

Friday 25th September 2026

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St John's Church of England Primary School

Weekly News

Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank everyone for contributing to a positive week at St John's. I am particularly pleased to report a strong week for attendance across the school. Regular attendance is one of the most important factors in helping children achieve their best. Every day in school provides valuable learning opportunities, develops friendships and supports children's wellbeing. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school every day and arrives on time.

I would also like to remind parents about the recent changes regarding allergens in schools following the introduction of Benedict's Law. To help us manage allergies safely and effectively, all children should either be signed up for school meals through SCOPAY or bring a packed lunch from home. If you have not yet made arrangements, please do so as soon as possible.

Finally, congratulations to our Ultimate Reading Champions from last year, who enjoyed their reward today. These pupils demonstrated exceptional commitment to reading by successfully achieving the Recorded Reading at Home Challenge every half term throughout the 2025-2026 academic year. Their dedication, perseverance and love of reading are excellent examples for all pupils to follow. We are extremely proud of their achievement.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership with the school.

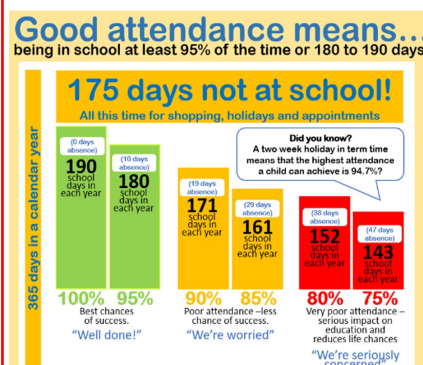
Kind Regards

Olly Priestley - Headteacher

Certificate Winners:

Windsor - Ada
Attenborough - Macey
Mandela - Daniella
McCartney - Melvin
Pankhurst - Darcey
Simmonds - Aubree
Rashford - David
Medal- Janice (2)

Attendance



Safeguarding/Well being:

Inhalers

To help us provide the best possible care for children with asthma, we kindly ask all parents and carers to check that their child's inhaler is clearly labelled, in good condition and within its expiry date. Please also ensure that the school has an up-to-date Asthma Care Plan outlining your child's needs, triggers and medication requirements. Having accurate information and accessible medication enables staff to respond quickly and effectively should a child require support during the school day. If your child's medication or care plan has changed recently, please provide updated information to the school office as soon as possible.

Sharing joy and hope in the community

Weekly House Point Winner: ST GEORGE

Secondary School Admissions-Advice from Somerset Council

The online portal for applications for children to start secondary school in September 2027, is now OPEN. The closing date is 31 October 2026.

The Secondary School Admissions Guide is now live on the website Secondary admissions guide (someset.gov.uk) We strongly encourage you to read this before making your application. We recommend you always include your catchment school as one of your preferences. If you don't and it becomes oversubscribed, we can't guarantee your child a place there and if you don't get offered one of the schools you have chosen, your child might be offered a school further away with no travel assistance.

A few tips before you start;

1. If you previously applied for a child starting or transferring school in 2017 or earlier you will need to re-register on the portal as a new system was introduced at this time.
 2. If you do not receive your registration or forgotten password email please check your junk mail. If you still do not received an email please contact schooladmissions@someset.gov.uk
- As with any IT system there is always the potential for unforeseen issues so if you experience any problems, please let us know and we'll look into it as quickly as we can.

[Starting at a secondary or upper school in September](#)

Reception Admission September 2027

The Citizen Portal will open on MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER for children who are starting school for the first time in September 2027, or are transferring to a junior or middle school in September 2027. The closing date for on time applications is 15 January 2027. Please note: We always recommend you include your catchment school as one of your preferences. If you don't and it becomes oversubscribed, we can't guarantee your child a place there and if you don't get offered one of the schools you have chosen, your child might be offered a school further away with no travel assistance. <https://www.someset.gov.uk/children.../applying-for-school/> Please help by sharing this post with family, friends, nurseries, pre-schools and childminders who may have children due to start school in September 2027.

Upcoming events:

Thursday 22nd October	Photos
Thursday 22nd October 1.30	Harvest Festival in Church
26th-30th October	Half Term
9th-11th November	Parent consultations-information to follow
Monday 30th November	School closed for staff training
Tuesday 15th December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 17th December 1.30	Christmas service in Church
Friday 18th December	Last day of Autumn Term
Monday 4th January	School closed for staff training
Tuesday 5th January	First day of Spring Term
15th-19th February	Half Term
Thursday 4th March	World Book Day
8th-10th March	Parent consultations-information to follow
18th March 1.30	Easter Service in Church
25th March	Last day of Spring Term
12th April	First day of Summer Term
26th/27 th April	Year 3 and 4 Residential Visit
3 rd May	Bank Holiday
31st May-4th June	Half term
Week beginning 10 th May	Y6 National Tests
8 th June	Sports Day
30th June/1st July	Y6 Transition day to Courtfields
Thursday 1 st July	Move up day
Friday 2 nd July	School closed for staff training
5 th -7 th July	Y5 and 6 Residential Visit
Friday 23 rd July	Last day of Summer Term

Term dates and INSET days for the 2026-27 academic year are now on the school website under the News and Events tab.



**Wednesday
28 October 26
11am - 12.45pm**

Wacky Wednesday Autumn Extravaganza

Come and join us for the Wacky Wednesday Autumn Extravaganza at Wellington Sports Centre, Corams Lane.

We will have loads to do including a bouncy castle, Autumn crafts, games and refreshments. All just for £1 per person!

Scan the QR code to get your tickets as booking is essential. **Booking opens 12 October at 12noon.**



Contact us

For further information please contact

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KINGSMEAD

OPEN EVENING

Thursday 1st October 2026

5.30PM to 8PM

Headteacher Presentation
at 6PM and 7PM

OPEN MORNINGS

TOUR OF THE SCHOOL (LIMITED SPACES)

Monday 5th, Tuesday 6th,

Thursday 8th & Friday 9th October 2026

10AM to 11AM

To book an Open Morning
slot, please scan the
QR code



OPEN EVENING
SCAVENGER HUNT
WITH PEET DRAW

The Energy Price Cap Rise

At the end of August, OFGEM (Office of Gas and Electricity Markets) announced that the energy price cap will rise by 4% from the 1st October. Every 3 months, OFGEM reviews the energy price cap and can limit the maximum rates and standing charges that energy suppliers can charge.

The current price cap for a typical household paying by direct debit for gas and electricity is £1663. Based on the energy use of a typical household, from October, the price cap will rise by £60 per year. The increase reflects the higher wholesale gas prices in the present volatile global market. The government's decision to remove the VAT from all domestic energy bills is reflected in the price update.

Savings could be available by choosing a fixed tariff

- Should you commit to a short- or long-term fix before the new price rises come in?
- Have you ever been faced with a short- or long term fix and what should you do?
- Are you a high energy user or a low energy user?
- And how does that affect the tariff you choose?

Home Energy Advice Service

What is it? A totally free service providing a visit from a trained home energy advisor to help identify areas where savings can be made on energy use in your home. Resolving issues with reading and paying your bills Installing LED bulbs, draught excluders, and radiator reflectors Access to grants for insulation, new boilers and appliances. Future proofing your monthly payments for energy

Who can get it? Residents in Somerset, North Somerset and parts of Mendip. - Owner occupiers, private and social renters. *

Who does it? Our qualified Home Energy Advisors Maria and Erika

Why is it different? Because it's all about you and how you use your energy in your home. It's totally independent, impartial and costs absolutely nothing.

Why is it free? Because we are the local deliverers of LEAP's (Local Energy Advice Partnership) national program, and supported funding from the Somerset Community Foundation

*Residents who have a household income below £31k or someone in the household is in receipt of a benefit, including pension credit and means tested council tax reductions.

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ENERGY SAVING VISIT

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