



## Newsletter 20

13th February 2026

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

1 John 4:7



### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been Children's Mental Health Week. We began by exploring the theme of belonging. Together, we discussed what it means to belong and how we can help others feel included. The children shared thoughtful reflections, including: *"You belong in a community with friends and family and do things together. You feel included, safe, comfortable and loved."* Across the week, each class read four carefully chosen books that explored how it is completely normal to experience all emotions. Through discussion, we talked about strategies to help when feelings feel uncomfortable or overwhelming. One child beautifully expressed, *"It's okay to be sad. You're not the only one. It's not your fault and it's normal. You just have to know that your feelings will be bright and filled with joy again soon."* We are incredibly proud of the empathy, maturity and openness our children showed throughout the week.



The Elephants had a fantastic morning meeting Police Community Support Officer Nikki! They learned all about how the police help to keep us safe in our community. The children loved sitting inside a real police car and listening to the sirens — it was very exciting! It was a wonderful hands-on experience and the children were full of questions and smiles throughout.



Dolphins have thoroughly enjoyed gymnastics in PE this half term, making great use of the exciting equipment, including the wall bars and agility tables. They have demonstrated a range of balances and movements, with a strong focus on developing their core strength.



On Thursday, Dolphins enjoyed an amazing afternoon chopping, tasting and evaluating a range of tropical fruits which can grow in Jamaica. Thank you so much to the wonderful parent volunteers who made such a fun afternoon possible. All the children and adults left our DT lesson with all of their fingers, a chance to try some new fruits (dragonfruit was a class favourite!) and the practical knowledge of using knives safely to chop!

I hope you enjoy the half term break and we look forward to seeing the children back at school on Tuesday 24th February.

Best wishes  
Miss Michelle Prince  
Headteacher

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

Elephants: Jude and Millie  
Giraffes: Ronnie and Gino  
Dolphins: Rosie and Elsie  
Pandas: Oliver and Daisy  
Snow Leopards: Gabriel and Ronnie



### **Respecting Our Neighbours' Property**

As we enjoy the walk to and from school, we want to ensure our children are representing the school's values within our local community.

Recently, some of our neighbours have reached out to express concerns regarding children climbing on private gates, walls and fences during drop-off and pick-up times. We would be very grateful if you could talk to your children to remind them to keep their feet on the pavement. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our community safe and respectful.

### **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.

## Messages from Friends of St John's



### 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!

### After School Clubs

After School Clubs will resume on Wednesday 25th February. Our after school clubs are open to children in years 1 - 4 until the Summer term, when they also open to the children in reception class. Foundation Sports will only be running one football club for the remainder of the Spring term on Thursdays. If your child would like to attend any of our after school clubs please use the following links:

[Forest Club](#)

[Tennis Club](#)

[Ukulele Club](#)

[Football Club](#)

[Choir](#)

[Dance Club](#)

Spanish club (for children in Year 3 & 4) contact the school office

### Attendance



Well done Snow Leopards!

### Dates for your diary

#### [What's on this 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)

Y1 Phonics meeting for Parents 2:45pm

**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



**Class Weekly Attendance**  
**for Week beginning 9th February 2026**

Elephants	88.6%
Giraffes	95.7%
Dolphins	91.3%
Pandas	96%
Snow Leopards	96.8%
Whole School	94.1%

**Tuesday 10th March**

Pandas Class Worship 9:00am

**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

Snow Leopards Library Visit **\*\*Change of date\*\***

**Tuesday 28th April**

Giraffes Class Worship 9:00am

**Monday 4th May**

Bank Holiday

**Tuesday 5th May**

Elephants Library Visit **\*\*Change of date\*\***

**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





**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:



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