



Newsletter 4 3rd October 2025

'Let us love one another, for love comes from God'
1 John 4:7



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for joining our Harvest service yesterday. It was wonderful to see so many of you. Thank you for your generous donations which will be given to Wimborne Food Bank.



Our Year 4 School Ambassador and School Council represented St John's First School at the Wimborne Town Youth Council meeting on Tuesday. They talked about the exciting "Wimborne Town of Culture 2026" project.

We have announced that Albert will be the School Ambassador for Pandas, congratulations! There were many excellent letters to read and it was a very difficult choice! The School Ambassador automatically joins the School Council and Worship Team as part of their role. As Albert was already voted to be on the School Council this term, we have a space for another Panda to be on the School Council so we will send out new application forms for this next week.

We are looking forward to our 'Books at Bedtime' evening on Tuesday 14th October from 6pm to 6:30pm. During this time, parents and carers will be invited to attend a meeting to discuss how phonics is taught in school and how to support children with reading at home. The children will enjoy bedtime stories with staff from the school in the classrooms. In order for us to cater for enough children please ensure that you have booked your child's place via [this form](#).

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes

Miss Michelle Prince
Headteacher

Congratulations to these children who have gone above and beyond and **sparkled** this week:

Elephants: Heidi and Sophie
Giraffes: Teddy and Esme
Dolphins: Oscar A and Amelia
Pandas: Lydia and Bradley
Snow Leopards: Jack and Marni



Half Term Value - Generosity

In the story of feeding the 5,000, a boy shared his small lunch with Jesus, and Jesus used it to feed a great crowd. This shows that even a small gift can be a big help when we share it.



Cake Sale

The Friends of St John's will be holding a Cake Sale on Friday 24th October, at 3.15pm in the school hall to raise funds for the school. All items will be priced at 50p. CASH ONLY.

We are kindly asking the parents/carers of Elephants and Pandas to contribute this time.

Please could you bring your shop bought or home baked cupcakes, cookies, brownies etc to school on the morning of Friday 24th October where there will be a red trolley outside the office to leave them in. Thank you so much for your support! (Please remember NO NUTS)



Tesco Stronger Starts



We have been selected for the Tesco Stronger Starts Scheme to purchase storage for playground equipment. Our project has been put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores. Voting will commence in store from the first week in October 2025 until mid-January 2026. The project with the highest number of votes across our region will receive up to £1,500! To vote, you will need to make a purchase within store of any value. You will receive one token per transaction.

Please see below a list of stores taking part in the voting on our project.

Ferndown Superstore Superstore BH22 9TH

West Moors Express Express BH22 0JB

Glenmoor Road Bournemouth Express Express BH22 8QE

Poulner Express Express BH24 1UB

Verwood Ringwood Express Express BH31 7AQ

Lost Property

Please could you ensure that every item of your child's clothing is clearly named. We have a huge amount of unnamed clothing that has been lost over the last 4 weeks. Parents are welcome to search for any lost items in the lost property box at the start or end of the school day.

Clubs

We have a selection of after school clubs with spaces available this term. Links for each are below, or you can contact the school office.

Monday

[Forest School](#) Year 1 - 4

[Gymnastics](#) Year 1 - 4

Spanish - Year 3 and 4

Tuesday

[Football](#) Year 1 - 4

Wednesday

Tennis Year 1 - 4 [full for Autumn Term]

[Ukulele](#) Year 1 - 4

Thursday

[Football](#) Year 1 - 4

[Dance](#) Year 1 - 4

[Choir](#) Year 1 - 4



Parking

Inconsiderate parking continues to be a source of concern for our neighbours and School community. We have received a complaint regarding inappropriate parking on the private forecourt of Pro Skin Medical Aesthetics, which is impacting the business. This is a private forecourt belonging to the business and providing parking for staff and customers, and there is clear signage to this effect. We would request that parents do not park there either at the beginning or end of the school day.



Please respect the white markings denoting access to individual properties and do not block driveways. Vehicles should never be parked on double yellow lines, yellow zig zag markings or on a bus stop. The single yellow line on St John's Hill indicates a parking restriction. In this case meaning no parking between Mon - Sat between 8am - 6pm.

Parking on these markings represents a significant hazard to pedestrians and motorists. Your support in respecting the road markings and parking considerately will help ensure the safety of our children. Thank you for your continued support with this.

Attendance



Well done Giraffes!

 	
Class Weekly Attendance for Week beginning 29 September 2025	
Elephants	96.1%
Giraffes	99.3%
Dolphins	92%
Pandas	97.1%
Snow Leopards	94.1%
Whole School	95.7%

Dates for your diary

[What's on this week](#)

Tuesday 14th October

Books at Bedtime 6pm

Tuesday 21st October

Year 4 Snow Leopards - Larmer Tree Project (Creative Arts)

Friday 24th October

Five Loaves Bakery

Cake Sale

Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October

Half Term Holiday

Monday 3rd November

INSET Day

Tuesday 4th November

Parents' Consultations 3:30pm-6:30pm

Thursday 6th November

Parents' Consultations 3:30pm-6:30pm

Wednesday 12th November

Positive Noticing Day

Friday 14th November

Five Loaves Bakery

Wednesday 19th November

Flu Immunisations

Monday 17th - Friday 21st November

Road Safety Week

Friday 5th December

Christmas Decoration Morning

Wednesday 10th December

Christmas Show 9:30am

Thursday 11th December

Christmas Show 9:30am

Friday 12th December

Christmas Show 1:30pm

Five Loaves Bakery

Friday 19th December

INSET Day

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