



Newsletter 11

28th November 2025

'Let us love one another, for love comes from God'

1 John 4:7

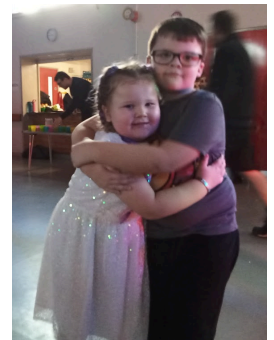


Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,



Thank you to the Friends of St John's for organising a fantastic disco! Thank you also to the staff who stayed after school to support this event. The children had a wonderful time and we raised £352.50 for the school.



Year 2 enjoyed their trip to Wimborne Library on Tuesday. Dolphins class learnt about the different types of books in the library and were amazed to hear they could take out 20 books at a time with a library card! They can't wait to go back in the Spring term.



Snow Leopards had a fantastic tag rugby session led by some of the St Michael's Sports Leaders on Tuesday. The leaders led the children in a warm-up and various activities teaching them different skills. We're very thankful to work with schools across our Trust and have these opportunities!



As part of their learning about celebrations, Elephants held a fantastic pretend wedding at the church. The children stepped into their roles beautifully, with plenty of bridesmaids and page boys adding to the celebration. They danced to music, shared smiles and enjoyed the delicious cakes that the children proudly baked in class. It was a wonderful way to combine creativity, teamwork and fun — and the children truly shone in their imaginative play.



Best wishes

Miss Michelle Prince

Headteacher

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

Elephants: Ella-Louise and Nicoló

Giraffes: Leila and Leo

Dolphins: Evie and Joshua

Pandas: Joshua and Alice

Snow Leopards: Thomas and Esther



Half Term Value - Compassion

This week in worship, we read the story of The Good Samaritan. By telling the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus was teaching us that everyone in need is our neighbour, even when they are not our special friends. The Worship Team led Church worship this week by acting out the story of Feeding the 5000. The boy in the story could see that others needed food and he shared his lunch. Jesus was able to make sure that this was enough to feed everyone.



Christmas Performance Tickets

This year, the children will be performing 'A Midwife Crisis' on the following dates: Wednesday 10th December at 9.30 am, Thursday 11th December at 9.30 am and Friday 12th December at 1.45 pm. Tickets will be available to book, at no cost, through Arbor from 8.00 am on Monday 24th November. The tickets are limited to 2 per family across all performances. To book your tickets go to the Arbor School Shop. The deadline for booking tickets is Sunday 7th December. *In the interests of fairness, families with bookings for more than a total of 2 tickets at this stage will be allocated 2 tickets to the day with least demand.*

Christmas Decoration Morning - Donations please!

We would be very grateful for donations of craft supplies to support our Christmas Decoration morning. In particular, we would welcome:

- Lace
- Ribbon
- Beads
- Pipe cleaners
- Small wooden discs
- Wooden dolly pegs
- Twine



Wool (green, red, white)

If you have any of these items, please bring them to the school office by Wednesday, 3rd December. Thank you

Wimborne Library Fundraising Competition

Wimborne Library is currently fundraising for new furniture in the children's area. From 22nd November until 6th December they are running a dog name competition. The winner will receive a toy dog and a tin of Heroes donated by Waitrose. Entrants pay £1 for a ticket with a name printed on it. If on 'Reveal Day' 6th December their name matches the name on the dog tag that the toy dog is wearing, they win.

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>

Attendance



Well done Pandas!



Class Weekly Attendance

for Week beginning 24th November 2025

Elephants	82.1%
Giraffes	88.3%
Dolphins	81.7%
Pandas	94%
Snow Leopards	85.7%
Whole School	86.4%

Dates for your diary

[What's on this week](#)

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 1:45pm

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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