



Newsletter 26

16th April 2026

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

1 John 4:7



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,



Bring a Bloom Day - Friday 24th April

On Friday 24th April we will hold a **non-uniform day** in exchange for children bringing in a donation of a flower/plant that we can use to brighten up our school grounds. We would also appreciate a few bags of compost if possible please, you can bring this instead of a plant. On the day, we will require a few volunteers to help the children with planting. If you are available to help, please let the office staff know.

Dolphins started the term by planting beans to launch their topic based on Jim and the Beanstalk. The children used their imagination to wonder where their beans might grow if they were magical like Jim's.



As part of the Town of Culture events, the puppets that Dolphins made last term are on display in the window of the Museum of East Dorset in Wimborne. The children created puppets of their everyday heroes, supported by parents and the Colehill Sew and Sews group. Please do go and take a look!

I have loved seeing the designs for David Attenborough's birthday cards! There is still time to enter the competition. Please see further information below.

Best wishes
Miss Michelle Prince
Headteacher

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

Elephants: Harry and Lexi
Giraffes: Mason and Bertie
Dolphins: Lottie and Paolo
Pandas: Benji and Bea
Snow Leopards: Phoebe and Charlie



Half Term Value - Friendship



Our value for this half term is friendship. This is also one of our three core values at St John's. In the Bible, Jesus gives us a very special rule for being a good friend: **'Do to others as you would have them do to you.'** (Luke 6:31)

If you were feeling a bit sad or lonely, what is one kind thing a friend could do to make you smile? Can you go and do that very same thing for someone else this week?

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 21st April 9:00am	Elephants
Tuesday 28th April 9:00am	Giraffes

Tea and Talk with Mrs Jones - Tuesday 28th April at 2:00pm

Our next Tea and Talk event will be about ASD and masking. Mrs Jones will be joined by the school nurse for this session. Everyone is welcome to attend.

🚧 Have Your Say on Road Safety Outside St John's CE First School 🚧

Wimborne Minster Town Council are inviting feedback from residents, parents and all road users about road safety on St John's Hill, outside St John's CE First School.

Your views will help them understand support for a proposed 20 mph speed limit, aimed at improving safety for children, families and pedestrians in the area.

This is an important opportunity to help shape a safer environment for everyone who uses this road.

👉 Please take a few minutes to complete the survey and share your thoughts at the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/JjQGx8X2nb> Thank you for helping us make our community safer.

David Attenborough Birthday Card Competition

To celebrate the 100th birthday of Sir David Attenborough on 8th May 2026, Wimborne Town Council and Planet Wimborne are inviting local children to take part in a birthday card competition.

Children are encouraged to design and draw a card celebrating Sir David's remarkable life, his work with nature documentaries, and wishing him a happy birthday. All entries will be displayed in an exhibition at Wimborne Library.

The idea is that children will design and draw a birthday card that reflects David Attenborough's achievements in his 100 years as well as wishing him a happy birthday!

- Cards should be any size

- They can be paper or cardboard
- They should include the name, school and year group on each card

Please bring the cards into school by Friday 24th April 2026.

A judging panel will award book prizes and certificates to the top three entries in each school phase. Winners will be announced by the Town Mayor at a small celebration on 8th May at 4pm, with parents, teachers, and pupils warmly invited to attend.



Health and Safety

For the safety of our children and to prevent any unsupervised accidents, we kindly remind families that the play equipment on the field is closed before and after school. Please ensure children remain with their grown ups at all times once the school day has ended.

Attendance



Well done Pandas!

 	
Class Weekly Attendance for Week beginning 13th April 2026	
Elephants	91.2%
Giraffes	97.5%
Dolphins	95.4%
Pandas	97.9%
Snow Leopards	97.8%
Whole School	95.9%

New Dates

Dates for your diary

[What's on this week](#)

Monday 20th April

****Cricket Engagement Day**** ensure PE kit is in school

Tuesday 21st April

Elephants Class Worship 9:00am

Snow Leopards Library Visit

Wednesday 22nd April

****Earth Day****

Friday 24th April

Bring a Bloom Day

Tuesday 28th April

Giraffes Class Worship 9:00am

****Tea and Talk about ... ASD and masking 2:00pm****

****Y4 Sports event at St Michael's Middle School****

Friday 1st May

Snow Leopards trip to Marwell Zoo

Monday 4th May

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 5th May

Elephants Library Visit

Wednesday 13th May

Pandas trip to Winchester Science Centre

Friday 15th May

****Grandparents Afternoon 1:45pm****

Monday 18th May

Elephants trip to Dumpton School

Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May

Half Term Holiday

Monday 1st June

Children return to school

Friday 5th June

****Year 2 trip to Russell-Cotes Museum ****

Friday 12th June

****Sports Day (afternoon)****

Friday 19th June

****Summer Picnic (after 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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GO THE EXTRA MILE!

One Mile Obstacle Run

Saturday 25th April 2026

Brothers Farm, Wimborne

HAVE A BLAST AT OUR OBSTACLE COURSE MADE FOR EVERYONE!

**Tickets:
£5**

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Saturday 9th May
@ Thomas Hardy School
10am – 3pm

**A day of music, drama and dance performances
and workshops for all the family.**

Performances by orchestras, jazz bands, rock bands, choirs and individual young musicians from across the local schools.

Drama, musical theatre and dance performances by students from The Thomas Hardy School.

Workshops for all to take part in (sign-up in advance!)

"Come and Try" instrument sessions and music tech sessions

Ceilidh dance, Dance workshop, Big-sing workshop, Pre-school music, Samba workshop, Folk music workshop, Street band workshop, BBQ, refreshments and more!

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