

Friday 5th December 2025

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# St John's Church of England Primary School

## Weekly News

### Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/Carers

It's less than three weeks left until Christmas Day and the children's excitement levels are going up day by day. There are already some tired bodies as well, so we recommend that all pupils are getting enough rest at this time so that they are fresh for the day.

Whilst sitting in the hall today, I spoke to some students regarding Christmas. It was striking that for most of pupils, the overriding highlight of Christmas was the fact that they were seeing different family members, including some that are not seen very often. This was refreshing to hear and a reminder of the importance of having loved ones around us at this time. The focus of the holiday period is quite often present buying and ensuring a variety of food and drinks is provided for the masses - but in truth it is simply time with loved ones which the children are excited about. Hopefully families can plan in periods to enjoy each others company.

There are a number of Christmas events over the next week and I very much look forward to watching the pupils perform at Wells Cathedral and in the KS1 play. These moments are certainly the more enjoyable part of being a Headteacher!

I hope you enjoy your weekend.

Kind Regards

Olly Priestley - Headteacher

#### Certificate Winners:

Windsor - Leia  
Attenborough - Fiifi  
Mandela - Xavier  
McCartney - Octavia  
Simmonds - Mercedes  
Hawking - Emelia  
Pankhurst - Aseye  
Rashford - Ollie  
Medal - Edin (6)

#### Disco

An incredible 184 children enjoyed the disco last night, dancing the night away to the sounds of DJ Mitchell. Our thanks to everyone who helped organise, run and clear up after the disco, it was a really fun night and raised funds which will enable the Friends of St John's to provide resources and experiences for all the children during the coming year.

#### Safeguarding/Well being:

Please find below a link to the NSPCC website, to a page which contains some information and tips regarding internet safety for children. With Christmas round the corner, many children will receive items that access the internet and it is vital children are informed and families have structures in place to keep everybody safe.

[Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)

# Sharing joy and hope in the community

## Weekly House Point Winner: ST ANDREW

## Winner of Mayor's Christmas Card Competition

Congratulations to Julieta whose design was chosen to be used on the Mayor of Wellington's Christmas card this year. Her card was chosen from over 200 entries.



## Choir Singing at Wellington Lights Up

Well done and thank you to the school choir who represented St John's on Saturday at the switch on event in town. They sounded amazing and we had many comments from people watching telling us how much they enjoyed their performance.



## Wellington Schools Maths Challenge

We are very proud of our four Year 6 children who took part in the annual Wellington Maths Challenge last weekend. The questions were tough and would definitely challenge most of us grown ups! They scored 20 out of 25 coming in 4th out of 60. Well done team!



There are photos of all the events above on the school website.

## Thank you

A huge thank you to the Mackie Family who have donated a massive array of fictional and educational books to the school. These will be put to good use and appreciated by children and staff throughout the school.

## Early closing on the last day of term

The last day of this term is Friday 19th December, and the school will be closing at 2.00pm. There will be no after school club on this day.

## Community Inclusion Events

The Community Inclusion and Activity Team – formerly the Short Breaks Team – supports children and young people from 0 to 17 who have a disability or additional need. They have a particular focus on helping them and their families try out new things, have fun and access their local community. They grant fund providers to deliver activities across Somerset, this includes holiday activities and regular clubs. Please find here a link to their Christmas Activity Calendar.

[Chat | M365 Copilot](#)

## Upcoming events:

8th December	Choir at Wells Cathedral
8th & 9th December	Y1 & Y2 Nativity
11th December	Christmas Lunch
11th December	Wear a Christmas Jumper
17th December	9.15 iRock Concert-parents of participating children only
18th December	1.30 Christmas Service in Church
19th December	Last day of Autumn Term-finish at 2pm. No after school club.
5th January	First day of Spring Term
16th-20th February	Half Term
26th March 1.30	Easter Service in Church
2nd April	Last day of Spring Term
20th April	First day of Summer Term
25th-29th May	Half Term
9th June	Sports Day
3rd July	Summer Fair
6th-8th July	Y6 Residential Visit
15th July 9.30	Y6 Leaver's Assembly in Church
17th July	Last day of Summer Term
20th-22nd July	School closed for staff training

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

# Slimming World

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## SATURDAYS

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Slimming World at St John's Primary School  
on Saturday mornings.

# CHRISTMAS AT THE MUSEUM

29<sup>th</sup> November to 23<sup>rd</sup> December

90 years

It's all aboard the postal train as we deliver letters to Father Christmas!

Can you find all the letters hidden around the museum, so that we can send them on their way?

See the museum transformed for the festive period and post your own letter to Father Christmas in our Christmas post box.\*

Father Christmas  
c/o Tiverton Museum  
of Mid Devon Life

\*Part of normal admission.

**VISIT FATHER CHRISTMAS!**  
FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 4 - 6pm  
SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 10.30am - 1.30pm  
Explore the museum and make a festive decoration as part of your ticket.  
Children £8.50 Normal adult admission applies.  
Booking essential.

**TIVERTON MUSEUM**  
of Mid Devon Life

Tuesday - Saturday, 10:00-4:00  
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