

Friday 24th October 2025

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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 longest half term that the children will experience this year and there are some very tired bodies around St John's! It has been a very successful time, in which the children have settled into new year groups and also enjoyed many positive experiences.

I have been extremely impressed with our Year 6 cohort and the positive impact they are having across the whole school. Many have positions of responsibility, which they are completing with diligence and care. In the classroom they are setting high standards in terms of learning and are collectively fantastic role models for the other pupils who are looking up to them. Keep up the good work all!

The Harvest Service was a wonderful occasion, in which so many children contributed and shared their work. My congratulations go to the new pupil chaplains who were commissioned in the service. I am positive that Luca, Jason, Harley, Cameron, Harriet, Jessica, Walter and Jackie will be tremendous in their roles and will thoroughly enjoy the opportunity.



Each year we have a school charity and the School Council have agreed this year that we will be raising funds for the Archie Project, part of Reminiscence Learning, whom Year 4 are working with this year. They are a charity that raise awareness of dementia. Already a non-uniform day was arranged for today and there will be other events during the year.

Enjoy a super half term break.

Olly Priestley - Headteacher

#### Certificate Winners:

Windsor - Charley  
Attenborough - Hudson  
Mandela - Aubree  
McCartney - Ivy  
Simmonds - Eyrarn  
Hawking - Connor  
Pankhurst—Martha  
Rashford - Natalie  
Medal - Harriet (6)

#### Attendance this half term

Attenborough - 86.2%  
Mandela - 95.9%  
McCartney - 92.6%  
Simmonds - 94.6%  
Hawking - 88.3%  
Pankhurst—96.5%  
Rashford—92.8%  
Overall-92.6%

A reminder that if your child is absent and you don't respond to our reminder text or phone call, your child's absence will be marked as unauthorised.

#### 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 PATRICK

### Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Harvest Table. We have taken the donations to the Taunton Food Bank and will let you know the total of goods received when we hear from them.

### School Meals

Please remember to book your child's meal for after half term. If they do not have a meal booked you will receive a phone call to bring in a packed lunch.

### TT Rock Stars

Mr Foster has created a Times Tables Rockstars tournament for all children in Year 2-6. It is running through the Half Term Holiday (Start date: Friday 24th October, 15:00 - End date: Monday 3rd November, 09:00). Children can play any game at any time to earn points individually and for their class. There will be certificates for individual winners. If the children want to improve their 'Rock Status' at the same time they must play the 'Studio' version of the game.



### School Council Charity for the Year

The School Council have met to discuss raising funds for charity this year. Instead of raising money for the bigger charities such as 'Children in Need' or 'Comic Relief', after discussion with their classes they have made the decision to channel the school's efforts into raising funds this year for Reminiscence Learning's Archie Project.

Reminiscence Learning is a local charity promoted within the town, who engage with many schools and care settings in Wellington and beyond. They help to develop students' knowledge and understanding of dementia, and also provide them with valuable life skills in order to be able to help and support people within their family or community who may be living with dementia.

More information can be found on the Reminiscence website; [Reminiscence Learning](#) | [Dementia Care](#) | [Wellington](#)

### Poetry Competition

Miss Brown is excited to launch a poetry competition open to all year groups, inspired by the brilliantly funny work of poet, Michael Rosen! This year's theme is 'Funny Food', and we're encouraging all children to get creative with their writing. Children can write any type of poem they like, there is no word limit or set structure. Entries can be handwritten or typed, and illustrations are very welcome!



Each poem must be clearly named and include your child's year group or class name. Completed poems can be handed in to your child's class teacher or emailed to Miss Brown at [simmonds@stjohnsprimary.uk](mailto:simmonds@stjohnsprimary.uk) There will be prizes for standout poems, and all entries will be celebrated (each entry is worth 30 house points)! The competition closes on Friday 7th November at 3pm, so get those imaginations cooking!

## Upcoming events:

27th-31st October	Half Term
10th November	Parent Consultations-not Attenborough
11th November	Parent Consultations-all classes
12th November	Parent Consultations-Attenborough only
10th December	Christmas Lunch
18th December 1.30	Christmas Service in Church
19th December	Last day of Autumn Term-finish at 2pm. No after school club.
5th January	First day of Spring Term
16th-20th February	Half Term
26th March 1.30	Easter Service in Church
2nd April	Last day of Spring Term
20th April	First day of Summer Term
25th-29th May	Half Term
9th June	Sports Day
15th July 9.30	Y6 Leaver's Assembly in Church
17th July	Last day of Summer Day
20th-22nd July	School closed for staff training

**Term dates and INSET days for the 2025-26 academic year are on the school website under the News and Events tab.**

## Non-Uniform day

Thank you to every who donated today, we received £106 for our charity Reminiscence Learning.

The Mayor of Wellington's

# CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Send us your festive design for a chance to be featured on the Mayor of Wellington's official Christmas card!

**ENTRY DEADLINE:**  
**Wednesday 19th November**

**Post or drop your entries to:**  
Wellington Town Council,  
30 Fore Street  
Wellington  
TA21 8AQ

Entrants must be Wellington residents **under 12** years of age, or pupils who live in neighbouring villages but attend school in the town.

Original copies only please - these will be returned after judging.

Please include your name, age, and contact details on the reverse of your design

The winner will be unveiled at the Christmas Market & Lights Switch On Event on 29th November 2025

WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL  
Creating Wellington's Future



**Wellington  
Sports Centre  
Weds 29 Oct 25  
11am - 12.45pm**

# Wacky Wednesday Autumnal Extravaganza

Come & join us for our Wacky Wednesday Autumnal Extravaganza.

There will be lots of autumnal themed activities, crafts and refreshments. All for just £1 per person.

Booking is essential, so make sure to check out the WW FB page or scan the QR code to book your tickets!



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## Contact us

If you need any further information

**Shona Stone - Community Officer**  
01934 526358 or 07921 387227  
shona.stone@livewest.co.uk

# Activity Calendar

Community Inclusion and Activity Team

## Half term

### Saturday 25-31 October 2025



For ALL children and young people in Somerset with a disability or additional needs  
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**SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> OCT**

**Purple Elephant Support Group: Making music, videos, Christmas and Gnome, Author Lane, Frome, BA11 1BE.**  
Family holiday fun activities and a packed lunch. Join us making music videos from 10am. For ages 5-10 yrs. £2 suggested donation.

To book, please email [rebecca.harrison@purpleelephant.org.uk](mailto:rebecca.harrison@purpleelephant.org.uk)

**MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> OCT**

**Rainbow Roots**  
Dove Barn, Manor Farm, Silver St, Barton St David, TA11 6DB.  
Mixed Media Art Club. Join us for creative sessions in a beautiful rural setting. Each session includes a calming mindfulness activity followed by mixed media arts and crafts - perfect for children who love to explore their creativity and unwind. Booking essential. All materials provided.

10am-12:30pm Section One  
1.30-3:30pm Section Two  
For ages 5-12. Under 5s must attend with a parent/carer or if 1:1 support is needed. £7.50 per person.

To book, please email [hello@rainbowroots.uk](mailto:hello@rainbowroots.uk)

**TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> OCT**

**Ark at Egwood**  
Coward, Merrist, Somerset, TA15 5DA.  
Ark Children's Experience Day. Complete of outdoor activities including meeting our animals, accessible games including adventure games and sports, strength circuits, and social story reading. A busy lunch and refreshments throughout the day are also provided. 10am-2pm. Over 10.00 per person.

To book, please email [Office@arksumerset.org.uk](mailto:Office@arksumerset.org.uk) or call 01456 391974

**WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> OCT**

**Novo Sports: Bouldering**  
Try out the climbing wall at Prime Boulder Sharns. Supported by Instructors and Novo staff. 7-9pm. For 7-19 yrs. £20 per person.

To book, please email [bookings@novosports.org.uk](mailto:bookings@novosports.org.uk) or call 07569 743453

**THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup> OCT**

**Community Inclusion Activity Team: Family Day**  
Candy, Strimack Road, Glaston, TA5 2DS.  
Family fun to create adventure park with over 100 ideas and attractions. Including free shows and animals. Staff on site for support from 10am-3pm (last child) but free to those on school breaks.

To book, call 07577 412199 from 10am on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October.

**FRIDAY 31<sup>st</sup> OCT**

**Green Gobbling Games Club**  
Riverside Church, The Exchange, Hamilton Rd, Taunton, TA1 2ES.  
Tabletop games including board games and D&D Roleplay Games 8-10:30pm. For ages 10-18. Free entry. Free live show. Please contact Mrs. Mary at [mary@greengobblinggamesclub.co.uk](mailto:mary@greengobblinggamesclub.co.uk)

**SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup> NOV**

**Step4ward-4G-grow**  
Autism activity pack! Activity packs tailored to the group person's interests and abilities including sensory themes cards and plant your own bulb bits. Hand delivered to door to Step4ward team or sent by Royal Mail. For ages 3-10th birthday. £2 per person.

To order, please contact Becky on 07737 231174 or email [Step4ward-4G-grow@nmail.com](mailto:Step4ward-4G-grow@nmail.com)

**ACTIVITY PACKS**

For more inclusive activities, groups and organisations in your area, please visit the Local Offer: [www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/the-local-offer/send-events/](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/the-local-offer/send-events/) where you can search by (keyword) or (location).

## Key for activities:

- Family Activity - for all members of the family to attend and enjoy
- Child/Young person can attend on their own under group supervision or with parent/carer if additional 1:1 support is required - please call the organisation to have a chat
- Child/young person must attend with a parent or carer
- Staff provided by the organisation to support the child/young person 1:1 if required - please call the organisation to see what they can provide as this may not include personal care
- Some parts of the activity are wheelchair accessible please call the organisation to find out more
- Accessible changing facilities are available please call the venue to find out more
- Activities aimed at young people/teenagers/young adults
- Autism friendly session with staff from the Virtual School (formerly CAOT) available for light support

**WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> OCT**

**Shared Earth Learning**  
Vale St, Frome, BA11 3JG.  
Nature based activities and play incorporating nature-studies, crafts, gardening, games, shelter-building and simple camping cooking. Child led games and activities to enhance environmental awareness and appreciation of the outdoors. 10am-12:30pm. For 5-10th birthday. £12 per person.

To book, please email [sharedearthbookings@gmail.com](mailto:sharedearthbookings@gmail.com)

**THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup> OCT**

**Purple Elephant: Making Spooky Crafts**  
Trinity Church Hall, Trinity St, Frome, BA11 1BE.  
Family holiday fun - activities for the whole family with a free hot meal. 10am-3pm. For all ages. £2 suggested donation per child but free to those on free school meals.

To book, please email [rebecca.harrison@purpleelephant.org.uk](mailto:rebecca.harrison@purpleelephant.org.uk)

**FRIDAY 31<sup>st</sup> OCT**

**Minthead Eye**  
Minthead Eye Centre, 14 Mart Road, Minthead, Somerset, TA21 5BL.  
Purified will have exclusive access to the whole centre. Including use of the skisport and bouldering courts. There will be a sensory area and therapists including kites, play, sand tray activity area, emotional health and well-being support and a café for parents. 2-4pm. For ages 4+. £1 per family.

To book, please email [reception@minthead-eye.co.uk](mailto:reception@minthead-eye.co.uk)

**THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup> OCT**

**Novo Sports: Football**  
Frome Town United, BA11 4LL.  
Fun, inclusive football sessions with specialist Novo coaches! New regular club sessions available to join if you enjoy it. 12:30-2pm, 10-11th birthday. £70 per child.

To book, please email [bookings@novosports.org.uk](mailto:bookings@novosports.org.uk) or call 07569 743453

**WHAT'S ON ACROSS THE WEEK?**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October

**Brookdale Academy, Street, BA16 0PR**  
A variety of indoor and outdoor activities, including arts & crafts, cooking, messy and sensory play, sports and more! There will be themed activities throughout the holiday. All our activities are fully inclusive, allowing us to meet all needs. We are a wheelchair accessible setting with changing facilities. For 4-13 yrs (must be school aged), 9am-3pm, £27pp. For 14-18th birthday, 9am-3pm, £30pp. Wrap around care available from 3-4pm. Cost £45.00pp.

For siblings: For 4-13 years (must be school aged), 9am-3pm, £24pp. Wrap around care available 3-4pm. Cost £4.50pp.

To book, please email [extendedschools@brookdaleacademy.co.uk](mailto:extendedschools@brookdaleacademy.co.uk) or call 01458 443340

**Neuroche Woodlanders**  
Young Wood, Staple Fitzpaine TAS 2AZ.  
Join us as we gather around the fire-circle, explore and play games, then walk into the woods. ID trees, birds, leaves and look for animal tracks. Return for a snack/lunch and seasonal craft and play options with child led activities. Purified to bring their own food, and there will be a small canteen cooking activity followed by coming together for a final circle to review highlights and learning. Hot and cold drinks available. 11am-2pm For 2-10th birthday. £10 per family.

To book, please email [sarah@neurochewoodlanders.org](mailto:sarah@neurochewoodlanders.org) or go to [www.neurochewoodlanders.org](http://www.neurochewoodlanders.org) or call Sarah Holiday on 07704 060641

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