



Newsletter 9
14th November 2025



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

Message from the Headteacher

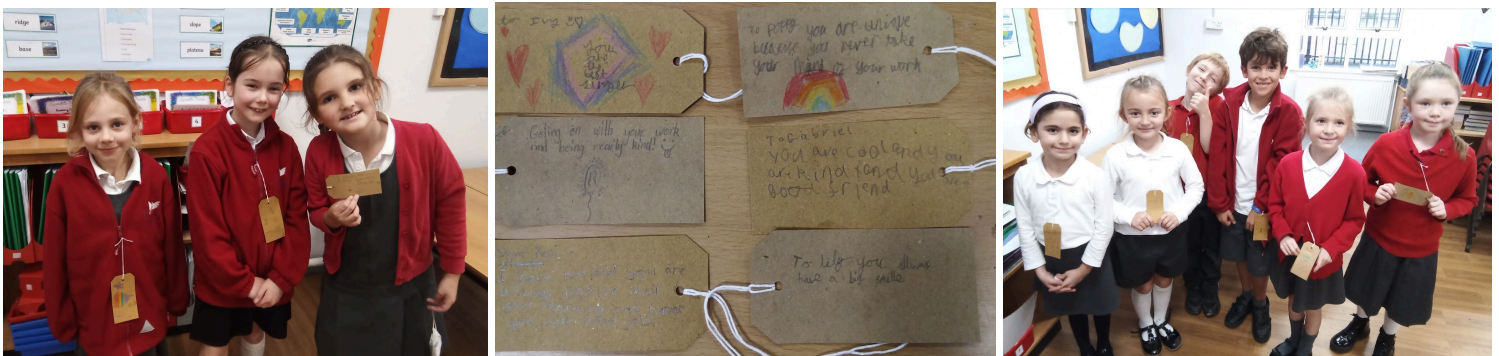
Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy week!

On Monday, we launched Anti-Bullying week by wearing odd socks to celebrate what makes each of us unique and remind everyone that it's great to be different.



On Wednesday, we celebrated Positive Noticing Day. We loved seeing the kind words the children wrote for each other. The children enjoyed receiving their positive notes and wearing these for everyone to see.



As you may have heard, Wimborne has won 'Town of Culture' for 2026 and as part of the event Walford Mill Education Trust will kick off 2026 with an art exhibition. Pandas had an art workshop this week with Caroline from Walford Mill in preparation for the exhibition, 'Splash of Colour'. Snow Leopards will have one next week. We are looking forward to seeing which pieces of art work are chosen for the exhibition.



Snow Leopards have had a busy couple of days, on Tuesday they visited Wimborne Library. The children enjoyed learning from the librarians about how to use the library and how to sign up for a library card. They then had the opportunity to explore the shelves, discover new books that caught their interest and share why they chose them. A big thank you to our parent helpers for joining us and making this visit possible! On Wednesday they visited Allenbourn Middle School where the children took part in either an Art or Maths activity and got to experience a taste of middle school life! Although the children enjoyed their visit, I know for many their highlight was a sweet treat after the activities!



Dolphins Class visited the church for Godly Play with Captain Kev, who shared the Nativity story using objects, boards, and candles. The children reflected on the light of Christ and created artwork to show the part of the story most special to them.



Each class at St John's First School have done wonderfully in their class Children in Need challenges today! From a nursery rhyme sing-a-thon, tennis keepy-ups, 3-legged penalty shoots, dance routines and running laps around the school, it is safe to say that we have all definitely challenged ourselves to 25! Please donate sponsorship for their efforts through the Arbor shop so that we can raise funds for such an important charity. Thank you!



Next week we will be focusing on Road Safety Week. As part of this we will be completing a survey to find out how many children walk to school.

Best wishes

Miss Michelle Prince
Headteacher

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

Elephants: Logan and Lexi
Giraffes: Bradley and Sidney
Dolphins: Rue and Arabella
Pandas: Henry and Nella
Snow Leopards: Jude and Henry



Half Term Value - Compassion

Compassion has been an important value this week. We have remembered those that have fought in wars, reflected on how we use our 'power for good' during anti-bullying week and positively noticed each other. Today we are thinking about Children in Need, those children that are facing overwhelming challenges and need our support.



A Special Thank You!

A special 'Thank you' to Bea in Pandas who found some lost medals on Remembrance Sunday and was able to reunite them with their owner. This was very much appreciated and is an excellent example of our Christian Values in the community. Thank you!

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!

Class Weekly Attendance for Week beginning 10th November 2025	
Elephants	93.5%
Giraffes	97%
Dolphins	96.7%
Pandas	96.3%
Snow Leopards	93.7%
Whole School	95.5%

Dates for your diary

[What's on this week](#)

Monday 17th - Friday 21st November

Road Safety Week

Monday 17th November

Road Safety Workshops

Year 1 Seasonal walk to Wesley Woods

Tuesday 18th November

Year 3 Library trip

Wednesday 19th November

Flu Immunisations

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

Christmas Show 1:30pm

Five Loaves Bakery

Wednesday 17th December

Christmas Party Day

Thursday 18th December

Christingle Service in Church 1:45pm (all welcome)

Friday 19th December

INSET Day

Tuesday 13th January

Year R Library Trip

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REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR 2025

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



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