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# St John's Church of England Primary School

## Weekly News

### Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/Carers

What a beautiful period of sunshine we are enjoying! At times, the temperature in school has been a little too hot and the children have done brilliantly to overcome tiredness and humidity. It is perfect timing for the Summer Fair, which I hope many will enjoy today. The idea of having wet sponges thrown at me has become far more appealing! Thanks to everyone who has donated items for the fair.

I have mentioned on a number of occasions for all parents to be considerate when parking and adhere to the rules of the road. In particular, some people are parking on double yellow lines. Earlier this week, there was a near miss with a child due to somebody parking illegally. The police are now conducting monitoring visits - it is imperative that drivers are parking safely for the whole community.

It was a joy this week to watch our choir perform at the Music Festival at Court Fields. Our 47 strong group once again dazzled the audience with a strong performance and received rapturous applause. Recently the school has been praised by people outside of the direct community because they have seen the choir - they are great ambassadors for St John's and I am very proud of them all.

My thanks also go to our pupil chaplains once again, who organised a tea party for some of the elderly in the community, with refreshments, songs and games. All those present were delighted with the afternoon and enjoyed the company of our pupils.

Kind Regards

Olly Priestley - Headteacher

#### Certificate Winners:

Windsor - Tristan  
Attenborough - Xavier  
Mandela - Darcy  
McCartney - Esjay  
Hawking - Taniqua  
Simmonds - Natalie  
Pankhurst - Lily  
Rashford - Riston  
Medal - Alister & Darnia

#### Bikeability

Children in Years 5 and 6 once enjoyed their Bikeability lessons this week. Despite the heat they worked very hard and they will benefit from what they have learned for the rest of their lives. Our thanks to the Somerset Council Bikeability Team and to Mr Mitchell who gave up his time to support the group, offering his advice and encouragement.

The next block of lessons is booked for Year 6 for November 2025, letters will be sent out to book nearer the time.



#### Safeguarding/Well being:

Please find an interesting and informative booklet about online parental controls here [Staying Safe - Safeguarding & Online Safety | St John's C of E Primary School](#)

This should give you all the up-to-date information you need to keep your child safe online.

Sharing joy and hope in the community

## Weekly House Point Winner: ST ANDREW

### Pupil Chaplains Share Joy and Hope at Annual Community Tea Party

The Pupil Chaplains brought smiles and warmth to the local community by hosting their much-loved annual tea party. Local guests from the Old Vicarage, Linden House and Nynehead Court were welcomed into St John's Church for an afternoon filled with joy, creativity, and connection.

The event was organised and led by the school's dedicated School Chaplain with the support of our enthusiastic Pupil Chaplains. The Pupil Chaplains played a key role in every aspect of the day - from setting up tables and arranging fresh flowers, to preparing a thoughtful craft activity where guests created personalised bookmarks. The afternoon was full of fun as the children engaged with their guests through table games, live entertainment, and a cheerful singsong. Guests were also treated to tea and delicious plates of cakes, biscuits and fresh strawberries, all served by the children who then joined in to enjoy the treats alongside their visitors.

School Chaplain, Helena Power, praised the pupils for their efforts, saying, "The children did very well this afternoon and they all came back happy from the experience. The guests appreciated the warm welcome and thoroughly enjoyed their time - many said they would love to return." Miss Brown also commended the Chaplains, describing them as being "nothing short of outstanding," and highlighting how they have represented St John's with excellence throughout the year. "They have truly lived out our Christian values in everything they've done."

Congratulations to Helena and the Pupil Chaplains for organising such a memorable and meaningful event. The tea party remains a cherished tradition in the school calendar-a celebration of the school's vision to "share joy and hope in the community" and a powerful reminder of the difference young people can make when given the opportunity to connect with others



### Friends of St John's End of Year Disco

The end of year disco will be on Thursday 17th July for children in Reception to Y5. Year 6 children will have their own leaver's disco on Tuesday 22nd July.

The cost of the disco is £2 per child and times for the disco on 17th July are as follows.

KS1: 3.15pm to 4.15pm Yr 3 & Yr 4: 4.30pm – 5.30pm

Yr 5: 5.45pm – 7.00pm

**Bookings and payments must be made on Scopay by 4.00pm on Wednesday 16th July. There will be no admission without booking.**

Thank you for your support.

### Upcoming events:

16th July	9.30am iRock Concert-parents of participating children only
16th July	2.30pm Trumpet concert-parents of participating children only
17th July	Reception to Y5 disco
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.**

### School meals from September

A reminder that the cost of a school meal will increase from September 2nd 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 Scopay earlier this week.

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

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

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# WELLINGTON ★ FILM FESTIVAL ★

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## HOUR FILM CHALLENGE 2025

### Make a movie in a weekend!

The 48 hour period will start on Friday 22nd August 2025 at 6pm and end on Sunday 24th August at 6pm.

### Are you a filmmaker aged under 21\*? Then this is the challenge for you!

You will have 48 hours to write, shoot or animate and edit a **three minute film** in a genre of your choice. You can tell your story using a phone, tablet or DSLR.

All eligible films submitted by the end of the 48 hours will be entered for an Award and the winning films will receive a screening at the festival. To enter: complete the registration form via the website. At the launch event (22<sup>nd</sup> August) you will be assigned a line of dialogue and a prop that must be included.

**Registration closes August 18th 2025**

**[www.WellingtonFilmFestival.org.uk](http://www.WellingtonFilmFestival.org.uk)**

\*Under 18s must have parental permission to enter. For full details inc. accessing equipment/tech support see website.