



Newsletter 22
6th March 2026

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



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you to the Friends of St John's for organising such a fun disco for the children last Friday. We especially loved the DJing and the games. We raised £327 for school funds!

The Rocksteady bands have made a great start! If your child is interested in joining and would like to attend a free trial session before signing up, please contact the office to arrange this.

Pandas enjoyed their library visit this week. The children explored the books and chose one to borrow using their library card. We loved celebrating World Book Day today! We had a fantastic virtual visit from the incredibly talented author and illustrator, Rachel Bright. Rachel shared insights into her life as a writer and illustrator, engaging the children with a fun animal noise guessing game. The children were captivated by a spirited reading of *The Lion Inside*, featuring plenty of enthusiastic roars and squeaks, and they were thrilled to learn how to draw the mouse in a special tutorial. The event concluded with a lively reading of *The Turtle who Turned the Tide*, complete with audience-participation noises, leaving everyone inspired and ready to pick up a book. A huge thank you to all the parents who joined us for World Book Day, taking time to come in and read with the children. We especially appreciate the incredible effort that went into all the wonderful character costumes. To add to the fun, the children enjoyed completing a special quiz to see if they could guess the book characters our staff had dressed up as! We all chose a character from Julia Donaldson's books. Can you guess who we all are?



Best wishes
Miss Michelle Prince
Headteacher



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

Elephants: Arlo and Luke

Giraffes: Archie and James

Dolphins: Lucas and Oscar A

Pandas: Bradley and Riley

Snow Leopards: Mackenzie and Matilda



Half Term Value - Forgiveness

Don't Hold on to What's Wrong

We talked about the importance of letting the hurt out, not burying it, but letting it out. How do we handle negative emotions without damaging others in the process? Where do you go? Who do you talk to? What do you do when you're feeling blue? What do we do when our heart hurts? 1 Peter 5:7 says, we can take our worries to God and tell Him how we are feeling because He loves us.



Go The Extra Mile Obstacle Course

We're very excited to be hosting an event 'The Extra Mile' led by our very own Mr Trigger and Immy and Robyn's dad Mr Harris on Saturday 21st March.

The Extra Mile is a 1 mile obstacle course race especially designed for children and families. It's a fun and exciting way to enjoy running with child friendly obstacles, exciting challenges and plenty of encouragement. The race is all about laughter and teamwork and enjoying movement - not about finishing first.

The Extra Mile will take place in our school grounds and is open solely for St John's children, their parents and siblings (younger and older) with all profits coming to school.

There are 4 different race times available to sign up for, 9.30am, 10.00am, 10.30am and 11.00am. Tickets for children (and siblings 3 years and older) cost £3 and tickets for adults are £5. All children will need a parent or guardian accompanying them on the course. Adults can be responsible for up to 3 children.

Tickets are available to purchase on Arbor, please be careful to select the relevant time and ticket type. We also require those attending to complete this [registration form](#) prior to the event.

Come ready to run, jump, crawl and have a blast at our obstacle course made for everyone!



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.



Wimborne Food Bank

Can you support Wimborne Food Bank with their Reverse Lent campaign? This is where instead of giving up luxuries or fasting, participants take on positive actions, such as donating items to a food bank to benefit others in the period leading up to Easter. Or could you help with their Easter Egg Appeal this year? This will enable them to give the families that they are serving an Easter Egg each & some Easter food / treats. More information on the flyers below.

Attendance



Well done Giraffes!

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| Class Weekly Attendance for Week beginning 2nd March 2026 | |
| Elephants | 91.4% |
| Giraffes | 98.3% |
| Dolphins | 91.4% |
| Pandas | 95.3% |
| Snow Leopards | 96.8% |
| Whole School | 94.7% |

Dates for your diary

[What's on this week](#)

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

Privacy Notice Initio Learning Trust is committed to protecting the privacy and security of personal information. The privacy notice describes how we collect and use personal information about pupils, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), section 537A of the Education Act 1996 and section 83 of the Children Act 1989. Please find the document [here](#) on the school website.



GO THE EXTRA MILE!

RUN – JUMP – CRAWL

One Mile Obstacle Run

Saturday 21st March 2026

Open to St John's School Pupils, Parents and Siblings

From ages 3 years up

HAVE A BLAST AT OUR OBSTACLE COURSE MADE FOR EVERYONE!



**£3 KIDS
£5 ADULTS**



All profits go towards supporting St John's School



**Book tickets through your
St John's Arbor account**



REVERSE LENT CALENDAR 2026

1
Washing
up
Liquid

2
Biscuits

3
Tinned
Chilli /
Mince
Beef



4
Teabags

5
Long
Life
Milk

6
Pasta
Sauce

7
Tinned
Custard



8
Tinned
Corned
Beef

9
Toilet
Rolls

10
Long Life
Fruit
Juice

11
Rice

12
Jam

13
Jar of
Coffee

14
Shower
Gel

15
Tinned
Potatoes

16
Cereal

17
Men's or
Women's
Deodorant

18
Toothpaste

19
Tinned
Rice
Pudding

20
Porridge
Oats

21
Tinned
Meatballs

22
Squash

23
Shampoo

24
Tinned
Ham



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



WIMBORNE
FOOD BANK PLUS



EASTER APPEAL
Easter Eggs &
Easter Treats

Delivered to Wimborne Food Bank
Leigh Park Community Centre,
Gordon Road, Wimborne
BH21 2AP

Opening Times:
Wednesday 10-12
Fridays 2-4pm &
12-2pm just for donations



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 4th 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 15th 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