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St John's Church of England Primary School

Weekly News

Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/Carers

We have come to the end of what has been a very long half term - but one packed with so many wonderful memories and achievements for the children at St John's. Inside and outside of school the pupils have been working hard with so many different subjects, sports, pastimes and activities which have been celebrated. They all deserve a well earned rest this half term and we can all get excited about the period leading up to Christmas now!

The magical creatures poetry day was a massive success with such enthusiasm shown by the community for this event. Miss Allen is thanked for organising the event which inspired some excellent written and artistic work. Writing is an area that we have been working on as a school, as well as the power of literature to inspire the children to be creative. It is pleasing to see how the children are talking so positively about writing now and the new writing star certificates have been very popular with the children. I look at the books regularly and I am delighted to see the progress being made with all aspects of writing.

A reminder that there has been a change this year and our reading champions will be receiving a prize at the beginning of next half term. In discussion with the school council, they wanted a treat box for successful pupils in the same style as the Birthday Box which we have introduced this year. It is important that the pupils have a voice in school - we do listen to what they are saying. Have a great half term and I will see you all in November!

Kind regards

Olly Priestley - Headteacher

Certificate Winners:

Windsor - Minh
Attenborough - Zac
Mandela - Derrick
McCartney - Sofia
Hawking - Harvey
Simmonds - David
Pankhurst - Isabelle
Rashford - Edward
Medal - Charlie (2)

Attendance:

Attenborough - 95.2%
Mandela - 96.9%
McCartney - 93.7%
Hawking - 91.2%
Simmonds - 91.7%
Pankhurst - 92%
Rashford - 83.2%
School: 91.3%

Safeguarding/Well being:

Please check out his link for some activities to enjoy with your family over the October half term break.
<https://downsomersetway.co.uk/october-half-term-activities-in-somerset/>
It is really important to get the children outside and in the daylight - so even a stroll up to the monument stomping through the mud is great fun and will make everybody feel healthier and happier.

Sharing joy and hope in the community

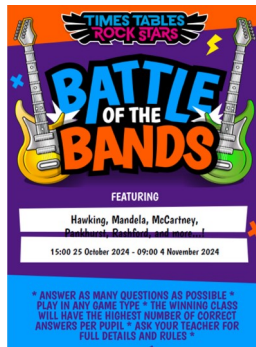
Weekly House Point Winner: ST GEORGE

Half Term

Don't forget that next week is half term. We hope you enjoy your break and look forward to seeing you on Monday 4th November.

TT Rockstars

A new TimesTables Rockstars tournament for all children in Year 2-6 is running through the Half Term Holiday (Start date: Friday 25th October, 15:00 - End date: Monday 4th November, 09:00). Children can play at any time to earn points individually and for their class.



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 will be set up after half term or you can bring in cash. Information about 2Wish can be found here [Home - 2 Wish](#)

Applying for a Reception or Y7 Place for September 2025

The online portal is live for parents and carers of children due to start or transfer school in September 2025 to make an application. The closing date for secondary school applications is 31 October 2024 and for starting school applications is 15 January 2025.

Please [click here](#) and choose school place applications for the relevant webpages.

If you have any queries, please contact schooladmissions@somerset.gov.uk.

Mayor Of Wellington's Christmas Card Competition

Every year the Mayor of Wellington sends out up to 100 Christmas cards to important people in the local community, other Mayors, and dignitaries from across our area. This year we are inviting local children (12 years or under) to participate in a competition to design the Mayor of Wellington's official Christmas card. Entries can be submitted either through the door at 28 Fore Street or via email to info@wellingtontowncouncil.co.uk. Designs should either be square or fill an entire A4 page - landscape or portrait are both accepted. Please ensure that the name and age of the designer as well as contact details are included with or on the reverse of the design so we can contact the winner. The deadline to enter a design is Friday 15th November and the winner will be unveiled at the Christmas Market & Lights Switch On, Saturday 30th November 2024.

Upcoming events:

28th October –1st November	Half Term
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

Our New Pupil Chaplains



Remembrance Day Poppies on sale

After half term we will be selling poppies and various items to raise money for The Royal British Legion. Staff and students will visit each class daily to sell the items, however they will not be available from the office. If you wish to purchase something, please send the money in with your child.

Limited items are available:

*Bracelets and slap bands £1

*Reflectors, zip pulls, pencils, rubbers and sharpeners 50p

Paper poppies are available for any donation.