Friday 23rd October 2026

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St John's Church of England Primary School

Weekly News

Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful Harvest Festival celebration we enjoyed this week. We were delighted by the fantastic turnout from our families, which helped make the occasion so special. Thank you for your generous donations. Taunton Foodbank were extremely grateful for the quantity and quality of the items received, and these contributions will make a real difference to local families in need.

The children performed brilliantly throughout the service, demonstrating confidence, enthusiasm and a clear understanding of the importance of helping others. We would also like to thank our outgoing Pupil Chaplains for their faithful service and commitment over the past year, and extend a very warm welcome to our new cohort of Pupil Chaplains as they begin their important role within our school community.

A special thank you goes to Mrs Eddy-Murray for organising the service so successfully.

As we reach the end of half term, I would like to wish all of our families a restful and enjoyable break. We have a Times Tables Rock Stars competition running, so please encourage your child to take part. Most importantly, try to make time for some shared reading experiences, whether that is your child reading independently or enjoying a story read aloud by a parent or family member.

Have a wonderful half term.

Kind Regards

Olly Priestley - Headteacher

Certificate Winners:

Windsor - Theo

Attenborough - Teddy

Mandela - Lindsey

McCartney - Winter

Pankhurst - Leann

Simmonds - Mia

Rashford - Anjola

Medal- Arla (3)

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultation bookings are now open on Scopay, the dates and times are as follows:

Monday 9th November 3.30-5.20pm-not Attenborough or McCartney Classes

Tuesday 10th November-3.30-6.20-all classes

Wednesday 11th November 3.30-5.20-Attenborough and McCartney Classes only.

Safeguarding/Well being:

Safeguarding during the holiday

If you have a concern about a child outside of school, or are having difficulty in managing your own child, you can ring Somerset Direct on:

0300 123 2224

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 is now open 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.

Non-uniform day to support YoungMinds

Thank you to all those who donated to today's fundraising for Young Minds. So far we have received £73. You can still donate on Scopay by going to the Products page and selecting YoungMinds.

Halloween Tips for everyone

Please follow the link below for tips on how to keep children safe at Halloween.

Halloween Top Tips.pdf

Upcoming events:

26th-30th October	Half Term
9th-11th November	Parent consultations
11th November	Y3 & 4 trip to Museum of Somerset
16th/17th November	Bikeability (selected Rashford class pupils)
Friday 20th November	Children in Need
Friday 27th November	Dress Like a Scientist Day
Monday 30th November	School closed for staff training
8th/9th December 2.15	KS1 Christmas Performance
Tuesday 15th December	Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 15th December	Wear a Christmas Jumper Day
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 Events tab.



ST JOHN'S CHURCH PRESENTS

AUTUMN FAIR

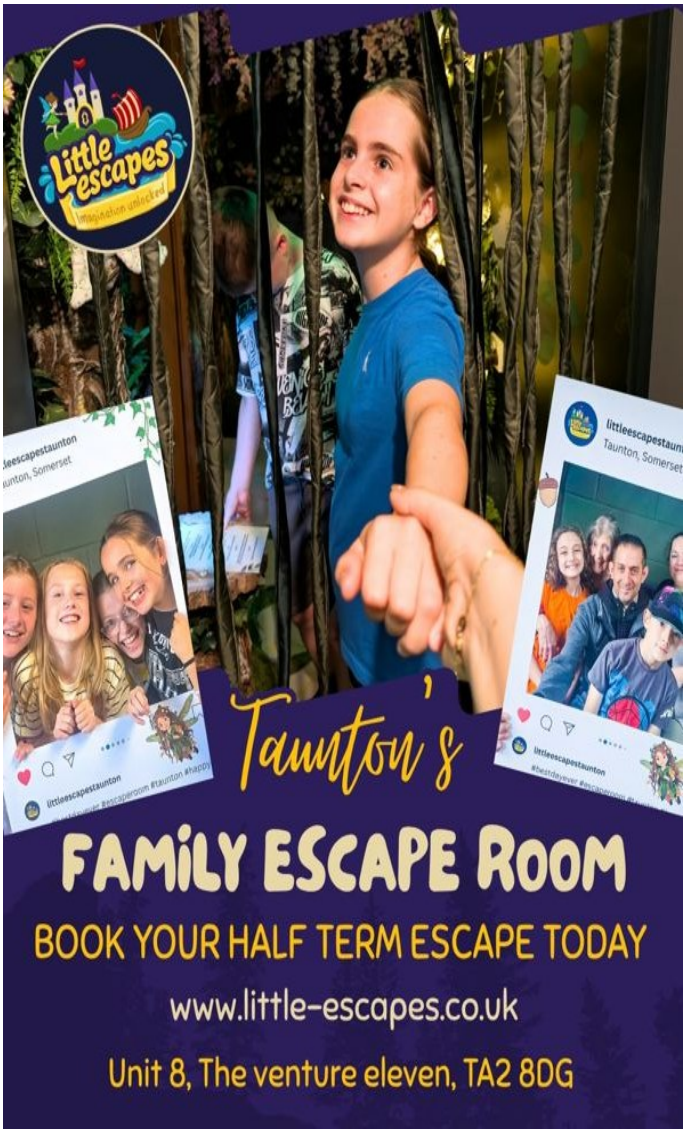
Stalls Galore - leather &, wooden products, china crafts, cakes, refreshments and raffle

COME CELEBRATE
THE SEASON WITH US!

Free Entry

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24
10.00 AM - 12.30 PM
ST JOHN'S CHURCH.
WELLINGTON, TA21 8QY

@stjohnswelly





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.**

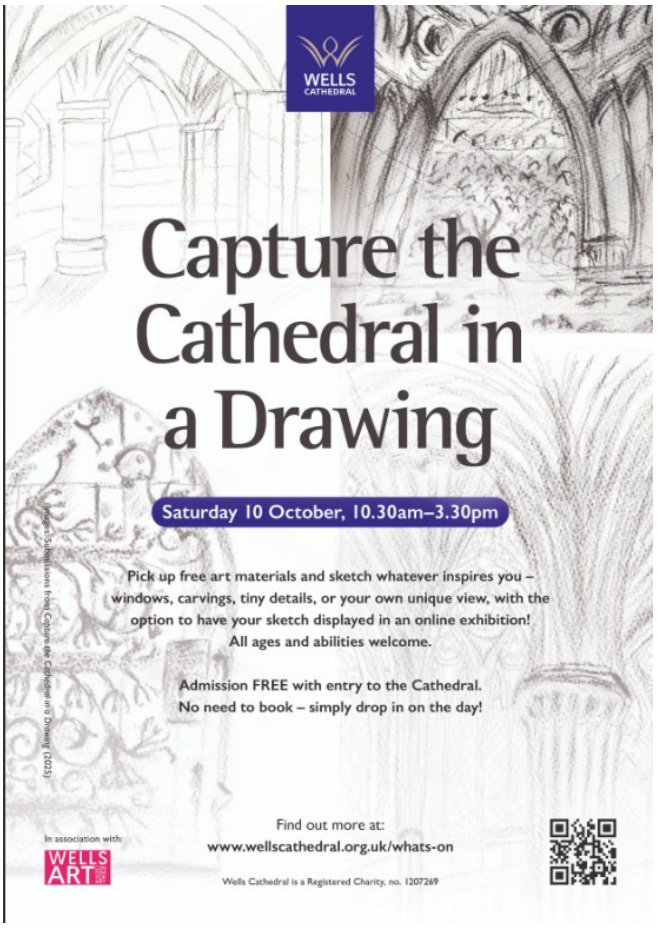
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For further information please contact

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Looking for a creative opportunity for your child?

Nurture their creativity at Guildhall Young Artists (GYA) Taunton, a performing arts centre based at Wellington School.

Part of Guildhall School, ranked no. 3 in the world for Performing Arts (QS World University Rankings 2026), GYA Taunton offers high-quality creative training in a friendly and supportive environment.

Whether they love music, singing, drama and performance, or simply want to try something new, GYA Taunton's inspiring Saturday classes give young people the opportunity to develop their skills, grow in confidence and make new friends.

Young people can:

- *Learn from expert tutors*
- *Take part in exciting performance opportunities*
- *Access individual tuition*
- *Join without audition*
- *Access bursary support*

Find out more at gsmd.ac.uk/taunton.

