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St John's Church of England Primary School

Weekly News

Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to start my letter today by thanking the community for the sensational support they have shown me with my London Marathon experience. So many families donated to the charity 'Whizz Kidz' and in total I raised over £2400 with Gift Aid, which is absolutely fantastic. The messages before and afterwards have meant the world to me and certainly helped when finding the extra energy needed. Running the marathon has been the best and worst experience of my life! Running 26 miles in the sun was certainly hard work, beyond what I'd even imagined - but the support in the crowd and at home was something to behold and created memories for the rest of my life. So many children have said they want to run it one day - I hope they go for it and also follow their hopes and dreams.

The Year 3 and 4 children enjoyed an absolutely super residential, in which they seemed to be relentlessly busy for the two days and came back very tired afterwards! These are moments that the pupils will remember into adult life and I am delighted they came back so happy. The school are in the process of organizing a residential for the Year 6 pupils for next year and hope to have information out as quickly as possible so families can prepare.

A reminder it is May Day Bank holiday so the school is closed on Monday. Have a super long weekend with your families.

Kind Regards

Olly Priestley - Headteacher

Certificate Winners:

Windsor - Sylus
Attenborough - McKenzie
Mandela - Hamdi
McCartney - Whole Class
Hawking - Whole Class
Simmonds - Ollie
Pankhurst - Isabelle
Rashford - Reece
Medal - Millie-Rose (5)

Attendance:

Unauthorised absence is down to 1.8%! Thank you all, working together we can ensure that the children get the best possible school experience.



Safeguarding/Well being:

The weather has been glorious so a reminder to parents and guardians to ensure that the children come to school with water bottles, sun cream and hats to be safe in the sun. Over the long weekend, the children will be wanting to spend time outside playing with friends, but please speak to them about staying hydrated. Lunchtime to mid-afternoon could be very hot so encourage the children to seek some shade or stay inside at these times. Hopefully families can enjoy the better weather over the weekend.

Sharing joy and hope in the community

Weekly House Point Winner: ST ANDREW

Year 3 and 4 Residential Visit to Barton Hall

What an amazing couple of sun filled days the children enjoyed at Barton Hall. They were kept busy by taking part in raft building, fencing and problem solving. They all had a go on the big swing, and took part in a sensory trail. Photos will be on the website soon.

Bank Holiday

Don't forget that Monday 5th May is a bank holiday and the school will be closed.

Year 3 and 4 visit to the Museum of Somerset

Years 3 and 4 enjoyed a trip to the Museum of Somerset to enrich their learning about the Anglo Saxons. They enjoyed workshops including dressing up for a battle re-enactment on King Alfred's Pathway, and making rune stones from clay. They also built model houses from paper and created a Saxon village, only to have it invaded and destroyed by catapult!



Advance notice

There will be no road crossing patrol on Tuesday 6th May so please allow a little extra time to allow you to cross the main road safely.

Change of Date

Please note there is a change of date for the Year 6 Leaver's Ceremony which will now be on Monday 21st July in St John's Church.

Upcoming events:

5th May	Bank Holiday
6th May	Y1 and Y2 Court Farm Trip
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.

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