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# St John's Church of England Primary School

## Weekly News

### Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/Carers

It is the time of year when the children are applying for responsible positions around school to support all learners with their day to day experience. I am delighted to announce that the new Head Girl will be Izzy and the Head Boy will be Reece. So many children interviewed for the positions and I was delighted with the quality of their applications. But there are only two positions, so congratulations go to the pair who have been excellent role models throughout their time at St John's. The house captains will be Ameya, Evie, Is and Pria who will represent their teams and the school when needed. All the other children will be allocated responsibilities around the school.

Votes for school council and well-being ambassadors are being cast this week and the children will find out on Friday next week who will be representing their classes for the year. At the Harvest Festival the new Pupil Chaplains will be commissioned, once again and it was really pleasing to have two thirds of the year group wanting to apply. Unfortunately not all can be successful, but it shows the strength of feeling regarding the Christian distinctiveness of the school that so many were keen to be involved.

The Pupil Voice is so important for the staff of the school to help us respond to the needs of the children. Whether this focuses on safeguarding, health and safety, curriculum or just fun experiences - this is their school and it is important to gauge their opinion and also support them in ensuring that St John's is a great place to be.

Kind regards  
Olly Priestley - Headteacher

#### Certificate Winners:

Attenborough - Margot  
Mandela - Flo  
McCartney - Teddy  
Hawking - Harley  
Simmonds - Darnia  
Pankhurst - Ben  
Rashford - Laila  
Medal - Jessica (4)

#### Attendance:

Attenborough - 95%  
Mandela - 97.1%  
McCartney - 98%  
Hawking - 98.1%  
Simmonds - 96.6%  
Pankhurst - 97.3%  
Rashford - 97.4%  
School: 97.5%

#### Safeguarding/Well being:

It is imperative that families have informed us who is collecting their child, if it is somebody different from normal at the end of the day. If you are unsure if a friend or family member is on your agreed list of contacts then please communicate with the office and lists can be updated. If your child is walking home alone then please ensure we have the written form - without this we need to have verbal confirmation each time the child has to walk home.

Sharing joy and hope in the community

## Weekly House Point Winner: ST DAVID

### Data Collection Sheets

Thank you to everyone who has returned their completed sheets. We still have about 20% of forms outstanding, could we ask that you complete and return them by Wednesday 25th September at the very latest, thank you. If you have mislaid your form please contact the office who will send you a new one.

### Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival celebration will be held in St John's Church on Thursday 17th October at 1.30pm. Once again we are supporting the Taunton Foodbank and ask for children to bring in an item for the Harvest Table which we will donate after the service. The Foodbank supports local families in need by providing food boxes. They are desperately in need of tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, tinned meat, long life fruit juice and treats and snacks, although any donation will be welcomed.

### National Poetry Day – with a bit of magic!

This year we will not be celebrating National Poetry Day on the designated day but instead will be following a 'Magical Creatures' themed day on Thursday 24th October.

Our poetry learning this term will be linked to Harry Potter and the care of magical creatures (and yes, we will be dressing up in magic themed costumes!)

More details to come next week.

### Summer Reading Challenge

If your child has completed the Summer Reading challenge, can you please make sure they bring in their certificates to share with their teacher by Wednesday next week. If your child has completed the extra challenge slip handed out at the end of the summer term, can that also be brought in and shared with teachers next week.

We will be celebrating everyone's names in assembly on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September.

### Date for your Diary

Wacky Wednesday is returning on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October at Wellington Rugby Club from 11.30am-1.30pm. The theme will be 'Awesome Autumn!'

### Upcoming events:

3rd October 9.30-11.30	Open morning for 2025 Reception children
9th October 9.30-11.30	Open morning for 2025 Reception children
17th October 1.30pm	Harvest Festival in Church
28th October –1st November	Half Term
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