

Friday 14th March 2025

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St John's Church of England Primary School

Weekly News

Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/Carers

The children have been participating in Science Week and the feedback from them all has been terrific. The highlight for many was Bug Fest, where the children got to experience a range of different insects including a scorpion and a tarantula! The latter was met with some excitement and some not so keen, including the teachers. I would like to thank Mrs Rolfe who has worked hard to organise the week, and it highlights the children's curiosity and enjoyment of the subject.

The children will notice a few changes on the playground from next week with new play equipment that will be appearing for them. This is down to the hard work of the 'Friends of St John's,' who raised the money to make play times more enjoyable for the children. A giant Connect Four, Jenga and a plethora of quieter activities are some of the items that will be available from next week. There will be an Easter Bingo to enjoy later in the term so please support the occasion and help to make some more money for the children.

I have been delighted recently to hand out a lot of certificates for Times Table Rock Stars in our praising assembly. The Times Tables are the foundations of so many elements of maths, so the children knowing them instantly provides them with a great starting point in their learning. If this can be supported at home then this will benefit the children greatly.

Kind Regards

Olly Priestley - Headteacher

Certificate Winners:

Windsor - Alfie
Attenborough - Tillie
Mandela - Noah
McCartney - Ayram
Hawking - Whole Class
Simmonds - Koby
Pankhurst - Emily
Rashford - Isabella
Medal - Melvin

Attendance:

The law entitles every child of compulsory school age to an efficient, full-time education suitable to their age, aptitude, and any special educational need they may have. It is the legal responsibility of every parent to make sure their child receives that education.

Where parents decide to have their child registered at school, they have an additional legal duty to ensure their child attends that school regularly, on time. This means their child must attend every day that the school is open, except in a small number of allowable circumstances such as being too ill to attend or being given permission for an exceptional absence in advance from the school.

Safeguarding/Well being:

As the weather improves, there will be lots of children seeking to play outside in the sunshine with friends. Please talk to the children about keeping themselves safe when playing alone and consider some of the challenges and difficulties that could occur, so that they have good strategies in place to manage their play independently. We recommend younger children are always supervised by a responsible adult.

Sharing joy and hope in the community

Weekly House Point Winner: ST PATRICK

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.

Bug Fest

Nick from Bug Fest brought lots of interesting mini visitors to school including stick insects, a millipede, a spider and other minibeasts. We learned a lot of interesting facts and we got to hold or touch them.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the day possible, including those who sent in donations towards the cost. Without this support we couldn't continue to provide the children with these fantastic experiences.



Parent's Evenings

Thank you to everyone who attended Parent's Evening this week. If you missed your appointment and would like to rearrange another date, please contact the school office.

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.

Non Uniform Day Friday 21st March

We will be supporting our nominated charity 2Wish on Red Nose Day this year. We are asking children to come to school in non-uniform and donate £1 on Scopay.

Upcoming events:

21st March	Fundraising day for 2Wish-non-uniform day
23rd 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.

Friends of St John's

FAMILY EASTER BINGO
Friends, family & children welcome!

THURSDAY 3 APR 2025
Hall of St John's Primary School

Doors open: 5:30pm
Eyes down: 6:00pm
Great Easter Egg prizes!
Raffle
Refreshments available
CASH ONLY
Estimated finish time: 8:30pm

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C of E Primary School WELLINGTON

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