

Friday 28th February 2025

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# St John's Church of England Primary School

## Weekly News

### Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to school after the half term break - I hope you enjoyed some positive experiences with the family. The days are now getting longer and it most certainly feels like Spring is on its way! It is making my marathon training much more enjoyable with less need to find street lights all the time!

There have been a number of queries about the school sharing information about a range of topics, with comments that it hasn't been shared, for example World Book Day and the School Disco. The school communicates primarily through the emails which are attached to SCOPAY - there are weekly reminders about events on the newsletter. Other letters go home as well to inform families and there is often reference on social media. Due to budget constraints it is impossible to print out all the newsletters so we rely on families checking their emails. If you regularly check emails and are not receiving any information then please come to the school office so it can be checked.

This Spring term is already incredibly busy with events and trips lined up. There will be an Easter service at the end of the half term as well, where the families are all invited. I'm looking forward to many positive experiences and moments as the next few weeks pass.

Kind Regards

Olly Priestley - Headteacher

<b>Certificate Winners:</b>	<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>Safeguarding/Well being:</b>
Windsor - Eli Attenborough - Maisie Mandela - Remi McCartney - Vivaan Hawking - Walter Simmonds - Dilsha and Alister Pankhurst - Jack Rashford - Alexia Medal - Is	Our apologies, on the last newsletter we reported Windsor as having 100% attendance. This was an error, and it should have been 86.7%	Life can often provide many challenges and difficulties which can take over our thoughts. Take a moment each day to unpick the positive moments that you experience with your family and friends, also successes with work and reconnecting with the world around you. Quite often there is more positivity each day, but the more negative experiences cloud our views and judgement.

Sharing joy and hope in the community

## Weekly House Point Winner: ST DAVID

### World Book Day

World Book Day is fast approaching, and as usual we are looking forward to a dress up day alongside many other book-based activities over the whole month of March. The theme this year is Read Your Way.

On Thursday 6th March 2025, your child is invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. If you need some ideas to celebrate World Book Day at home or some costume help, take a look at their website: Families - World Book Day (<https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>)

We know how fast children grow out of their costumes and as part of the Green Team's drive to reduce clothing waste, we are inviting you to drop in any old costumes that no longer fit. The Green Team will then hold a costume exchange event after half term where you can pick a costume and donate to the Green Team's garden fund in exchange. Please send any costumes in to Miss Allen.

World Book Day vouchers were handed out to each child before half term. We hope you are able to find exciting new books to enjoy.

### Non Uniform Day Friday 21st March

More information to follow

### Valuable items

Please do not allow your child to bring valuable items into school as there is always a risk of items being lost or damaged. Mobile phones should only be brought in to school in exceptional circumstances and handed to the teacher to look after during the school day.

### Parent's Evenings

Bookings for Parents Evening are now available on Scopay.

Monday 10th March (not Attenborough) 3.40-5.20pm

Tuesday 11th March (all classes) 3.40-6.20pm

Wednesday 12th March (Attenborough only) 3.40-5.20pm

If you are unable to make any of the dates please contact the school office and we will try to arrange a suitable arrangement for you.

### Upcoming events:

6th March	World Book Day
10th March	Parents Evening (not Attenborough)
11th March	Parents Evening
12th March	Attenborough Parents evening
13th March	Bug Fest
21st March	Fundraising day for 2Wish
23rd March	Jungle Book
3rd April	Easter Service in Church
4th April	Last day of Spring Term
22nd April	First day of Summer Term
28th-29th April	Y3 & 4 residential trip to Barton Hall
5th May	Bank Holiday
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

### Curriculum Enrichment

Throughout March we have been able to book several curriculum enrichment events.

The first, linked to our science week, is a visit from Bug Fest on Thursday 13th March 2025. They will be running several sessions throughout the day, tailored to the ages of the children. The active sessions will be in the "Horrible Histories" style of delivery. Each session will be highly interactive, allowing children the opportunity to engage with and handle the animals.

The second, is a return visit from the Children's Theatre Company M&M Productions on Tuesday 25th March 2025. This year's play will be linked to our World Book Day theme of fables, and the cast will perform 'The Jungle Book'.

By holding these events in school, we make a significant saving in cost which means we can bring more enrichment events to your child's education as well as saving you money on trip costs.

In order to help fund these two wonderful events, we are asking for a small voluntary contribution of £4 per child. This can be paid using SCOPAY/TRIPS & EVENTS. School will fund part of these events and the contributions you make are vital to ensuring we can hold events like this in future.