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St John's Church of England Primary School

Weekly News

Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new term at St John's. I hope you all enjoyed a restful half-term break and are ready for another busy and exciting few weeks. As the weather has become much colder, please ensure that children come to school each day with a warm coat. We spend time learning and playing outdoors, and suitable clothing helps everyone stay comfortable.

This weekend, our Head Boy, Walter, and Head Girl, Jackie, will proudly represent the school at the Remembrance Parade. We are incredibly proud of them and would also like to thank the many other children who will be attending as members of community groups and organisations.

Our school value this term is Service. Remembrance provides a powerful opportunity to reflect on the ultimate act of service shown by the brave men and women who sacrificed so much for others.

I am delighted to report that attendance has improved significantly across the school. This has had a direct impact on learning, resulting in terrific progress for many of our children. Thank you for your support. Regular attendance remains one of the most important factors in ensuring children achieve their full potential, so please continue to prioritise school attendance whenever possible.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards

Olly Priestley - Headteacher

Certificate Winners:

Windsor - Wolfe

Attenborough - Kiana-May

Mandela - Finn

McCartney - Freya

Pankhurst - Ivy

Simmonds - Janelle

Rashford - Jackie

Medal- Richnel (R)

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:

If your family is experiencing difficulties with food or accessing essential household items, please speak to a member of the school's safeguarding team. We understand that circumstances can sometimes become challenging, and support is available. The school may be able to arrange foodbank vouchers and signpost families to local organisations that can provide additional help and advice. All conversations will be treated sensitively and confidentially. We encourage families to seek support early so that we can work together to ensure children have everything they need to thrive.

Sharing joy and hope in the community

Weekly House Point Winner: ST ANDREW

Harvest Festival contributions to the Taunton Food Bank

An astonishing 157.45kg of food was donated, this is 18.25kg more than last year. We have received this message from the Taunton Food Bank:

Thank you so much for your Harvest food donation. We really appreciate your generosity and kindness in supporting our clients. St Johns Primary School gave an AMAZING 157.45 kg of food which is incredible.
In the coming weeks, we will send you an official thank you certificate but in the meantime please say a huge thank you from us to everyone who contributed to your foodbank donation.
Thank you again for your support and your generosity. We really do appreciate it

Poppy Appeal

We are supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and have poppies and a selection of merchandise available to purchase until 11th November.

Year 6 pupils will visit classrooms throughout the week to offer these items for sale. Donations for poppies are greatly appreciated, and merchandise is priced at 50p and £1. Thank you for your continued support.

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.



Upcoming events:

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
7th/8th 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.




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WED 27TH JAN 27
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