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# St John's Church of England Primary School

## Weekly News

### Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/Carers

It has come to the time of year once again when Year 6 will be participating in their SATS. Within education it is regularly discussed that this year group had one of the toughest times, with the pandemic coming at a crucial developmental phase when the country went into lockdown. Despite this challenge, I have been delighted with the progress the children have made, both personally and academically, particularly in the last two years. Their confidence has grown and they have made accelerated progress in this time. A one-off exam adds huge pressure to any person, so regardless of results I have enormous pride in the class for their improving attitude and belief that their learning has set good foundations for their lives.

Years 1 and 2 enjoyed a very successful trip to Court Farm this week, with the children returning so excited by the visit. I was delighted to hear about their behaviour being superb - they were terrific ambassadors for our school. Comments have been repeatedly made over the year with how good our children are on trips and out in the community which makes me a very happy Headteacher!

Next week the Year 5 children will be heading into Taunton to watch a live cricket match - since the coaching sessions the popularity of the sport has risen. As a huge cricket fan, I am over the moon that this interest has been sparked and very jealous of them heading off for a day of fun!

Kind Regards

Olly Priestley - Headteacher

#### Certificate Winners:

Windsor - Minh  
Attenborough - Logan  
Mandela - Whole Class  
McCartney - Freddie  
Hawking - Josie  
Simmonds - Chelsea & Alister  
Pankhurst - Jayden  
Rashford - Izzy  
Medal - Keren (6)

#### Safeguarding/Well being:

A reminder that we are a nut free school and that any lunches or snacks brought into school should not contain nuts.

There are pupils with severe allergies in school so extra care should be taken when selecting items for lunch boxes.

There have been occurrences where families are also packing bags of sweets, such as Haribo and Skittles. Sweets in moderation are lovely for children but not appropriate as part of a packed lunch, so we request that they are given when the children have come home from school.

Sharing joy and hope in the community

**Weekly House Point Winner: ST PATRICK**

**Year 1 and 2 Trip to Court Farm**

On Tuesday, the children in Year 1 and 2 went on a coach to Court Farm in Banwell. Whilst at the farm, the children saw sheep, goats, pigs, cows and many more animals.

They learnt how a cow is milked and what food the different animals eat. The children also had chance to feed some lambs; and soon discovered that the lambs were very hungry!

The trip finished with a fun tractor ride around the fields. It was a really great day, and lots of fun was had by all children and adults!

Photos are on the school website under the News and Events tab/Latest News



**Residential Visit to Barton Hall**

Photos from the visit are now on the school website under the Learning tab.

Plans are already underway for next year's visit and we will let you know details once they are finalised.

**Upcoming events:**

13th May	Y5 trip to Somerset Cricket Club
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
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.**