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St John's Church of England Primary School

Weekly News

Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/Carers

This week the Year 6 SATS took place, in which the children were tested for Reading, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar, and Mathematics. It is a challenging and intense week for the children and we have ensured that they have some relaxed time around the testing. Once again, I have been incredibly impressed by the focus and effort of all the children over the week. As I'm involved with delivering the exams, I saw first hand just how motivated the children were to show off their learning from the year and they have made terrific progress. We couldn't have asked for any more from them and they deserve a well earned rest this weekend.

The summer term is accelerating by, with only one week left until the half term break then we will be into June already! In terms of classes for next year, we will announce to the children who will be teaching them when the new half term starts. No decisions can be made until the end of May - but as soon as we can inform the pupils we will so that they can start their transition.

Year 5 were out again this week! The year group were invited to watch a live cricket match at Taunton - with Somerset ladies performing in a league match. The children all returned from a very hot experience - but also enthusiastic about the sport of which many had never seen live before.

Kind Regards

Olly Priestley - Headteacher

Certificate Winners:

Windsor - Nhyira
Attenborough - Winter
Mandela - Harry
McCartney - Anelis
Hawking - Jessica
Simmonds - Darnia
Pankhurst - Oscar
Rashford - Whole class
Medal - Alexis (R)

Attendance:

A reminder that absence taken during term time will be recorded as unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. Information about attendance absence and penalty notices can be found here [Attendance and Absence | St John's C of E Primary School](#)

If you have any questions or need support regarding attendance, please ask at the school office.

Safeguarding/Well being:

We are enjoying a terrific spell of weather with the temperature consistently high at present. A reminder that we recommend that the children put on sun cream before they come to school at the moment. As well as this they need hats to wear when they are outside at break times and also water bottles to ensure that they remain hydrated. These will be available to the children all day for them to have regular drinks.

Sharing joy and hope in the community

Weekly House Point Winner: ST GEORGE

Year 5 Visit to Somerset County Cricket Ground

The children enjoyed the opportunity to watch Somerset Ladies V Hampshire Ladies. They met Stumpy, the Somerset County Cricket Club mascot, got signatures from some of the players and took part in sports activities, and even had their faces painted! Thank you to SCCC for this opportunity, and to our staff, volunteers and governors who made the trip possible.



Upcoming events:

26th-30th May	Half Term
10th June	Sports Day
17th June	Year 6 Moving Up Ceremony- Taunton Minster
27th June	School Closed for Staff Training
30th June	School Closed for Staff Training
16th July	iRock Concert-parents of participating children only
10th/11th July	Bikeability
21st July	Year 6 Leaver's Ceremony-Church
23rd July	Last day of Summer Term
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.

1-2 Aug 2025
Vivary Park
Taunton

Taunton flower show CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE
Get involved in TFS 2025

Design a badge Get your creative juices flowing and design a badge for everyone who enters the competitions!

Ready, Steady, Garden! Compete in our Ready, Steady, Garden competition where teams compete to make the best planter in 45 minutes.

Competitions Download our Competition Schedule, full of classes and events just for kids.

Join us at the show!
Children FREE with a paying adult and all activities in the show are free for children
Discounted tickets available online until 25th July
www.tauntonfs.co.uk