



Newsletter 19
6th February 2026

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



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have lots of events planned and I have added new items to the Dates for your Diary section so please check this carefully.

You are invited to your child's class worship in the hall where the children will lead a presentation about what they have been learning. Please see the dates for these below.

Class Worship - in the hall

Date	Class
Tuesday 10th March 9:00am	Pandas
Tuesday 17th March 9:00am	Snow Leopards
Tuesday 24th March 9:00am	Dolphins
Tuesday 21st April 9:00am	Elephants
Tuesday 28th April 9:00am	Giraffes

Pandas would also like to invite you to their Samba concert on 19th March at 2:40pm.



A huge well done to Oscar, who spent his Sunday afternoon cleaning up the streets of Wimborne! Armed with a litter picker and plenty of determination, he worked hard to keep our local community and wildlife habitats tidy.

Thank you, Oscar, for making a real difference!

Best wishes
Miss Michelle Prince
Headteacher

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

Elephants: Margot and Ida

Giraffes: Emilia and Billie

Dolphins: Jessica and Albert

Pandas: Micah and Skye

Snow Leopards: Savannah and Poppy



Half Term Value - Courage

Sometimes our fears can stop us from having fun or trying something new.
Have you got a fear that holds you back?



Wimborne Library Visits

After the February half-term, children will enjoy their second visit of the year to Wimborne Library. During this visit, we would like every child to have the opportunity to borrow a book. To enable this, each child will need their own library card.

Today, your child will bring home a form for you to complete to allow a library card to be issued. If you would like your child to take part, please complete and return the form to school by Tuesday 24th February. This will allow the library sufficient time to prepare the cards before the visits begin.

If your child already has a library card, they may bring it to school on the day of their library visit (dates and further information to follow). Class teachers will collect and look after the cards during the visit and return them at the end of the day.

Mrs Fowler

Student Charter Lead

Giraffes Phonics Meeting for Parents/Carers

Thank you for all of your support in helping your children with learning their phonics. They are working really hard and can be very proud of themselves. Next term we have a statutory phonics screen in year one. More information can be found about the screen [here](#).

On Wednesday 25th February at 2.45 pm Mrs Hancock will be holding a meeting to explain more about the screen, how you can help at home and to answer any questions you may have. The meeting will be held in the classroom. Please let the school office know if you are able to attend.

Food Technology Volunteers Please

As part of our Year 2 DT curriculum, Dolphins class are looking forward to developing our food technology skills by creating Jamaican-inspired tropical fruit salads on Thursday 12th February. We would be very grateful for any parent volunteers who are available to support the class with this task from 1.30pm. You would help supervise a group of children to peel and chop fruit safely, enjoy tasting the creations with us and help us to rate, describe and evaluate our fruit salads in writing too. Please contact the office if you are able to help.

Messages from Friends of St John's

Cake Sale

The Friends of St John's will be holding a Cake Sale on Friday 13th February, 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 Dolphins and Snow Leopards to contribute this time please.

Please could you bring your shop bought or home baked cupcakes, cookies, brownies etc to school on the morning of Friday 13th February there will be a red trolley outside the office to leave them in. (Please remember NO NUTS)

Thank you so much for your support!

Disco

The Friends of St John's have organised a disco for the children after school on Friday 27th February. 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.



Take 5 minutes to raise £2 for St John's!

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to easyfundraising. We have already made over £100 for school! And easyfundraising will give £2 to St John's for every new person who signs up with the app in February. All you need to do is download the easyfundraising app and use it to sign up to support St Johns CE First School Wimborne on the same day. Please encourage friends and family to do so too. If 50 new people sign up, not only will we raise £100 but easyfundraising will give us an additional donation of £150! Many thanks!

Attendance



Well done Snow Leopards!



Class Weekly Attendance

for Week beginning 2nd February 2026

Elephants	91%
Giraffes	96.3%
Dolphins	89.9%
Pandas	95%
Snow Leopards	98.6%
Whole School	94.1%

Dates for your diary

[What's on this week](#)

Monday 9th - Friday 13th February

Children's Mental Health Week

Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February

Half Term Holiday

Monday 23rd February

INSET Day - no children in school

Tuesday 24th February

Children return to school

Wednesday 25th February

School Nurse drop in (appointment only)

Friday 27th February

Disco

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

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

Tuesday 3rd March

Stay and Play for September 2026 Intake 9:15am

Pandas Library Visit

Friday 6th March

World Book Day at St John's

Five Loaves Bakery

Tuesday 10th March

Pandas Class Worship 9:00am

Snow Leopards Library Visit

Wednesday 11th March

Science Day

Tuesday 17th March

Snow Leopards Class Worship 9:00am

Dolphins Library Visit

Wednesday 18th March

Pandas Experience Easter at the Minster

Thursday 19th March

Pandas Samba Concert for parents/carers 2:40pm

Saturday 21st March

The Extra Mile Obstacle Course Event

Tuesday 24th March

Dolphins Class Worship 9:00am

Giraffes Library Visit

Parents Consultations 3:30-6:30pm

Thursday 26th March

Parents Consultations 3:30-6:30pm

Friday 27th March

Last day of term

Easter Service at St John's Church 1:45pm

Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April

Easter Holiday

Monday 13th April

INSET Day - no children in school

Tuesday 14th April

Children return to school

Tuesday 21st April

Elephants Class Worship 9:00am

Tuesday 28th April

Giraffes Class Worship 9:00am

Monday 4th May

Bank Holiday

Monday 18th May

Elephants trip to Dumpton School

Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May

Half Term Holiday

Monday 1st June

Children return to school

Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th July

Year 4 Leeson House Residential Trip

Wednesday 22nd July

Last Day of Term

Year 4 Leavers' Service in St John's Church

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**Is your child
starting school
in September
2026?**

ST JOHN'S CE FIRST SCHOOL

**would like to invite you and
your child to a 'Stay and Play'
session.**

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

**Tuesday 3rd March 2026
9:15-10:00**

To register your interest, contact St John's
CE First School on:



01202 883675

office@stjohnsfirstschool.org



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98%

**OF PARENTS SAY
THEIR CHILD LOVES OR
ENJOYS ROCKSTEADY
BAND LESSONS**

94%

**OF PARENTS SAY
ROCKSTEADY
IMPROVES THEIR
CHILD'S CONFIDENCE**

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