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St John's Church of England Primary School

Weekly News

Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/Carers

We have reached advent this weekend and I suspect those celebrating Christmas will be considering putting up their Christmas decorations, which is a significant family event each year. For those interested, the school choir will be performing at the Christmas lights festival this weekend at 1:40pm - this is always a concert that I feel very proud to attend. Christmas time is accelerating towards us!

I am very proud of Ben and Lily-Rose in year 6, who participated in a concert at Exeter Cathedral last night. Both children were given the opportunity to join a host of other children from the South-West, with Lily Rose performing a solo during the evening. My thanks go to the pair for being terrific ambassadors for St John's.

Tomorrow morning we have four mathematicians competing at Wellington School for the regional Maths Challenge. The school has traditionally competed very well in this event and we have a very impressive team attending this year to represent St John's. We wish Xander, Francis, Aseye and Nataniel every success and hope that they enjoy the experience.

My thanks go to the two groups of Year 6 children who have also completed their Bikeability training. Once again I have had wonderful feedback regarding the safe cycling of the children and also their conduct during the sessions. This course is so valuable and I am pleased that our students have embraced it and displayed extremely competent skills. Our thanks to the trainers and to Mr Mitchell for running this course.

Kind Regards

Olly Priestley - Headteacher

Certificate Winners:

Windsor - Keziah
Attenborough - Evie
Mandela - Merry
McCartney - Gracie
Simmonds - Cassidy
Hawking - Harriet
Pankhurst - Isidora
Rashford - Jonathan
Medal - Eliezer (3)

Friends of St John's Christmas Disco

Disco

The Christmas disco will be on Thursday 4th December. The cost is £2 per child and times are as follows.

KS1: 3.15pm to 4.15pm, Yr 3 & Yr 4: 4.30pm – 5.30pm, Yr 5 & Y6: 5.45pm – 7.00pm

Bookings and payments must be made on Scopay by 4.00pm on Wednesday 3rd December. There will be no admission without booking. You can find the disco booking under Products.

Thank you for your support,.

Safeguarding/Well being:

Christmas is a wonderful time but can be extremely stressful for families, particularly with regards to money. Please find a link to Martin Lewis' money saving website with ideas of how to make savings at this time. Even something small can make a difference.

[47 Christmas MoneySaving tips - MoneySavingExpert](#)

Sharing joy and hope in the community

Weekly House Point Winner: ST GEORGE

Music Mark

This week we were thrilled to receive the Music Mark award in recognition of all the music activities that the children are able to take part in. We thank Somerset Music who nominated us.



This school pledges to:

- Advocate for the importance of music education in the curriculum and creative life of our school
- Provide an equitable, diverse and inclusive music education for every young person
- Welcome opportunities to broaden our musical horizons by working with providers in our community and beyond

Thursday 11th December

Christmas Jumper day happens to fall on the same day as St Johns's Christmas lunch day this year. We are inviting children to come to school wearing something Christmassy, a jumper, hair ties, some tinsel, or if you do not have anything please come in non-uniform.

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:

29th November	Choir at Wellington Lights switch on
4th December	Christmas Disco
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.

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

CHRISTMAS AT THE MUSEUM

29th November to 23rd 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 5TH DECEMBER, 4 - 6pm
SATURDAY 6TH 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.

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