

Friday 19th September 2025

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St John's Church of England Primary School

Weekly News

Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/Carers

It has come to the end of another week and praise goes to Windsor class this week for making it through their first full week at St John's C of E Primary School. I am delighted by the start they have made and already they are confident speaking to me whilst I am visiting the classroom. There is already evidence of a love of learning which is exciting to see at the start of their journey.

Throughout the school, the classes are in process of voting for their Well-Being champions and also the School Council representatives. The nominated pupils will be shared next week. Miss Allen is putting together her Green Team; the Year 5 pupil chaplains will be decided soon; and in assembly on Monday the Head Boys and Girls were announced as well as House Captains. Due to the unique situation of Year 6 having two classes, the decision was made to have a Head Boy and Girl, as well as four house captains in each class and they will rotate duties. Henry, Ben, Isabel and Dilsha are the Head Boys and Girls. The House Captains will be Mansirat, Divine, Alfie, Leo, Darcie, Levi, Ellah and Darnia. Congratulations to all the students. It was incredibly challenging for children to be chosen in the process because there are so many good candidates in our Year 6.

I wish you all a super weekend with your families and I hope you enjoy some rest and enjoyment together. Fingers crossed that we get a dry few days to enjoy some early Autumnal sun.

Kind Regards

Olly Priestley - Headteacher

Certificate Winners:

Attenborough - Daniella

Mandela - Jenson

McCartney - Noah

Simmonds - Janelle

Hawking - Jackie

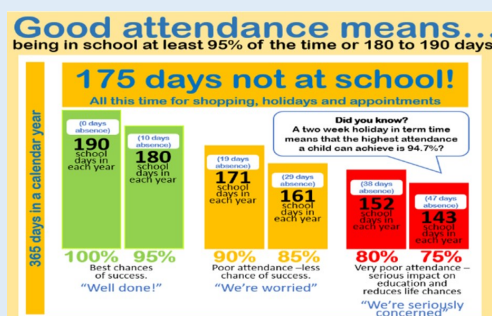
Pankhurst - Millie-Rose

Rashford - Dolly Rae

Medal - Merry (2)

Attendance

If you are experiencing any challenges in getting your child to school please contact us so that we can support you in trying to find a solution. Overall our attendance is very good and we would like to see this trend continuing throughout the year.



Safeguarding/Well being:

One of the main focuses for the school over the next year will be Climate Action and becoming more sustainable. As part of hoping to reduce Carbon Emissions, the school will be encouraging our students to try to walk or cycle to school. There will be events over the year to try and promote this lifestyle and we would love the community to support us with our aims.

Sharing joy and hope in the community

Weekly House Point Winner: ST ANDREW

Cycling and Scootering to School

We are happy to encourage children to cycle and scooter to school but must remind you that it is vital that your child wears a helmet. It is noticeable at the beginning of this term that many are not. Please take time this weekend that, if your child is cycling or scootering, to ensure that they have a helmet that fits properly.

Can we also ask that children do not weave in and out of any pedestrians that may be on footpaths, and to be very careful when going down slopes. Thank you.

Secondary School Admissions September 2026

If your child is due to transfer to secondary school next September please be aware that places in Taunton and Wellington are limited due to a high birth rate. It is really important that you apply on time (deadline 31st October 2025) and choose 3 preferences of school. We also **strongly recommend** you include your catchment school as one of your preferences.

If you do not include your catchment school among your preferences and are refused your preferred schools, we cannot guarantee your child a place in the local area. Your child may then be offered a place at a school further away with no entitlement to travel assistance.

Applications will go online on 15th September and can be accessed here

[Citizen Portal - Sign in](#)

The advice is:

- a. apply on time
- b. use all 3 preferences (especially relevant to Taunton parents)
- c. include your catchment school

There are open morning tours on 22nd and 23rd September starting at 9.30am, please contact Courtfields to arrange your visit.

Reception starters for September 2026

If you are considering joining reception at St John's next September and would like a tour of the school, please contact the school office on 01823 662541 to arrange a suitable time.

Upcoming events:

23rd October	School photos
23rd October 1.30	Harvest Festival Service in Church
27th-31st October	Half Term
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.

iRock News

We have some exciting news for you! iRock School of Music would like to invite your children to a free taster session within the coming weeks, on a Wednesday morning.

The children will be given a 30-minute iRock lesson and will have the opportunity to learn part of a song and try out playing the guitar, keyboards, drums and to sing, as part of a band. This lesson is completely free and there are no conditions or commitments following the taster session. If your child would like to attend one of the free taster sessions (no musical experience is necessary!), please let us know via email, and we will arrange for your child to be picked up by the iRock band coach, Rhys.

In order to book your child's iRock taster session please contact Rhys Morgan: rhys.morgan@irockschool.com

If your child is currently subscribed to iRock, their band session will be going ahead as normal on Wednesday morning. Looking forward to our concert in December!