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# St John's Church of England Primary School

## Weekly News

### Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope all families enjoyed a restful and enjoyable time in the half term break. The excitement for those celebrating Halloween and Bonfire Night have passed now and attentions are drifting towards Christmas! There was a productive meeting with the School Council yesterday where they helped to shape the festivities for the school.

The school have begun to raise money for 2Wish - a charity that Mr Foster and his wife are ambassadors for. Next week there is a non-uniform day with a star theme, which recognises the logo of 2Wish. If there are any spare coppers or change in the house please send them into school as we will be making stars with the coins. Over the year there will be a number of fund raising events and we would appreciate support in raising a considerable amount of money for the charity. They will be coming into school for an assembly on the 18th November.

There have been changes to school attendance rules this summer which means that all holidays in term time will result in fines for the families involved, unless there are exceptional circumstances. In the past the school has tried to be compassionate to those families where attendance has been excellent, but this cannot be done anymore with pressure from above meaning that fines will have to be issued. In all cases, it is important to share when children are absent as we need to know that the children are safe.

Kind regards

Olly Priestley - Headteacher

<b>Certificate Winners:</b>	<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>Safeguarding/Well being:</b>
Windsor - Evie Attenborough - Bella-Rose & Freya Mandela - Vincent McCartney - Elsie-May Hawking - Jenson Simmonds - Dilsha & Francis Pankhurst - Dexter & Isabelle Rashford - Thamina Medal - Rayan (3)	Updated guidance for unauthorised absence will be sent home. Please consider the following when booking a holiday during term time.  Who can be a Penalty be Issued to? Penalty Notices can be issued to each parent or carer of each child whose unauthorised absence meets the national threshold. For example, in a family with two parents and three children taking unauthorised term-time leave, each parent could receive a penalty notice for each child resulting in six penalty notices being issued.	Once again a reminder for people to take care when parking in the roads around the school. There is an increasing trend of parents who are leaving their vehicles on double yellow lines and sometimes blocking the roads.  There is limited parking around the school because it was built at a time when cars were not a consideration. Because of this, extra time needs to be taken to park safely and walk the remaining distance to the school. Please think of the local residents when parking.

Sharing joy and hope in the community

## Weekly House Point Winner: ST DAVID

### TT Rockstars Tournament-October 2024

Well done to everyone who took part in the recent TT Rockstars Tournament.

#### Overall Class Results (number of sums answered correctly)

1st Rashford (66,645)  
2nd Hawking (56,706)  
3rd Simmonds (19,282)  
4th Pankhurst (18,025)  
5th McCartney (6,226)  
6th Mandela (3,698)

**60 children answered questions correctly during the tournament!**  
**170,582 questions were answered correctly during the tournament!**

#### Individual Class Results (number of sums answered correctly)

##### Rashford

1st Reece (35,702)  
2nd Juanita (25,568)  
3rd Toby (2,814)

##### Pankhurst

1st Lily-Rose (4,683)  
2nd Isla (4,337)  
3rd Lily (2,668)

##### Simmonds

1st Munyaradzi (9,729)  
2nd Dilsha (5,581)  
3rd David (1,472)

##### Hawking

1st Zeah (23,000)  
2nd Juanita (10,086)  
3rd Jason (9,561)

##### McCartney

1st Max (2,818)  
2nd Eynam (1,607)  
3rd Maisie (997)

##### Mandela

1st Rebecca (2,498)  
2nd Harding (267)  
3rd Toby (227)

##### Whole School

1st Reece (35,702)  
2nd Juanita (25,568)  
3rd Zeah (23,000)



#### Upcoming events:

15th November	School Fundraising Day for 2Wish
19th November	School Photos
18th December	Christmas Lunch-free to all pupils
19th December	1.30 Carol Service and Nativity in Church
20th December	Last day of Autumn Term
6th January	School Closed for Staff Training
7th January	First day of Spring Term
17th-21st February	Half Term
4th April	Last day of Spring Term
22nd April	First day of Summer Term
5th May	Bank Holiday
26th-30th May	Half Term
27th June	School Closed for Staff Training
30th June	School Closed for Staff Training
23rd July	Last day of Summer Term

#### Food Bank Collection

We have received a certificate from Taunton Foodbank thanking us for the donation of an incredible 215.6kg of food. Your generosity in giving at the recent Harvest Festival is very much appreciated and will help many local families in need.

#### Fundraising Day Friday 15th November

This year the School Council have decided that we are raising money for 2Wish. On Friday 15th November we are asking that children come to school wearing something with a star on and bring a suggested donation £1. A Scopay link has been set up or you can bring in cash. Information about 2Wish can be found here [Home - 2 Wish](#)

#### School Photos

The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 19th November. Photos will be taken of individuals and sibling groups. If you wish to have a photo taken with siblings that do not attend St John's please come to school at 8am.