



Newsletter 6
17th October 2025

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



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Year 4 Play Leaders attended Play Leader training on Monday at Ferndown Leisure Centre. They had a fantastic time and were brilliant role models! "We learnt lots of new games like Elephant Football, Volleyball, Four Square and Switch, which we can't wait to play with all the St John's children." They have already begun leading sessions during playtimes for children across the school. Remind your children to check the playtime rota to see when their day is with the Play Leaders!



Thank you to everyone that joined us for Books at Bedtime. We were pleased to see so many of you attend Miss Beckett's Phonics and Reading information session. The children enjoyed listening to their bedtime stories. Thank you to the Friends of St John's for organising the refreshments with the milk generously donated by Allen Valley Milk, our local dairy farm.



Geraldine, a Guide Dog puppy trainer, visited us this week with her puppy Clover. Geraldine told us all about how she trains Clover to get her ready to be a Guide Dog for a person who can't see very well. She also explained that to raise money for Guide Dogs, there will be a Puppy Treasure Trail in Wimborne on Saturday 25th October. The event, organised by Guide Dogs, will see shoppers search for toy guide dog puppies hidden in shop windows. Clue sheets can be purchased for £1 at the Guide Dogs information stands in Wimborne Square and Crown Mead. All proceeds will go to Guide Dogs. The mayor of Wimborne will officially open the event at 9am. After completing the trail, participants can post their sheets into a special treasure chest at Wimborne Square, where there will be a tombola and raffle.



As part of their topic 'Welcome to Wimborne', the Giraffes class enjoyed walking around Wimborne. In geography they have learnt that a town has many houses, offices and shops. They used their check list and ticked off all the different key items that they found. It was fun walking past their houses and their favourite places in Wimborne, It was very hard walking past the cafes, they smelt delicious! The Giraffes class were true ambassadors for our school with many happy smiles from the local community.

Best wishes

Miss Michelle Prince
Headteacher

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

Elephants: Louie and Bella-Rose
Giraffes: Archie and Ameer
Dolphins: Jessica and Rory
Pandas: Poppy and Spencer
Snow Leopards: Phoebe



Half Term Value - Generosity

The Bible tells us that creation is God's special gift to use - not only to enjoy, but also to cherish and to care for. We must be 'earthkeepers' so that God's gift is still beautiful for the next generation. How are you helping to keep our planet healthy?



Parent Consultations

The Autumn Term Parent Consultations are being held on Tuesday 4th and Thursday 6th November. The meetings will take place at school in your child's classroom. Appointments should be made through Arbor.

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)



Christmas Cards

Your child will be coming home today with a proof copy of the beautiful Christmas card they have designed in class. These are available to order via the website on your proof card, and then will be delivered back to school.

This has been organised by Friends of St Johns and we will earn 20% commission on every item ordered. **The deadline for ordering with early bird discount and free delivery to school is 26th October.** Orders after this date will be charged for home delivery, items will cost more and, most importantly, we won't receive any commission!

Please get your orders in early! We hope you enjoy seeing your child's beautiful creation in print!

Staffing Update



We are delighted to announce that Mrs Holloway is joining our team of teaching assistants and will work with children across the school. Mrs Holloway has been a lunchtime supervisor with us since January 2025 and knows the children well already.

Behaviours that Challenge us

Do you find your child's behaviour difficult to manage at times?

Would you like to find out more about why children, aged 5-11, struggle to regulate their emotions and follow instructions?

Join this one-off information session to find out more about how you can support and understand your child's challenges and difficulties.

For Parent/Carer(s) of children aged between 5 and 11 years living in BCP and Dorset.

Thursday 20th Nov 2025 Face to Face session, venue in BCP area 10:00am – 12:00pm - [Book here](#)

(They are unable to accommodate children at this session.)

EAST DORSET YEAR 3, 4 and 5 FUN RUN

Tuesday October 21st, 2025

AT ST MICHAEL'S MIDDLE SCHOOL

Arrive 3.30pm- 3.50pm

First Race – 4.00pm



Year 3, 4 and 5 are invited to enter the **EAST DORSET FUN RUN**. The fun run will be approximately 1km. Year 3 and 4 will compete together. Year 5 will be in a separate race. Please arrive at 3.50pm at St Michaels Middle School.

Parents are required to stay on site whilst their child participates

To enter scan the QR code and fill in the form



Link to the form is also here <https://forms.gle/Cai4TZv9NDYagqcp6>

Organiser: Mrs Katrina Cole. School Games Organiser

sgo4eastdorset@gmail.com Schools will be told if the event is cancelled.



Attendance



Well done Pandas!

Dates for your diary

[What's on this week](#)

Tuesday 21st October

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

Friday 24th October

Five Loaves Bakery

Cake Sale



Class Weekly Attendance

for Week beginning 13th October 2025

Elephants	95.4%
Giraffes	95%
Dolphins	90.7%
Pandas	98.3%
Snow Leopards	94.5%
Whole School	95.7%

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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WIMBORNE
MINSTER
TOWN COUNCIL

Children's Christmas Lights Poster Competition

Calling all young artists! Can you design our 2025 Christmas Lights Switch-On poster? The winner from each category will win a prize and your poster will be used to advertise the event!

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All entrants must live in the parish of Wimborne Minster, and all posters must contain the following event information - Town Square, Wimborne Minster:
Date and Time 29 November 2025 at 1pm - 5.30pm
if you have any queries please contact the office on 01202 881 655 or email gary.mason@wimborne.gov.uk

CATEGORIES

There are two age categories available to enter:
ages 5-7 (KS1) and ages 7-11 (KS2)

HOW TO ENTER

Create your poster on A4 portrait oriented paper using pencils, pens, paint or crayon and write your name, age, school and address on the back. Send your finished poster to Wimborne Minster Town Council, The Town Hall, 37 West Borough, Wimborne Minster BH21 1LT

**Deadline for entries is Monday
3rd November 2025**

