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St John's Church of England Primary School

Weekly News

Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/Carers

We are now officially in the Summer Term and hoping the better weather will remain! The children have enjoyed a positive week and many have shared that they were really looking forward to coming back to school, which is really pleasing to hear. This is the shortest half term of the year - only five weeks long. There is much going on though to pack into the time so keep an eye on social media.

Everyone at school is wishing Mr Foster the best of luck as he takes on the London Marathon this weekend. On a personal level, I can very much relate to the nerves he will be feeling although feel very confident that he will be running considerably quicker than my effort! He is running for Great Ormond Street Hospital and has already raised over £12,000 which is absolutely incredible. If you would like to support him then details can be found on our Facebook page.

We are delighted to see that Miss Eddy has returned to the school and has been with her class this week. Mr Collins has also been in class, allowing Miss Eddy to catch up with the children and get back into routine. Over the next few weeks the class will be taught by both teachers, with Miss Eddy in full time towards the end of the half term. Everybody has been very pleased to see her return.

Kind regards

Olly Priestley - Headteacher

Certificate Winners:

Windsor - Oliver
Attenborough - Minh
Mandela - Tillie
McCartney - Remi
Simmonds - Charlie
Hawking - Isla
Pankhurst - Cohen
Rashford - Logan
Medal - Thea

Ordering School Meals

It is really important that you order meals for your child in advance. This is to give the catering manager enough time to order the correct quantities of food. This week we have had 30 children wanting meals that hadn't been ordered. Please take particular care to order meals for after a school holiday.

Safeguarding/Wellbeing:

With warmer weather approaching, this is a reminder that if temperatures rise then the children need to be prepared when they come to school. Please ensure that they have applied sun lotion and bring labelled bottles in for any re-application. Hats are advised and also water bottles - it is important for the children to stay hydrated. Jumpers also need labels as we are already beginning to see them scattered over the playground at the end of lunch and difficult to find the owners without names!

Sharing joy and hope in the community

Weekly House Point Winner: ST GEORGE

Absence Reporting

Whenever your child is absent for any reason, you must let us know. Each day your child is absent please notify us either by leaving a message on the absence phone line, or by calling the school office by 9am.

As a school the safeguarding of our students is absolutely paramount. Where students are absent from school we will follow the process below:

Day	School Follow Up
Day 1 of absence	A text message will be sent to you. We may also phone.
Day 2 of absence	A text message will be sent to you. We will also phone.
Day 3 of absence	A text message will be sent to you. A home visit may be made

We understand that sometimes medical appointments are needed during school hours. We encourage you to make appointments out of school hours if at all possible so that this does not impact on your child’s attendance. However, if it is unavoidable, please give the school as much notice as possible as to the reason for your child’s absence.

If your child is not unwell enough to see a doctor but is feeling under the weather, we encourage you to work with us in trying to get your child into school. Perhaps the administration of paracetamol, antihistamines or throat sweets might help. We do not expect children to attend if they are not medically fit to do so, but by taking this approach we may be able to avoid students having frequent short periods of absence, which can impact heavily on their overall attendance. If there has been vomiting or diarrhea children must be kept home until 48 hours after the last episode.

If you have any concerns about your child’s attendance please ask for an appointment to speak to Mr Priestley, we are happy to help.

Upcoming events:

- 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
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- 3rd September School closed for staff training
- 4th September School closed for staff training
- 7th September First day of Autumn Term

Term dates and INSET days for the 2025-26 and 2026-27