

Friday 13th February 2026

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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 the first half of the Spring term and all the community deserve a well earned break. It is of course Valentine's Day coming up, which remembers the Christian martyr St Valentine, who demonstrated many of the school values by secretly marrying couples who loved one another in the 3rd century, after the Emperor of Rome, Claudius, had decreed it was banned. So amongst all the roses, chocolates and cards - there is a link to Christianity as well!

On Tuesday it was 'Safer Internet Day', where there was discussions throughout the school. This is a continual theme throughout the year, but a regular focus helps to embed good understanding with the children. AI is offering a range of wonderful tools which can enhance life, but it comes with it's own dangers and it's important that the children explore technology with a cautious approach, endeavouring to keep them as safe as possible. A reminder to all families that there should be open conversation regarding use of devices and also rules - despite what many children will argue - the majority of homes have time limits and rules to protect the children.

After rain for every day in 2026, I am hoping that we can find some dry weather this half term so all families can enjoy their time together. If the weather is inclement, then board games and cooking can offer fun activities to achieve at home. Sitting round the table and giving undivided attention to each other will lead to positive memories.

Kind regards

Olly Priestley - Headteacher

#### Certificate Winners:

Windsor - Othniel  
Attenborough - Finn  
Mandela - Martha  
McCartney - Delilah and Darcy  
-Mae  
Simmonds - Aubree-Rose  
Hawking - David  
Pankhurst - Lily-Rose  
Rashford - Darnia  
Medal-Melvin

#### Parent Consultations

Parent Consultation bookings are now online:  
Monday 9th March 3.30-5.20pm-  
not Attenborough Class  
Tuesday 10th March-3.30-6.20-all classes  
Wednesday 11th March- 3.30-5.20-  
Attenborough Class only.

#### Safeguarding/Well being:

##### Safeguarding during the holiday

If you have a concern about a child outside of school, or are having difficulty in managing your own child, you can ring Somerset

Direct on:

0300 123 2224

Sharing joy and hope in the community

## Weekly House Point Winner: ST DAVID



**TIMES TABLES  
ROCK STARS**

# BATTLE OF THE BANDS

**FEBRUARY CLASS BATTLE!**

FEATURING

**HAWKING, MANDELA, MCCARTNEY, PANKHURST,  
RASHFORD, SIMMONDS**

**15:00 13 FEBRUARY 2026 - 08:45 23 FEBRUARY 2026**

- ANSWER AS MANY QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE
- PLAY IN ANY GAME TYPE
- WINNING GROUP WILL HAVE THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER PLAYER
- ASK YOUR TEACHER FOR FULL DETAILS AND RULES

## PARKING

We have received a report that some parents/carers who are collecting children from St John's have been parking in the vicarage car park and driveway next to the school. Unfortunately, this resulted in a near accident yesterday. We would like to remind everyone that this is a **private residential** area and is not connected to the school. Parking there is not permitted at any time.

Additionally, a polite reminder that the double yellow lines around the school are in place to protect our pupils, members of the public, other road users, and to ensure emergency vehicles can pass safely. These restrictions must be followed at all times.

Concerns about parking have been raised with Somerset Council, and we have been informed that traffic wardens will be visiting throughout the school year. Penalty charge notices will be issued to vehicles parked where restrictions are in place.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us keep our children and community safe.

## Upcoming events:

16th-20th February	Half Term
5th March	World Book Day
9th March	Parent consultations except Attenborough
10th March	Parent consultations-all classes
11th March	Parent consultations-Attenborough only
9th-13th March	Science Week
13th March	Science Wonderdome
24th March	Wizard of Oz-performance in school
26th March 1.30	Easter Service in Church
1st April	iRock concert
2nd April	Last day of Spring Term
20th April	First day of Summer Term
W/b 11th May	Y6 National Tests
25th-29th May	Half Term
w/b 8th June	KS1 Phonics Screening
9th June	Sports Day
30th June/1st July	Y6 Secondary School Transition Days
1st July	Step up 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 and 2026-27 academic years are on the school website under the News and Events tab.**

### FREE Parent and Carer Workshops: Talking to your Children and Teens About Their Bodies, Feelings and Relationships

An opportunity to attend a relaxed and informative session for parents and carers of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) of all ages with an additional focus on teenage years.

#### What's This Session About?

Talking about bodies, boundaries, feelings, and relationships with your SEND child or teen can feel overwhelming—but you're not alone.

Each session will be a safe space for parents and carers to be seen, valued and heard. You only need to attend **ONE** workshop:

In person: 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at Albemarle Centre, Taunton, TA1 1BA, 1pm—2:45pm  
Online (live only): 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026, 7pm—9pm (please login by 6:55pm)  
Duration: 1.5 hour workshop + 30 mins Q&A

Led by **Alice Hoyle**, national Relationships and Sex Expert and SEND mum, this 1.5-hour interactive workshop will offer practical advice, tips, and signposting to help you feel more confident starting (or continuing) important conversations at home.

#### Learning Outcomes:

- How Relationships and Sex education can look different for SEND children and teens — and why that's okay
- Tips for talking about bodies, friendships, puberty, and safety at home
- How to use everyday moments to build understanding and confidence
- Where to go for trusted resources, books, websites and next steps

Click here to book your place: [Talking to your children and Teens about their bodies, feelings and Relationships — Fill in form](#)

For further enquiries please email: [admin@somersetparentcarerforum.org.uk](mailto:admin@somersetparentcarerforum.org.uk)





## WISE UP WORKSHOPS

Empowering Parent Carers to succeed



### March Wise Workshops



**2nd- Communication through play-**  
Presented by SPCF @ 10am Yeovil

**6th- Help your Neurodivergent child manage their anxiety-**  
Presented by CYPNP Team @ 12.30 Glastonbury & Online

**9th- When siblings needs clash-**  
Presented by Platypus @ 10am Taunton & Online

**12th- How visuals can help support your SEND child-**  
Presented by SPCF @ 12.30 Wincanton & Online

**16th- Emotional based school avoidance EBSA-**  
Presented by SPCF @ 12.30 Frome & Online

Book now:

[www.somersetparentcarerforum.org.uk/home/wise-up-workshops/](http://www.somersetparentcarerforum.org.uk/home/wise-up-workshops/)



These sessions are open to all parent carers in Somerset who have a child with additional needs and/or a disability.



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**17th- How to talk to your young person about Neurodiversity-**  
Presented by CYPNP Team @ 10am Online

**19th- Low demand parenting-**  
Presented by NeuroConnect @ 12pm Online

**23rd- AuDHD: Understanding those with co-occurring ADHD & Autism-**  
Presented by Platypus @ 10am Taunton & Online

**25th- Introduction into SEND-**  
Presented by SPCF @ 12.30 Minehead & Online

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### Big Brush Club

We are pleased to invite all parents and guardians across Somerset to a **free, NHS funded Oral Health Webinar** taking place on **Saturday 28th February at 10:00am..** This session is suitable for families with children aged **0-12 years**, and it provides practical, evidence based guidance on supporting good oral health at home.

Webinar link:

[Big Brush Club Webinar - Saturday 28th February at 10am - For Parents and Caregivers of young children](#)

## WELLINGTON HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

Charity Number 1202631

Present:  
Wellington Operatic Society  
Touring Group

### "Songs for Everyone"

at  
Wellington Rugby Club  
Corams Lane

on  
Friday 20th March 2026  
7.30pm (doors open 7.00pm)

Tickets £10  
To Include Ploughman's Supper  
(Supplied by Potters)

Prize Raffle and Bar available

Tickets from the Nook & Cranny, High Street, Wellington  
and committee members

Please support your local hospital



Wellington  
Rugby Club  
11am - 12.45pm  
Weds 18 Feb 26

## Wacky Wednesday Fab February Fun

Come and join us for the first Wacky Wednesday event of 2026!

There will be a bouncy castle, soft play, arts & crafts and other activities as well as refreshments available.

Booking is essential so please scan the QR code to book your spaces!



Contact us

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