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St John's Church of England Primary School

Weekly News

Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/Carers

The children in Year 1 have been completing their phonics screening this week and the progress they have made has been pleasing to see. Each year, the expectation is that the pupils have to read 40 words to gauge how strong their understanding of phonics is. The staff working with the children have supported them brilliantly and I am delighted with what has been achieved. The same can be said regarding the Year 4 children who have recently participated in the Multiplication Check online—it tests them on their understanding of Times Tables. Once again, the results have been excellent, testament to the efforts of both the children and staff.

Unfortunately we had to postpone the annual Sports Day due to the weather. There were a number of heavy showers throughout Tuesday which vindicated the decision made. We hope to have more luck this Tuesday coming—the children are very excited and looking forward to the occasion and I hope families are able to attend still. We will let you know by Monday afternoon if more changes have to be made.

The class structures have been set for the new academic year and all families should have received an email to share this information. A number of parents have already shared their shock that Miss Roberts will be leaving the school. There will be opportunity for the community to say goodbye, although Miss Roberts still intends to be a supporter of the school as it is a setting that is really important to her.

Kind regards

Olly Priestley - Headteacher

Certificate Winners:

Windsor - Kiara
Attenborough - Alfie
Mandela - Octavia
McCartney - Charlie & Derrick
Simmonds - Aubrey-Rose
Hawking - Harvey
Pankhurst - Xander & Alfie
Rashford - Mia
Medal - Fabian (6)

SPORTS DAY

TUESDAY 16TH JUNE

Refreshments available provided by

The Friends of St John's.

Cash Only please.



Safeguarding/Wellbeing:

There are huge changes imminent with regards to the potential social media ban for children under the age of 16. When there is more information, the school will share this so parents can understand any new rule changes. The threat to children of Apps such as Snap Chat with regards to communication and material that can be made available has once again been in the news. Age restrictions have been in place, but we are aware of children still accessing such apps. Please check phones and make positive change where necessary.

Sharing joy and hope in the community

Weekly House Point Winner: ST GEORGE

Choir concert at Courtfields

The Choir concert at Courtfields on Thursday 25th June is now sold out. If you do have any tickets that you won't be using could you please make sure to return them as we have parents who have not been able to get any. Many thanks.

After School Club bookings-reminder

If you wish your child to attend after school club it is essential that you book them in via Scopay **in advance**. We are not able to take bookings after 1.30pm on the day the booking is needed.

Parent Survey

You should have received the parent survey today, could we ask that you take time to consider the questions, then complete and return the survey to us by no later than midday on Friday 26th June, thank you.

St John's Church Patronal Festival

The Patronal Festival will be taking place on 27th and 28th June with various events including clipping the tower, bellringing, Morris dancers refreshments and stalls, and church services. There are posters and banners up around the town with more information.

Upcoming events:

16th June	Back up Sports Day
30th June	Somerset Library Services in School
30th June/1st July	Y6 Secondary School Transition Days
1st July	Step up day
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

3rd September	School closed for staff training
4th September	School closed for staff training
7th September	First day of Autumn Term
26th-30th October	Half Term
30th November	School closed for staff training
18th December	Last day of Autumn Term
4th January	School closed for staff training
5th January	First day of Spring Term
15th-19th February	Half Term
25th March	Last day of Spring Term
12th April	First day of Summer Term
3rd May	Bank Holiday
31st May-4th June	Half Term
2nd July	School closed for staff training
23rd July	Last day of Summer Term

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.