



## Newsletter 21

27th 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 look forward to welcoming children who are starting school in September 2026 to our Stay and Play session on Tuesday 3rd March at 9:15am (flyer with more details below). If you know someone who has a child starting school in September 2026, please do let them know about this event.

We will be celebrating **World Book Day on Friday 6th March** at St John's First School. Please note the official day is Thursday 5th March so other schools may be celebrating it on a different day to us. We are absolutely thrilled to announce that we have a very special guest joining us for a virtual event online: award-winning Dorset author, Rachel Bright. Rachel is the creative force behind some of our favorite stories, including *The Lion Inside* and *The Koala Who Could*. Her books are beloved worldwide for their beautiful rhymes and inspiring messages about courage, confidence and being yourself. Thank you to the Friends of St John's for making this possible.

Children are invited to come to school dressed as a book character of their choice. Please do not feel pressure to purchase a new outfit for this event. Fair Ground - the Wimborne Fair Trade Shop are offering a range of free pre-loved fancy dress items. The children are also welcome to bring in their favourite book to share with others. We would like to invite you into school at 3:00pm to take part in our whole-school reading event. There will also be a book fair at 3:15pm in our school hall.

To add to our celebration of books and reading, we begin our second library visits of the year. Pandas will be visiting Wimborne Library on Tuesday 3rd March. During this visit, the children will have the opportunity to choose a book to borrow with their library card.

We have recently had a change in Chair of our Local School Committee. Kevin Metcalfe has come to the end of his term serving on the local school committee and we thank him for all of his support and guidance in this role. He will continue to support us in his role as children's worker at St John's Church. We have welcomed Councillor Jeff Hart as our new Chair of the local school committee.



### Message from the Chair of the Local School Committee - Jeff Hart

'I am the new Chair of the school's Local School Committee. I have spent my whole career in education, as a teacher in London then a school inspector. I am also in my second year as the Town Mayor of Wimborne. I visited the school yesterday and spent the morning visiting classes and attending the church worship. I found the school a very happy one, where the staff work hard to provide the best possible education for the pupils. All the children were working well in attractive classrooms and with good teaching and learning. I look forward to getting to know the school even more.'

Best wishes  
Miss Michelle Prince  
Headteacher

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

Elephants: Mollie and Sophie  
Giraffes: Tommy and Roza  
Dolphins: Evie and Freddie L-W  
Pandas: Carter and Bella  
Snow Leopards: Lily and Isaac



### Half Term Value - Forgiveness

Our value this half term is forgiveness. Which line of the acrostic poem do you think is the best for helping us to understand forgiveness?



**F**orgetting the hurt  
**O**ffering a new beginning  
**R**estoring friendship  
**G**iven and received  
**I**dentifying responsibility  
**V**aluing truth  
**E**nding an argument  
**N**ot holding a grudge  
**E**ncouraging honesty  
**S**aying sorry  
**S**tarting again

### Message from Friends of St John's

#### 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 John's 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

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

### Updating Information on Arbor

It's essential for us to have accurate and up to date information regarding your child while they are in school. Information regarding medical conditions, allergies and dietary requirements can be updated through the Parent Portal in Arbor. This section is also where you can update contact details among other essential information. We kindly ask you to please check your child's details and make any updates. Use this [Arbor Help article](#) for assistance.

## Reminder

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

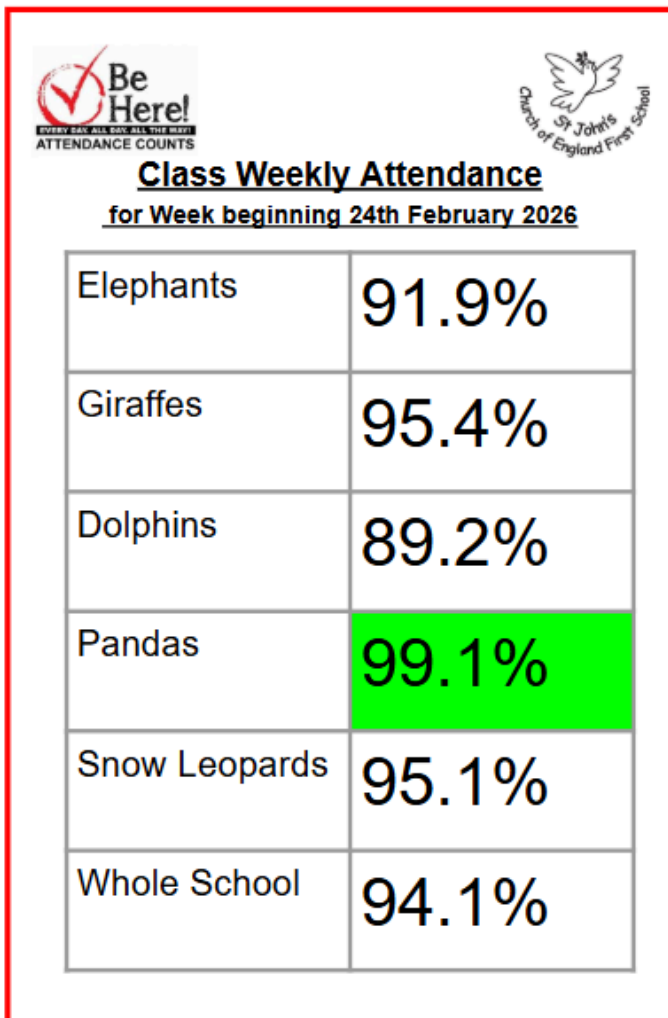
Date	Class
Tuesday 10th March 9:00am	Pandas
Tuesday 17th March 9:00am	Snow Leopards
Tuesday 24th March 9:00am	Dolphins
Tuesday 21st April 9:00am	Elephants
Tuesday 28th April 9:00am	Giraffes

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

### Attendance



Well done Pandas!



### Dates for your diary

[What's on this week](#)

#### 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

3:00pm Parents/carers invited in to read with children

3:15pm Book Fair in the hall

Five Loaves Bakery

#### 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  
**Tuesday 28th April**  
Giraffes Class Worship 9:00am  
**Monday 4th May**  
Bank Holiday  
**Tuesday 5th May**  
Elephants Library Visit  
**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](mailto:office@stjohnsfirstschool.org)

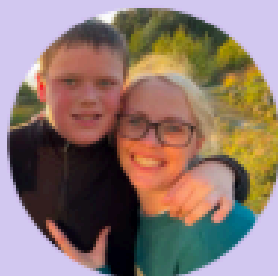
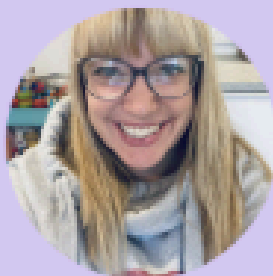




# Are you a parent of a child under the age of 5 who you think or know is autistic?

Feeling overwhelmed, isolated and want to connect with others who understand?

Come to our **FREE Early Years Autism information session** led by our passionate team of neurodivergent informed parents, each with their own very real lived experience.



Learn strategies and share ideas in a safe and supportive space.

For more information, scan the QR code

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# Behaviours that Challenge Us Information Sessions

"I implemented one of the strategies the next day with great results!"

**We are pleased to be able to offer Free one-off sessions for parents living in Dorset to understand more about 'Child Behaviours that Challenge us'**

**For parents with children between the ages of 5 and 11**

**The session is delivered by a Child Clinical Psychologist and an Action for Children Parenting Practitioner**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

**10:00am – 12:00pm**

**Virtual session via Microsoft Teams**

"I found it really useful to know about why the behaviour occurs, even if you can't always change it, having the understanding makes it easier for me to cope with"

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

**10:00am – 12:00pm**

**Virtual session via Microsoft Teams**



**These are one-off sessions so you only need to attend one event**

**Places are limited and can be booked via our website using the QR code or by visiting: [www.actionforchildren.org.uk/dorset](http://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/dorset)**

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