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# St John's Church of England Primary School

## Weekly News

### Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been the Key Stage 2 assessment week and I wanted to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank the Year 6 classes for their efforts. Over the year, both classes have worked hard to improve their English and Maths skills in class and have made fantastic progress over this time. Exams can be a stressful environment, but I was delighted by the manner in which they tackled each challenge. My thanks also go to the Year 6 teams and all other staff that supported them during the week with the exams and the morning breakfast. There were many happy children today eating a celebratory cooked breakfast!

Simmonds class once again visited the residential home as part of the ongoing 'Archie Project' where the children are learning about dementia and how to support the community with this condition. On a personal level, family members have suffered with dementia and I'm delighted with the impact the class is having at the home. Once again they have been praised for their compassion and efforts in supporting the residents. From the videos and photos I have seen, the children are bringing joy and hope to the community and making a difference. I am proud of them all.

Last week the children participated in a live assembly led by Sir David Attenborough to celebrate his 100th Birthday. This inspirational man has made a huge difference to the world and is a fine role model of our school values.

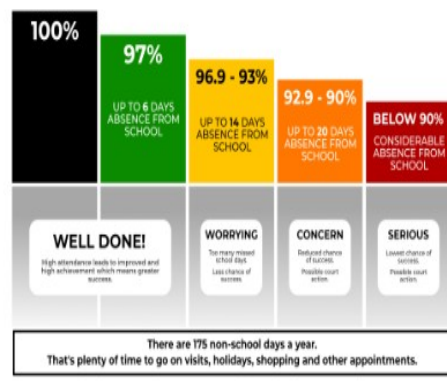
Kind regards

Olly Priestley - Headteacher

### Certificate Winners:

Windsor - Janice  
Attenborough - Hudson  
Mandela - Merry  
McCartney - Eliezer  
Simmonds - Maisie, Reinhard, Sofia  
Hawking - Josie  
Pankhurst - Whole Class  
Rashford - Whole Class  
Medal - Euan (R)

### WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?



### Safeguarding/Wellbeing:

I am getting numerous reports regarding pupils on bicycles travelling to and from school, and also in early evenings, who are riding without awareness of the cars driving around the estates. Many of the children have participated in Bikeability training and need to ensure these skills are used effectively. Please remind your children about riding safely and also the importance of wearing helmets. Wearing a helmet could save their life if they have an accident - it is imperative.

Sharing joy and hope in the community

## Weekly House Point Winner: ST DAVID

### SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

On Tuesday 30th June Katy Chick from Somerset Library Services will be joining us to tell us all about this year's Summer Reading Challenge.



**Wimbleball Lake  
COUNTRYSIDE  
FAIR**

Brompton Regis, Dulverton TA22 9NU  
Sunday 17 May 2026  
11am to 4pm

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The poster features a blue background with white and orange text. It includes a QR code, a circular inset photo of a woman and a child, and a photo of a person in a kayak on the water. The text provides details about the fair's location, date, time, and activities, along with contact information for the Swlakestrust.

### Upcoming events:

25th-29th May	Half Term
w/b 8th June	KS1 Phonics Screening
9th June	Sports Day
30th June	Somerset Library Services in School
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