



**Newsletter 8**  
**7th November 2025**

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



### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you at parents' consultations this week. I hope you found this a useful opportunity to find out about how your child has settled into their new year group and how they are getting on with their learning.

We are delighted to be participating in Positive Noticing Day this year on Wednesday 12th November. This is an initiative developed by behaviour expert and author, Paul Dix.

We will be spending some time during the day thinking about the power of positive noticing. It is simple, practical, and highly effective. Being positively noticed by others builds self-esteem, supports behaviour and promotes good mental health. We will be encouraging pupils (and staff!) to positively notice one another.

We encourage families to join in at home too. You can write positive notes for family members on luggage labels, post-it notes or pieces of paper. We know that children who are positively noticed by their parents/carers are happier, healthier and more resilient and secure.

You may wish to use Positive Noticing Day as an opportunity to start daily positive noticing in your home. You can create and share positive labels as a family and save them - stick them on the fridge, the back of the door or put them in an old picture frame.

Here are some ideas to get you started:

- 'I noticed that you put your plate by the sink, that's really helped me this morning. You are very thoughtful, thank you'
- 'You are so good at sharing with your sister/brother. You are such a kind person.'
- 'I noticed that you were really kind to X at school today. That made me really proud of you'

We hope you enjoy the day! We want to say that 'we notice you' and the effort you make to support your children, engage them in learning and enrich our school community! Thank you.

You can find out more about positive noticing and Positive Noticing Day at <https://www.positivenoticingday.com/homeadults>

Best wishes

Miss Michelle Prince  
Headteacher



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

Elephants: Arlo and Harry  
Giraffes: Bertie and Charlie  
Dolphins: Elsie and Evie  
Pandas: Bella and Micah  
Snow Leopards: Gabriel and Ava



### Children's Christmas Lights Poster Competition

Wimborne Minster Town Council is thrilled to announce the winners of the Children's Poster Competition, held to promote the Christmas Lights Switch-On Event on November 29th, 2025. Congratulations to Phoebe (Y4) who is the winner of the K2 category!



### Half Term Value - Compassion

This week in worship we launched our new value for this half term, compassion. We explored 'noticing a need', being aware when others may need our help. We can easily be so busy with the things that *we* want to do, the games *we* want to play and the people *we* want to speak to that we fail to notice when someone else needs our help. Think of a time when you have stopped what you were doing to help someone else. Can you remember how this felt inside?



### Anti-Bullying Week - Monday 10th to Friday 14th November

St John's First School will be taking part in **Anti-Bullying Week from Monday 10th to Friday 14th November**. This national event is an important opportunity for us to reinforce our commitment to creating a kind, inclusive and respectful school community.

We will be launching the week with **Odd Socks Day on Monday 10th November**. On this day, children (and adults!) are encouraged to come to school **wearing odd socks** to celebrate what makes each of us unique and to remind everyone that it's great to be different.

### Disco

The Friends of St John's have organised a disco for the children after school on Friday 21st November. Tickets cost £3 and can be purchased through the Arbor shop. A drink, fruit and biscuits will be provided for each child. The Elephants and Giraffes class disco will run from 3:15 - 4:00pm. Children attending in these classes should bring a change of clothes with them to school on the day of the disco and they will have time to get changed in their class before being taken to the hall. Parents are therefore not required to be at school at normal pick up time. The Dolphins, Pandas and Snow Leopards disco will run from 4:15 - 5:00pm. These children should enter the disco through the values garden door. All children will be collected from the main playground.



### 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.)

## Free Webinars for Parents

Parentkind have curated a series of free webinars for parents. Topics include helping your child achieve in primary school maths, setting boundaries and smartphone use. Please click the link below for more details.

<https://www.parentkind.org.uk/your-pta-expert/parent-webinars>

## Wimborne Food Bank

As a school, we will be supporting the Wimborne Food Bank Reverse Advent Calendar (see flyer below). If you would like to donate any items, please bring these to the school office.



### Attendance



Well done Giraffes!

### Dates for your diary

#### [What's on this week](#)

#### Monday 10th November

Odd Socks Day

#### Monday 10th - Friday 14th November

Anti-Bullying Week

#### Tuesday 11th November

Year 4 Library trip

#### Wednesday 12th November

Positive Noticing Day

#### Friday 14th November

Five Loaves Bakery

#### Monday 17th November

Year 1 Seasonal walk to Wesley Woods

#### Tuesday 18th November

Year 3 Library trip

#### Wednesday 19th November

Flu Immunisations

#### Monday 17th - Friday 21st November

Road Safety Week

#### Friday 21st November

Disco

YR and Y1 3:15pm-4:00pm

Y2, Y3 and Y4 4:15pm-5:00pm

#### Tuesday 25th November

Year 2 Library Trip

#### Tuesday 2nd December

Year 1 Library Trip

#### Friday 5th December

Christmas Decoration Morning

#### Tuesday 9th December

Worship Team, School Council and School Ambassadors visit to Harleston House

#### Wednesday 10th December

Christmas Show 9:30am

#### Thursday 11th December

Christmas Show 9:30am

#### Friday 12th December



### Class Weekly Attendance

for Week beginning 3rd November 2025

Elephants	94%
Giraffes	97.5%
Dolphins	97.2%
Pandas	95%
Snow Leopards	93.3%
Whole School	93.7%

Christmas Show 1:30pm

Five Loaves Bakery

**Friday 19th December**

INSET Day

**Tuesday 13th January**

Year R Library Trip

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# Odd Socks Day



We'll be wearing our odd socks this Odd Socks Day, will you?

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025



Andy and The Odd Socks

ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE

#AntiBullyingWeek  
#OddSocksDay



# REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR 2025

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| 1<br>LONG LIFE<br>FRUIT<br>JUICE | 2<br>PORRIDGE       | 3<br>TUBE OF<br>PRINGLES   | 4<br>PACKET<br>OF RICE         | 5<br>PASTA<br>SAUCE     | 6<br>WASHING<br>UP LIQUID | 7<br>TINNED<br>TUNA                | 8<br>TINNED<br>CURRY              |
| 9<br>WASHING<br>PODS/GEL         | 10<br>SHAMPOO       | 11<br>BOX OF<br>CHOCOLATES | 12<br>TINNED<br>CORNER<br>BEEF | 13<br>TINNED<br>FRUIT   | 14<br>BOTTLE OF<br>SQUASH | 15<br>TOILET<br>ROLLS<br>PACK OF 4 | 16<br>TINNED<br>MEATBALLS         |
| 17<br>BOX OF<br>BISCUITS         | 18<br>SHOWER<br>GEL | 19<br>UHT MILK<br>CARTON   | 20<br>JAR OF<br>COFFEE         | 21<br>TINNED<br>CUSTARD | 22<br>TINNED<br>HAM       | 23<br>DEODORANT                    | 24<br>TINNED<br>CHILLI /<br>MINCE |



**25**  
A CHRISTMAS  
PRESENT  
FOR AN ADULT  
OR TEENAGER

Please bring your  
donations to  
Wimborne Foodbank,  
Leigh Park Community  
Centre by Friday 28<sup>th</sup>  
November

