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St John's Church of England Primary School

Weekly News

Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing the letter today with the awful events of yesterday in Somerset still fresh in the minds of everybody. It is hard to imagine how the community of Minehead Middle School will be feeling after the tragedy. In assembly, the school prayed for the children, staff and families of the school, the emergency workers and the bus driver, willing them to find the strength to support one another at this horrendous time. This morning I conducted my daily walk around St John's and chatted to the children in their classes. The thought of the loss of a student is too much to bear - and reminded me of how thankful I am for the wonderful community I am involved with.

A reminder that next week we will be formally saying goodbye to a member of staff who has been involved with St John's for many years. Mrs Groves has taken the decision to retire from her Teaching Assistant post and also running the Breakfast Club. She has been an incredible servant to the children of St John's and has given so much time to improve the lives of the pupils. Her calm, soft manner has been appreciated - the children know that she cares. The good news is that Mrs Groves has agreed to volunteer at the school - so we will see her next year on occasion.

We are coming to the end of term now and the children are reaching levels of exhaustion! The weather is beautiful but has sapped further strength from many. Hopefully families will have a chance to rest over the weekend so they can enjoy the last few days of term.

Kind Regards

Olly Priestley - Headteacher

Certificate Winners:

Windsor - Hudson
Attenborough - Jeremy
Mandela - George
McCartney - Reinhard
Hawking - Jenson
Simmonds - John
Pankhurst - Isabelle
Rashford - Zechariah and Edward
Medal - Veet

Attendance

Our overall attendance for the year is 94% which is marginally above the national average of 93.3%.

We can also report that we have had 1.81% unauthorised attendance.

If you are experiencing any barriers to your child attending school please contact us and we will do our best to find a way to support you.

Being half an hour late to school each day from Year 1 to Year 10 is approximately equivalent to missing one year of schooling.

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

Online safety

If you need any help or guidance regarding online safety you can find helpful links here

[Staying Safe - Safeguarding & Online](#)

Sharing joy and hope in the community

Weekly House Point Winner: ST GEORGE

Last day of Term

The summer term finishes on Wednesday 23rd July. School will close at 2pm and there is no after school club that day. We wish you all a lovely break and will see you on Thursday 4th September.

Friends of St John's

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Summer Fair. Thanks to all who donated items on the non-uniform day, thanks to those who helped set up and run the stalls, and thanks to everyone who spent their money, we raised an amazing £685.85! In September we will meet with staff to see what they would like the money raised throughout the year spent on.

The disco was hugely popular again with DJ Mitch providing a summer soundtrack to finish the school year. Thanks to all the staff and volunteers who supervised the event, £266 was raised.

Lost Property

There is a lot of lost property in school, including a bike. If you think they may be yours please come to the school office to identify them. Any belongings left at the end of term will be either put in the pre-loved uniform stock or sent to the charity shop.

School meals from September

A reminder that the cost of a school meal will increase from September 4th to £2.90.

Please ensure that you have booked your child's meals for the start of next term by 22nd July, to enable the catering team to place their orders, thank you.

For more information please see the letter sent on Scopy last week.

Fishing Trip

Some of our students enjoyed a brilliant day of fishing with fishing legend Steve Jackson. Steve was very impressed with the student's concentration and determination. Well done to those taking part, you have been brilliant ambassadors for the school.



Upcoming events:

21st July	Year 6 Leaver's Ceremony-Church
22nd July	Year 6 Leaver's disco
23rd July	Last day of Summer Term-2pm finish no after school club
2nd September	School Closed for Staff Training
3rd September	School Closed for Staff Training
4th September	First day of Autumn term

Term dates and INSET days for the 2025-26 academic year are now on the school website under the News and Events tab.

PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2025
moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

ANGUS STEAKHOUSE Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm	LAS IGUANAS Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App
ASDA Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend	MARCO PIERRE WHITE Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend
ASK ITALIAN Kids under 10 eat for £1 during school holidays	MORRISONS Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend
BEEFEATER Kids Eat FREE with Newsletter Voucher this Summer	PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm
BELLA ITALIA Children eat for £1 with any adult main	PREMIER INN & TRAVELODGE 2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast
BILLS Kids Eat Free weekdays, 21st July - 29th Sept	PRETO Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult
BREWERS FAYRE Kids Eat FREE with Newsletter Voucher this Summer	PUREZZA Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal
BREWDOG 2 Kids eat free with 1 adult, 19th July - 31st August	SA BRAINS PUBS Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays
BURGER KING From 28th July - 31st August, Kids Eat Free (via app)	SIZZLING PUBS Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 5 - 7pm
CHIQUITO Kids eat FREE Daily Until August 31st	TABLE TABLE 2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult
DOBBIE'S GARDEN CENTRES Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch	TESCO Kids Eat FREE with a 60p spend until Aug 31st
FRANKIE & BENNY'S Kids Eat Free from 14 th July - 31 st August 2025	TGI FRIDAYS Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)
FUTURE INNS Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal	THE REAL GREEK Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend
GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day	TOBY CARVERY Kids eat for £1 all day (weekdays) until Aug 29th
HARVESTER Kids eat for £1, Mon - Fri via the App	WHITBREAD INNS 2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast
HUNGRY HORSE Kids eat for £1 on Mondays	YO! SUSHI Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays
IKEA Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am	ZIZZI Kids eat free this summer holidays (ex Saturdays)

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Birthday treats

A reminder to please not send cakes, sweets or other birthday food in to school to share with the class. We stopped this practice earlier this year due to the number of allergies we have in school. Instead, we give the child a small gift in assembly to commemorate their birthday.