

Friday 4th April 2025

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St John's Church of England Primary School

Weekly News

Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/Carers

The end of the Spring Term has arrived - the last six weeks have been action packed with so many wonderful experiences for the children at school, and yesterday we celebrated our Easter Service with so many pupils contributing during the service with songs, prayers and facts. It was lovely to see so many families come and join us for the festivities.

The children have spent a lot of time focusing on the Christian Easter story and understanding why we celebrate the festival. One of our school values is service and it is harder to find a better example in the bible of doing something for others. Easter is an exciting time with a focus on chocolate, but we are hoping that the children all remember the background and can demonstrate service to their families as well.

My thanks go out to the 'Friends of St John's' who organised a terrific Easter Bingo last night which was well supported by the community. Apart from raising a considerable amount for the children of the school, they also provided a wonderful community event with many smiles and lots of laughs - with some very happy prize winners. Everybody at school is really appreciative of their efforts.

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter and I look forward to seeing you in a couple of weeks.

Kind Regards

Olly Priestley - Headteacher

Certificate Winners:

Windsor - Whole Class
Attenborough - Octavia
Mandela - Sam & Hannah
McCartney - Aubree-Rose
Hawking - Jackie
Simmonds - John
Pankhurst - Molly
Rashford - Amelia
Medal - Walter (4)

Attendance:

Windsor - 83%
Attenborough - 96%
Mandela - 92.5%
McCartney - 92.7%
Hawking - 93.4%
Simmonds - 94.1%
Pankhurst - 94.5%
Rashford - 94.5%
School: 94%

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 Safety](#)
[St John's C of E Primary School](#)

Sharing joy and hope in the community

Weekly House Point Winner: ST DAVID

Would you like to help us as a volunteer?

Volunteers make a huge difference to our pupils and are greatly valued for the support they offer our staff.

Volunteering can take many forms including:

- helping small groups of children with art and craft
- supporting school activities such as swimming and trips
- working with small groups or individuals to assist them in their learning



For more information please ask at the school office or email office@stjohnsprimary.uk

Wearing bike helmets

It is so lovely to see children cycling and riding scooters and skates to school. However, we have noticed a number of children coming to school without wearing helmets. We cannot stress enough the importance of wearing a helmet to prevent injury should your child have a fall. Helmets should be fitted individually. Don't forget there is an event at the pop-up shop coming soon

Bike Safety

On Your Bike will be in the "Pop up Shop" in Wellington, 12th – 17th May 2025, and they will be offering free bike checks during the week, available to everyone, as well as selling a range of reconditioned bikes (children's and adult sizes), helmets, locks, lights and much more.

Friends of St John's School Easter Bingo

Thank you to everyone who came to our Bingo evening. The hall was packed and there was a lovely atmosphere. There was great excitement as the numbers were called and lots of Easter Eggs were awarded as prizes, and we raised over £400! We hope to hold another bingo event towards the end of the year, keep an eye open for dates.

Please follow our Facebook page for further events-The Friends of St John's C of E Primary School, Wellington.

Upcoming events:

4th April	Last day of Spring Term 2pm
22nd April	First day of Summer Term
24th April	Y3 and Y4 Taunton Museum Trip
28th-29th April	Y3 & 4 residential trip to Barton Hall
5th May	Bank Holiday
6th May	Y1 and Y2 Court Farm Trip
26th-30th May	Half Term
10th June	Sports Day
27th June	School Closed for Staff Training
30th June	School Closed for Staff Training
17th July	Year 6 Leaver's Ceremony
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.

Easter Events at Sheppy's

There are a range of fun activities planned at Sheppy's, including an Orchard Trail Adventure, a Creative Crafting Station, and a Special Easter Monday BBQ Picnic with Taylor, our friendly Sheppy's bunny.

What's Happening on the Farm?

🌿 Orchard Trail Adventure – 5th – 20th April - Follow the Easter trail through our beautiful orchards, finding hidden woodland characters and completing fun tasks along the way- £3.50 per child.

🎨 Creative Crafting Station – 5th – 20th April - After the trail, head to our crafting area to enjoy hands-on Easter-themed artwork- Free with the trail

🐰 Easter Monday BBQ Picnic – 21st April - Meet Taylor the bunny, enjoy delicious food, play games, and join in festive Easter activities in our old barn-£10.00 per child.

Netball

Wellington Netball Club will be running an Easter camp again this year and there are a few spaces left to offer outside of the club. Any ability welcome, this is a fun session made up of games and netball skills.

It will be inside the sports hall at Court Fields School on April 8th School for years 3-6 10.00-1500. £25. To secure your space please fill out the link below:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DQSIkWdsW0yxEjajBLZtrQAAAAAAAAAAAAAN_iqkakJURENGU0U4N0taUVRWUThFSVNVtk40WjIXQi4u

Cricket in Somerset for children aged 5-8 and 8-11.

As you may be aware every year All Stars Cricket (<https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars>) takes place at cricket clubs around the country. It is a fantastic introduction to the game and is open to 5-8 year old boys and girls. Over 16,000 children in Somerset have been part of All Stars since it began in 2017, and we already have over 1,300 children signed up to take part this summer at one of over 61 centres/clubs across the county.

Dynamos Cricket is also back (<https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/dynamoscricket>). Dynamos is for boys and girls from 8-11 years old. We have 49 centres/clubs across Somerset running it this summer, including girls only ones and we already have nearly 600 children signed up.

Along with 8 weeks of cricket, participants also get a personalised shirt.

It all starts with... ALL STARS CRICKET

All Stars Cricket is the best cricket experience for **5-8 year-olds**

All kids are guaranteed to develop **new skills** while **having fun** and **making friends**

Participants receive a **personalised backpack of goodies** including a bat, ball and t-shirt!

Sign up today at allstarscricket.co.uk

This is our game. DYNAMOS CRICKET

Calling all 8-11 year olds!

Whether a graduate from All Stars or new to the sport, Dynamos Cricket is an exciting way for kids to **play, learn** cricket skills and make **new friends**.

Participants receive a personalised New Balance shirt with their name and chosen number.

Sign up today dynamoscricet.co.uk

Wednesday 16 April 11am - 12.45pm Wellington Park

Wacky Wednesday Easter Eggstravaganza

Come and join us for the Wacky Wednesday Easter Eggstravaganza at Wellington Park.

There will be loads of Easter themed activities, including an Easter egg hunt, children's entertainer and BBQ. All for just £1 per person!

Booking is essential, so make sure to check out the Wacky Wednesday FB page to book your tickets!

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