about the update and had visits already planned.

Upcoming events:

23rd October	School photos
23rd October 1.30	Harvest Festival Service in Church
27th-31st October	Half Term
10th November	Parent Consultations-not Attenborough
11th November	Parent Consultations-all classes
12th November	Parent Consultations-Attenborough only
10th December	Christmas Lunch
18th December 1.30	Christmas Service in Church
19th December	Last day of Autumn Term
5th January	First day of Spring Term
16th-20th February	Half Term
26th March 1.30	Easter Service in Church
2nd April	Last day of Spring Term
20th April	First day of Summer Term
25th-29th May	Half Term
9th June	Sports Day
15th July 9.30	Y6 Leaver's Assembly in Church
17th July	Last day of Summer Day
20th-22nd July	School closed for staff training

Term dates and INSET days for the 2025-26 academic year are now on the school website under the News and Events tab.

Wellington Film Festival this weekend

There are lots of events for all the family this weekend, including:

- Saturday 10am-4pm. Labyrinth Mask Making in the pop up shop, Fore Street. Free event.
- Sunday 10am. Labyrinth cert U. Wellesley Cinema, adult £5, child £3
- Sunday 1pm. Music in the Park. Wellington Park. Free event.
- Sunday 4.30pm. Mamma Mia cert PG. Wellington School Cricket Ground. Pay what you can.

Please visit wellingtonfilmfestival.org for further information.



Autumn 2025

FREE PARENT & CARER WEBINARS

Hosted by Somerset's Mental Health Support Team


WONDERING HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S WELLBEING?

WHAT'S ON?

- SLEEP
- SUPPORTING BIG FEELINGS
- BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM & RESILIENCE



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Come and join local schools, preschools and nurseries on

Monday 20th October 2025 at 6.30pm

at

The King Arms Community Hub

to find out how to help your child become

Ready for School

Including advice and guidance about next steps from a range of professionals.

