

St. John's Church of England VA Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome back to all families at the start of the 2025/2026 academic year. I hope that the whole community have had opportunity to enjoy some of the beautiful weather that we have experienced in July and August – the recent rain has been desperately needed for the grass!

Our congratulations go to the new Reception cohort, who have made a terrific start to their school experience. They have come into school with such confidence – Windsor teaching team have enjoyed a brilliant time getting to know the children further. All the other classes have made a very positive start to the term, demonstrating super behaviours and exceptional presentation. There are many new shoes shining around St John's! Please speak to the teaching teams if there are any problems at the beginning of the term so we can work together to resolve them.

For any queries, please contact the school office, who can direct you to the correct member of staff to support. New families can get advice with SCOPAY and other forms of communication.

Friday is our praising assembly and certificates are handed out to the pupils. We do celebrate achievements that are made by pupils outside of school. If the children have been successful in their extra-curricular pursuits then speak to the teaching teams and they can share them in the assembly.

Our vision statement is 'Sharing joy and hope in the community'. Reflecting on the previous year, there were so many moments that brought joy to many. Our hope is to achieve this again and continue to support the children to be successful with life and their learning. We look forward to working together with all families to enable the children to become the best versions of themselves.

Kind regards

Olly Priestley

We take child protection extremely seriously at our school. If you have a concern, you can speak to any of the school's designated and trained Child Protection officers: **Mr Priestley, Mrs Plant or Miss Roberts**. Alternatively, you can ring Somerset Direct on: **0300 123 2224**



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