



Friendship, Courage and Respect.



Newsletter 29

8th May 2026

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

1 John 4:7



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I joined the Snow Leopards on their trip to Marwell Zoo last Friday. We started our visit with Laura, our expedition guide. Laura taught the children how to be animal trackers and showed the children examples of clues to look out for. We got up close with the giraffes and Laura told us lots of facts about them. We also enjoyed seeing the snow leopard! For more photographs, please see the [gallery page](#) of the school website.

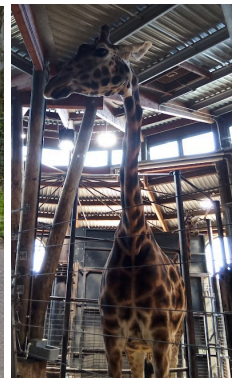
'The monkeys were having fun jumping around and I enjoyed watching them.' - *Jack*

'I really liked the Brazilian guinea pigs and lunchtime because we saw the tiger.' - *Maria*

'I think the trip was truly fascinating and I loved the up close experiences.' - *Matilda*

'I found out that baby rhinos don't have horns when they are born.' - *Poppy*

'Best school trip ever!' - *Jude*



On Tuesday, Elephants went to the library for their second visit this year. They enjoyed choosing a book to take home using their library card.

Amy from J.P. Morgan visited us today to announce the winner of the app competition. There were lots of fantastic designs and it was a difficult choice for Amy and her colleagues.

We are delighted to congratulate these children:

1st Prize - Lydia (Y3)

Runners up - Lottie (Y2) and Esther (Y4)

Special mention - Bertie (Y1), James (Y1), Nella (Y3), Gabriel (Y4)





We had a preview of Lydia's app today and once it is completely finished, you will be able to try it out.

Best wishes
Miss Michelle Prince
Headteacher

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

Elephants: Logan and Beau
Giraffes: Leila and Reuben
Dolphins: Freddie B and Olivia-Mae
Pandas: Skye and Dylan
Snow Leopards: Hannah and Aria



Half Term Value - Friendship

This week we have been thinking about the value of friendship in the story of The Good Samaritan. When we show compassion and respect to someone we don't even know, where does that love come from?



Grandparents' Afternoon - Please book your tickets today!

We would like to invite the children's Grandparents (or other special person) to school on **Friday 15th May at 1:45pm.**

This is an opportunity for Grandparents to have a tour of the school and look at the children's work, followed by tea and cake and the chance to enjoy hearing the children sing.

Grandparents' afternoon has proved to be a very popular event in the past and as such we are limiting the number of guests attending per family to 2. To request places for this event please go to the School Shop in Arbor (please note there is no charge for this event). It is vital that you book the places so that we can cater for the event accordingly. We require you to reserve your places by **Friday 8th May.**

Grandparents' afternoon is supported by the Friends of St John's who help to host the grandparents in the hall and serve refreshments. We are looking for some help with this event from parents please.

We need people to bake or donate a cake that we can serve at the event. As well as some additional volunteers to help before, during or after this event, which is a very rewarding one to be part of. If you are able to help with baking or to help set up, serve or clear up from 1:20-3pm please contact Matt (year R and 2 Dad) on 07814256725 by Monday 11th May. Thank you.

Pallets Please!

We would like to create an insect hotel in our forest school garden. For the design we would like to make, we require 5 unpainted wooden pallets please. If you or someone you know has any that could be donated, please could you bring them to school on Thursday 14th May. Thank you



Wimborne's Got Talent at the Folk Festival – applications now open!

We're excited to see Wimborne Town of Culture 2026 partnering with Wimborne Folk Festival to launch Wimborne's Got Talent — a brand new opportunity for local performers to take to the stage.

From musicians and dancers to comedians, spoken word artists and more, this is your chance to be part of the festival and showcase the incredible talent across our community.




Willow Walk Stage



Sunday 14th June



11:00am–5:30pm

Find out more and apply 

<https://www.wimborne2026.com/news/wimbornes-got-talent>



Deadline: Thursday 14th May

Attendance



Well done Snow Leopards!



Class Weekly Attendance for Week beginning 4th May 2026

Elephants	92.9%
Giraffes	95%
Dolphins	93.7%
Pandas	95.8%
Snow Leopards	97.3%
Whole School	94.9%

New Dates

Dates for your diary

[What's on this week](#)

Friday 1st May

Snow Leopards trip to Marwell Zoo

Monday 4th May

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 5th May

Elephants Library Visit

Tuesday 12th May

Class photos

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

Dolphins trip to Russell-Cotes Museum

Thursday 11th June

****Year 4 class photo****

Friday 12th June

Sports Day (afternoon)

Friday 19th June

Summer Picnic (after school)

Tuesday 7th July

Giraffes trip to Travellers Rest Farm

Wednesday 8th July

Rocksteady Concert 10:00am

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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Willow Walk Stage
Sunday 14th June

