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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 a very successful Spring term at St John's C of E Primary School. I have taken a moment this morning to praise all of the children for their effort and behaviour over the last three months - it has been very impressive. All of them deserve a few weeks of rest and recuperation -with the odd chocolate egg thrown into the mix!

Our Easter service last week was absolutely joyful, with so many pupils making positive contributions and so many families joining us to celebrate the festival. One particular song, Easter Jubilation, was a pleasure to hear, with children celebrating when they heard it was going to be sung! It demonstrates how important the church services are to the children and also how much the children enjoy music in school. This was further illustrated with 27 pupils taking part in an iRock concert on Wednesday and also weekly with the choir, trumpets and ukulele fun!

My thanks go to the Friends of St John's for organizing Easter Bingo for the families of St John's and raising money for the school. I will let you know the total raised after the holiday. The fund raising is more vital than ever and only recently provided the Planetarium experience for everybody. They are also contributing towards some new art resources that will be used throughout the school. Their efforts are making an enormous impact on the children's lives.

I wish you all a very Happy Easter and hope you have good times with family and friends over this period.

Kind regards

Olly Priestley - Headteacher

Certificate Winners:

Windsor - Othniel & Keziah
Attenborough - Ashley
Mandela - Grayson
McCartney - Vincent
Simmonds - Charlie & Class
Hawking - Jenson
Pankhurst - Fabian
Rashford - Ken
Medal - Daniella (1)

Percentage attendance for the Spring Term

Windsor - 89.69
Attenborough - 90.56
Mandela - 96.05
McCartney - 93.33
Simmonds - 95.12
Hawking - 87.96
Pankhurst - 94.80
Rashford—95.24
Overall attendance-92.45, slightly above the national average of 92.5.

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

Non-uniform day

Thank you to all who contributed to our charity during our recent non-uniform day, we raised £118 for the Archie Project. The sale of ice poles raised £

Wizard of Oz

Children and staff were thoroughly entertained by a fantastic performance of The Wizard of Oz when M&M Productions visited school on Tuesday.

Every child had a brilliant experience, and for some this was the first time they had seen a live show. The children were thrilled by the story, joined in with the songs, participated in certain parts, and were entranced by the scenery, costumes and use of light, projections and puppetry. They were also thrilled to be in the middle of the action, as the characters joined the audience on many occasions.

As a thank you to M&M productions, two Year 6 students presented the actors with a handmade card from the whole school which was absolutely loved by the production team.

Many cheerful, happy faces were seen around the school for the rest of the day, and tunes could be heard throughout the school. The Wizard of Oz production is going to be remembered for a very long time and will be inspiring many pieces of creative work over the next term.

When chatting to the children, they found it very hard to pick their favourite characters as they were all so wonderful. Many loved Dorothy for her kindness, the scarecrow for being so funny, the tinman for being so caring and the lion for sitting amongst the audience being comforted when scared! One child commented on how impressive the whole show was, especially with so many characters and scenery changes with only four actors!

Our thanks to The Friends of St John's for contributing to the cost of this event, enabling the school to offer the experience to all the children free of charge.

"M&M Productions have become yearly treat for those at St John's, and the enrichment the children gain from this experience is priceless. We have already booked them in for next year and feel this is a very valuable element to our school curriculum" stated Mr Priestley.



Upcoming events:

2nd April	Last day of Spring Term. Closing at 2pm. No after school club
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.

PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) EASTER HOLIDAYS 2026
moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



ANGUS STEAKHOUSE Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm	MORRISONS Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend
ASDA Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend	MARCO PIERRE WHITE Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend
ASK ITALIAN 2 Kids eat free from 27th March - 19th April 2026	PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day
BELLA ITALIA Children eat free Sunday - Thursday	PIZZA HUT Kids Eat Free Every Day after 3pm
BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE 2 Kids Eat Free Breakfast with one paying adult	PREMIER INN 2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast
BILLS Kids eat free Mon 30th March - Fri 10th April	PRETO Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult
BREWDOG Kids eat free 28th March - 12th April 2026	PUREZZA Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal
CAFE ROUGE Kids Eat FREE 12-4pm every day of the week	SA BRAINS PUBS Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays
COCONUT TREE Kids eat free Mon 30th March - Sun 19th April	SUBWAY Kids eat Free from the 6th - 13th April
CHIQUITO Kids eat free during all school holidays	SIZZLING PUBS Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm
DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch	TABLE TABLE 2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult
FARMHOUSE INNS Kids eat FREE weekdays 30th March - 17th April	TGI FRIDAYS Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)
FRANKIE & BENNY'S Kids eat FREE daily from 30th March - 17th April	THE REAL GREEN Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend
FUTURE INNS Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal	TRAVELodge 2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast
GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day	TURTLE BAY Kids eat free with every £15 adult spend
IKEA Kids get a meal from 95p daily from Tiam	WHITBREAD INNS 2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast
LAS IGUANAS Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App	YO! SUSHI Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

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JUNIOR NETBALL CAMPS

For Years 3-7

10:00am-15:00pm

All at Court Fields, Wellington

Contact - Wellington.Netball@outlook.com

HOME ENERGY SAVING FREE ADVICE TO REDUCE YOUR BILLS

Our trained advisors can help you reduce your energy use, which could then help you save on your household bills. This is a fully-funded service, so is completely free of charge – no catches – just expert support for those on a low income or in receipt of benefits.*

To find out if you qualify, or to simply ask questions about this service, please come and chat with Angi at:

The King's Arms Community Hub, Wellington on Friday 27th March between 11 am and 3pm

A trained Home Energy Advisor will then visit you in your home.

Alternatively call: 01278 558 370 or email: hello@burnhamandwestonenergy.co.uk www.burnhamandwestonenergy.co.uk/home-energy-advice

*Offer applies to households with no more than £29k income, or if one resident is in receipt of benefits.

FREE Parent and Carer Workshops:

Each session will create a safe supportive space where parents and carers can engage in a way that feels comfortable for them, including anonymous contributions and end-of-session questions. You only need to attend **ONE** workshop. Duration: 1.5 hour workshop + 30 mins Q&A

Online (live only):

Monday 20th April 2026, 7pm-9pm (please login by 6:55pm) - **Parents of Secondary Pupils** - Talking about sex and relationships with your teen: What parents need to know. To book and for further information: <https://somersetcounciltraining.co.uk/Event/293295>

Monday 11th May 2026, 7pm-9pm (please login by 6:55pm) - **Parents of SEND Learners** - Supporting your SEND child with Bodies, Boundaries and Relationships. To book and for further information: <https://somersetcounciltraining.co.uk/Event/293311>

Monday 8th June 2026, 7pm-9pm (please login in by 6:55pm) - **Parents of children ages 0-11, Early years professionals welcome too** - Starting the Conversation: Bodies, Boundaries and Relationships for the Early Years and Primary aged children. To book and for further information: <https://somersetcounciltraining.co.uk/Event/293313>

These sessions will be led by Alice Hoyle, national RSHE expert-educator and co-author of Great Relationships and Sex Education and Becoming a Sensory-Aware School. Alice is a neurodivergent professional and parent of neurodivergent children, offering both expert guidance and lived experience to support truly inclusive, sensory-aware RSHE.

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WELLINGTON EASTER HAPPY HEALTHY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME 2026

APRIL

EACH SESSION WILL INCLUDE:
Meal and Snacks | Activities | Access to a Youth Worker | Sports and Games

WELLINGTON - KINGS ARMS COMMUNITY HUB
WEDNESDAY 8TH APRIL
COOKING, CRAFTS, AND TECH
**10:00AM-3:00PM

WELLINGTON - KINGS ARMS COMMUNITY HUB
THURSDAY 9TH APRIL
POSSIBLE TRIP TBC
**10:00AM-3:00PM

ADDITIONAL INFO AND DETAILS:
Programme for young people aged 11-17 years.
Suitable for young people with SEND. **Support with entrance fees via our Accessibility Fund, contact us for details.
All places on a first come, first serve basis. You will be contacted following registration to confirm your booking/s and to confirm event details. No HAF Funded places supported by Wellington Town Council
**Events, programmes, and timings subject to change or cancellation based on areas out of our control.

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**Wednesday
15 April 26
11am - 12.45pm**

Wacky Wednesday Easter Eggstravaganza

Come and join us for the Wacky Wednesday Easter Eggstravaganza at Wellington Park.

We will have loads to do including a bouncy castle, Easter egg hunt, Easter crafts & games and a BBQ. All just for £1 per person!

Scan the QR Code to get your tickets as booking is essential.



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For further information please contact

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