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St John's Church of England Primary School

Weekly News

Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been extremely pleasant feeling warmer this week with temperatures rising considerably. Play times have been very popular with the children, especially with the new playground equipment that has been purchased by the Friends of St John's. A reminder they have their Easter Bingo fund raiser on Thursday 3rd April. All money raised will go to enriching the children's lives so please support the event.

I hope all parents enjoyed the opportunity to come into school last week and see the excellent work that had been achieved during Science Week. The children were extremely proud showing off what they had achieved inside and outside of school. The activities certainly inspired curiosity and hopefully this has been supported outside of school.

A reminder again of the importance of reporting your children being absent from school. If your child is ill then we need to know about this and so a phone call leaving a message or waiting to speak to a member of staff is imperative. If there is a concern then home visits will occur to ensure that your family is safe.

Next week we have a group of actors coming to school to perform the play 'The Jungle Book'. This company has been in before and the children have always enjoyed the show - so something to look forward to for all.

Kind Regards

Olly Priestley - Headteacher

Certificate Winners:

Windsor - Fin
Attenborough - Lily
Mandela - Ezze
McCartney - Elsie-May
Hawking - Zeah
Simmonds - Henry
Pankhurst - Charlie
Rashford - Juanita
Medal - Leann (2)

Attendance:

Every day at school counts. The evidence is clear - even a few days of missed school can have a significant impact on a child's education and future prospects. At primary school, children who attend school nearly every day in Year 6 (95-100% attendance) are 30% more likely to reach the expected standard in reading, writing and maths compared to similar pupils who attend 90-95% of the time. Missing school doesn't just affect exam results and a child's time in education - it can impact future earnings too. Persistently absent pupils in secondary school could earn £10,000 less at age 28 compared to pupils with near-perfect attendance.

Safeguarding/Well being:

There are a number of children who are coming to school evidently tired and stating that they went to bed very late. Sleep is vitally important to enable humans to function, so the children will be struggling without the recommended 9-12 hours. It is important to establish strong routines for the children and screen avoidance before sleep is key to a good night's rest.

Sharing joy and hope in the community

Weekly House Point Winner: ST ANDREW

Non-Uniform Day

Thank you for your support today, we will let you know how much we have raised for 2Wish next week.

New Playground Games

This week the children have been enjoying some of the new playground games which have been purchased through Friends of St John's fundraising. Thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising, providing much loved enrichment for breaktimes.



Friends of St John's School Easter Bingo

We are looking forward to an exciting fundraising evening but need your help to make it a success. We are in need of raffle prizes, even if you are not able to attend perhaps you could donate an item for us to raffle. Donations can be brought to the school office at any time until the morning of 3rd April-no alcohol please. Thank you for your support.



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

Thank you

A huge thank you to Blackdown Nursery who have donated hundreds of seeds and 10 bags of compost. This has enabled us to fill many more beds. Thanks also to Somerset Gardens Trust for giving us a grant to buy gardening equipment and to Izzy in Y6 who arranged for a delivery of used tyres for us to turn into planters. Our pre-loved uniform sale proceeds also enabled us to buy compost and plants.

Last Day of Term

The last day of the Spring term is Friday 4th April. The school will close at **2pm** and there will be **NO** after school clubs. Please collect your child at 2pm, or phone the school to confirm that your child has permission to walk home.

Advance warning

There will be no school crossing patrol on Wednesday 26th March, please allow a little extra time if you need to cross the main road.

Upcoming events:

25th March	The Jungle Book
3rd April	Easter Service in Church
3rd April	Family Bingo 6pm
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

Term dates and INSET days for the 2025-26 academic year are now on the school website under the News and Events tab.

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.

Monument Games Club

A tabletop, board game & role-playing club for the benefit of, and run by its members. We aim to provide a safe regular meeting place for NeuroDiverse young people

Where: IKB School Rooms 5a & 5b. These are on the first floor and a lift is available.

When: Thursday evenings 6.30 – 8.30pm. Term time
We are a weekly board-games club for neurodivergent children and young people. Our current age range is 8 to 16 years old, and we ask that parents/carers bring their children and stay with them to provide support and guidance.

Entrance is currently free and we make a small charge for snacks and drinks to cover costs. Parents get to talk to each other as well as supervising their children and this provides much-welcomed social contact.

The club is sponsored by Wellington Monument Rotary Club and the members who run the club have enhanced DBS checks. The Club is covered by Rotary insurance. More info can be found on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/MonumentGamesClub>