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St John's Church of England Primary School

Weekly News

Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our recent Poetry Day was a great success. The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring a range of poetry, creating their own work and performing to others. It was fantastic to see so many pupils sharing their poems with confidence, enthusiasm and pride. Their creativity and willingness to perform in front of an audience was truly impressive.

Last term, many parents completed a questionnaire about life at St John's. A number of responses highlighted a desire for increased opportunities in sport. In response, we have already started a Multi Skills Club and a Netball Club, both of which have been well received. We are also pleased to confirm that a Football Club will begin next term. Alongside this, we are organising additional sporting festivals and events with local schools to provide pupils with more opportunities to participate in competitive and inclusive sport. Hopefully, you can see that we are listening to the families of St John's.

I am also delighted to report that attendance has continued to be positive. Regular attendance is vital in helping children make the most of their learning and school experiences. Thank you for your support in ensuring that children attend school every day and arrive on time. Your partnership makes a real difference.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school community.

Kind Regards

Olly Priestley - Headteacher

Certificate Winners:

Windsor - Tilly

Attenborough - Oliver

Mandela - Evie-May

McCartney - McKenzie

Pankhurst - Walter

Simmonds - Zara

Rashford - Luca

Medal- Janice (1)

Uniform

We already have a growing collection of lost property in school, much of which is unnamed. To help us return items quickly to their owners, please ensure that all school uniform, coats, PE kits, water bottles and other personal belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name. We would also ask families to check that children have brought home the correct items. If your child comes home wearing or carrying a jumper, cardigan or other item that belongs to another pupil, please return it to their class teacher as soon as possible so it can be reunited with its owner.

Safeguarding/Well being:

As we move into the autumn term, please ensure that your child brings their inhaler into school every day if they require one. Having immediate access to an inhaler is essential to help us respond quickly and safely should asthma symptoms occur during the school day, physical activity or outdoor learning. We are also asking families to inform the school of any asthma diagnosis or changes to their child's medical needs. If you have not yet shared asthma information with us, please contact the school office as soon as possible so that we can update our records and provide the best possible care and support for your child.

Sharing joy and hope in the community

Weekly House Point Winner: ST PATRICK

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 (somerset.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@somerset.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.somerset.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:

Tuesday 20th October	Revised Flu Vaccination Visit
Thursday 22nd October	School Photos
Thursday 22nd October 1.30	Harvest Festival in Church
26th-30th October	Half Term
9th-11th November	Parent consultations-information to follow
16th/17th November	Bikeability (selected Rashford class pupils)
Friday 20th November	Children in Need
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
Thursday 18th March 1.30	Easter Service in Church
Thursday 25th March	Last day of Spring Term
Monday 12th April	First day of Summer Term
26th/27th April	Year 3 and 4 Residential Visit
Monday 3rd May	Bank Holiday
31st May-4th June	Half term
Week beginning 10th May	Y6 National Tests
Tuesday 8th June	Sports Day
30th June/1st July	Y6 Transition day to Courtfields
Thursday 1st July	Move up day
Friday 2nd July	School closed for staff training
5th-7th July	Y5 and 6 Residential Visit
Friday 23rd 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



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.

REQUEST FREE HOME ENERGY SAVING VISIT

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