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# St John's Church of England Primary School

## Weekly News

### Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/Carers

This week we had transition days for all pupils and saw the Year 6 pupils head off to their secondary schools to gain a taster of what life will be like in Year 7. We were delighted with the feedback regarding their conduct, with them all making excellent first impressions. Our new Reception cohort came in for the day and it was lovely to see the confidence they demonstrated with their new teachers. Throughout the school the pupils spent the morning with their new teacher, who all reported successful times with the new class. The only year group with a familiar teacher, the current Year 4, enjoyed a super day out at the international cricket fixture in Taunton!

Thank you to all the families who completed the Parent Survey, these were pleasing to read with overwhelmingly positive results. There were some really constructive, useful comments to help us to improve further. Already we are exploring how we can further sporting experiences for the children and new clubs are being lined up for the new academic year. A reminder that we have an open door policy, so families are welcome to arrange appointments if they require them.

The weather forecast for next week is predicted to be another warm one for the community. In light of this, the children can wear PE kits next week. This can include plain white t-shirts, which may be cooler for the children to wear. Once again, the school will put measures in place to support the community cope with the warmer temperatures.

Kind regards

Olly Priestley - Headteacher

### Certificate Winners:

Windsor - Ethan James  
Attenborough - Lindsey  
Mandela - Danica  
McCartney - Emilia  
Simmonds - Flo  
Hawking - Jessica  
Pankhurst - Dylan  
Rashford - Henry  
Medal - Janice (1)

A poster for a Summer Disco event. The background is red. At the top, it says 'SUMMER DISCO' in large white letters. Below that, it says 'Friends of St John's Primary School would like to invite children of St John's to a End of Year School Disco hosted by DJ Mitchell'. There are two circular images: one showing a disco ball and another showing people dancing. The date and location are 'THURSDAY 16 JULY 2026 Hall of St John's Primary School'. A speech bubble says 'Please bring your drinks bottle!'. The times are: Reception &amp; Yr 1: 2.00pm - 3.00pm, Yr 2 &amp; Yr 3: 3.15pm - 4.15pm, Yr 4 &amp; Yr 5: 4.30pm - 5.30pm. The cost is £2.00 per child to include refreshments. It says 'Please book via Scopay' and 'Bookings and payments must be made on Scopay by 4pm on Wed 15th July. There will be no admission without booking.' At the bottom, it says 'We thoroughly hope that you and your children will support the disco.' and 'FRIENDS of St. John's C of E Primary School WELLINGTON'. A logo for Friends of St. John's is at the bottom right. At the very bottom, it says 'Get involved and make our school even better for our children'.

### Safeguarding/Wellbeing:

There has been a lot of reporting in the press regarding use of mobile phones in school. The impact of the law changes will not be significant at St John's as the school already have a policy of children handing in mobile phones at the start of the day and collecting at the end. Some of our older children walk home alone, so we understand why children are bringing phones. We will have the same arrangement starting in the new academic year.

Sharing joy and hope in the community

## **Important Update – Confirmation of Allergy Information on SCOPAY**

As part of the introduction of **Benedict's Law**, SCOPAY has introduced an additional step requiring parents to confirm their child's allergy information before ordering school meals. This change will go live from **1st September 2026**.

We are asking **all parents**, even if they do not intend to order school meals to log in to their SCOPAY account and select "**Order Meals**".

Please then:

- Scroll to the month of **September 2026**.
- A message will automatically appear on screen displaying your child's recorded allergy information.
- If your child has a recorded allergy, this will be shown.
- If your child has no recorded allergies, the word "**None**" will be displayed.
- If the information is correct, please click the **blue "Confirm- these are correct"** button.
- If the information is incorrect, please click the **red button "No, these are incorrect"** and contact the school office immediately so that your child's allergy information can be updated.
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The whole Autumn term menu is now live so meals can now be ordered.

**Please action your child's allergy status confirmation and order meals for at least the first 2 weeks of term by Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July.**

Due to this new legislation, parents will now be responsible for ordering their child's meals directly through SCOPAY and should not rely on the school office to place orders on their behalf. The school office will not be able to order meals if the allergy status has not been confirmed by a parent or carer on SCOPAY.

If a meal has not been ordered and a child arrives at school without a packed lunch, parents will be contacted and asked to bring in a packed lunch for their child.

To make the process easier, we recommend sitting down with your child when the menus become available and ordering meals for the entire term. Parents can amend meal choices at any time afterwards through SCOPAY if required.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

## **SATs Results**

You may have seen recent news reports that the Standards and Testing Agency (STA) has announced a delay to the release of this year's Key Stage 2 SATs results due to technical issues with its new results platform.

As a school, we will endeavour to share your child's SATs results with you as soon as possible and, where possible, before the end of term. However, if the delay means we are unable to do this, we will send the results to parents and carers via email as soon as they are received.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

**Weekly House Point Winner: ST DAVID**

**Last Day of Term**

On Friday 17th July school will be closing at 2pm, and there will be no after school club. Please arrange for collection of your child at 2pm, thank you.

**Pet Side Story**

Y6 will be performing Pet Side Story in the school hall on Tuesday 14th July at 9.30 and 16.00 for parents.

**Request for Barbie dolls**

If you have any Barbie type dolls you no longer need we would be very grateful for them to use in the Nurture Room. Please bring any you may be able to offer us to the office, thank you.

**Wacky Wednesday dates:**

5th August Wellington Play Day  
19th August Summer Spectacular

Wellington Park from 11.00am -12.45pm.  
Refreshments and a barbecue available.  
Ages from 0-11 and their parents / families.

**SUMMER TENNIS CAMPS**

SB Tennis is delivering fun-filled tennis camps for children of all abilities to develop their tennis skills through coaching and game based activities, led by LTA accredited (DBS checked) coaches.

<b>TENNIS TOTS</b> (Ages 2-5 Years) 12:00 - 12:45PM	<b>PRICE FROM</b> <b>£5</b>	<b>CAMP DATES</b> • Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> July • Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> August • Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> August • Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> August • Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> August • Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> August • Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> August
<b>PRICE FROM</b> <b>£15</b>	<b>JUNIOR TENNIS</b> (Ages 6-10 Years) 1:00 - 4:00PM	

All sessions are open to members and non-members of Elms Lawn Tennis Club. Prices are dependent on membership.

**ELMS LAWN TENNIS CLUB, TAUNTON, TA1 1EH** Scan the QR code or email: [sophie@sbtenniscoaching.com](mailto:sophie@sbtenniscoaching.com)

**Upcoming events:**

6th-8th July	Y6 Residential Visit
8th July 2.15	Y4 trumpet performance
14th July	Y6 performance of Pet Side Story 9.30 and 16.00-parents invited
15th July 9.30	Y6 Leaver's Assembly in Church
15th July	Y6 Disco
16th July	YR-Y5 Disco
17th July	Last day of Summer Term-school closing at 2pm
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
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.**

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HAPPY HEALTHY HOLIDAY PLACES BOOKABLE FROM 11AM ON TUESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE HERE: <https://www.safp.co.uk/ffcd>

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