



Newsletter 31

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

1 John 4:7



## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We were absolutely delighted to welcome so many grandparents into our school last Friday for our special Grandparents' Afternoon. The school was buzzing with excitement and it was beautiful to see the children sharing their school life with their loved ones. An event like this doesn't happen without a lot of hard work behind the scenes. We want to say a massive thank you to the Friends of St John's for organising the afternoon, serving the refreshments and making everyone feel so welcome. Thank you to all the grandparents who took the time to visit us, you made it a truly memorable day for the children.

Dolphins had an exciting opportunity last Friday to deepen their Art knowledge by learning from local potter and artist Elaine King and expert Art leaders at Allenbourn Middle School. They enjoyed a clay skills workshop with Elaine in the Art room at Allenbourn to create a clay tile and learn about the kiln and firing process. Once the tiles have been fired, later in the year they will have a unique opportunity to glaze and fire them again to create a beautiful finished tile!



Elephants had a fantastic trip to Dumpton School on Monday and the children had an unforgettable day packed with exciting hands-on activities! They loved exploring nature through pond dipping, minibeast hunting and gardening, discovering all sorts of fascinating creatures along the way. A real highlight of the visit was meeting the school tortoise and feeding the friendly ducks, which brought lots of smiles and excitement. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn, explore and enjoy the outdoors together. You can see more photographs of our trips on the [gallery page](#) of the school website.



Have you spotted our new banner? You may have noticed the wonderful "Welcome Back Swifts" banner currently displayed on the school railings! This has been put up by Wimborne Swifts, a local group dedicated to promoting the awareness and conservation of these incredible birds. Swifts fly all the way from Africa to breed in the UK every spring, and the area surrounding St John's is a fantastic hotspot for them, filled with active nesting sites. We are proud to support this initiative to help protect these amazing summer visitors, and we encourage our families to keep their eyes on the skies to catch a glimpse of them zooming overhead!



Have a wonderful half term break and enjoy the sunshine!

Best wishes  
Miss Michelle Prince  
Headteacher

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

- Elephants: Chanelle and Kainan
- Giraffes: Jack H and Maya
- Dolphins: Oscar W and Charlie B
- Pandas: Spencer and Poppy
- Snow Leopards: Charlie and Philip




### Half Term Value - Friendship

This week in worship, we focused on 'Too Much Selfie isn't healthy'. We learned three simple things we can do every day:



**👂 Listen Up!** – Good listening starts in the heart. The simplest way to be a great listener is to choose to find the other person interesting and truly want to hear what they have to say.

**📱 Look Up!** – Screens are fun, but "Too Much Selfie isn't Healthy!" reminds us not to let devices get in the way of real life. We talked about the importance of looking up from our screens to enjoy face-to-face time, sports, books and playing together.

 **Look Out!** – This means opening our eyes to the people around us and looking for ways to help them.

### **Summer Picnic**

Your child will have brought an empty jam jar this week. Please fill them with treats (e.g. sweeties, chocolates, little toys, games, marbles, hair accessories) and bring them back by **WEDNESDAY 3RD JUNE**, ready for the treat jar stall at our summer picnic. You are welcome to fill more than one jar if you would like to! We have some spare jars at school.

We would also love for your child to design a poster to advertise the event. The best entry will win a prize and be used to promote the summer picnic. Please make your entries over the half term break and bring them back by **WEDNESDAY 3RD JUNE**.

The information to include on the poster is:

Date: Friday 19th June

Time: 3:15pm-5:00pm

Stalls: Treat Jars, Balloon Animals, Beat the Goalie, Hook a Duck, Treasure Hunt.

Cake sale

Pimms stall

Entertainment from 4:15pm: Jamie Jigsaw

### **Another Poster Competition!**

Guardall Security are celebrating 25 years on West Borough and they have asked us to organise a Poster Competition for the two first schools in the town. **The winning school will be awarded £200 and the best 5 entries £20 book tokens.**

- The posters can be any reasonable size and should focus on **Safety in the Home – Safe and Sound at Home!**
- The name and year group of the child and school should be clearly marked on the back of the entry
- Substantive book tokens will be awarded to the first five winners and the first winner's school will receive a £200 donation.
- A display of all entries will be mounted at The Museum of East Dorset and the winning entry professionally printed and displayed outside the shop.
- **Entries should be posted or dropped off at Guardall Security Systems, 4, West Borough, Wimborne BH21 1NF, before noon on Friday 29 May 2026**
- All winners and parents/teachers will be invited to a presentation where all posters will be displayed at 4pm on Thursday June 11 2026- prizes will be presented by the Town Mayor, Jeff Hart. This will take place in The Museum of East Dorset.

### **Parents' Road Safety Group**

We are setting up a new **Parents' Road Safety Group** to help make the journeys to and from school safer for all our children. We will work constructively with parents, the school and local authorities where needed.

You don't need any special experience—just an interest in keeping our school community safe. Small contributions or the offer of ideas can make a significant difference. Whether you can help occasionally or would like to be more involved, your voice matters. If you are interested please contact Mike (Yr 2 Parent):

michaelogorman@hotmail.co.uk

### **Library Book Reminder**

We have loved seeing the children enjoy their recent school trips to Wimborne Library! If your child borrowed a book during their latest visit, please remember that **it is your responsibility to ensure it is returned safely to the library**. Thank you for helping us support the children's love of reading while also taking care of our local library books.

## Easyfundraising



Thank you to those who have signed up to support us through easyfundraising. We have now made £220 just 10 people using it; imagine how much money we could raise if more of our school community signed up! All you need to do is sign up, choose Friends of St John's First School as your charity and then open easyfundraising to click through to your online shop of choice (including Amazon, Tesco, Argos, Ebay and loads more). It really does what it says on the tin - an easy way to raise money for St John's without it costing you anything.

Talk to Becky (Lydia and James's mum) or Georgie (Billie's mum) to find out more.

### Attendance



Well done Snow Leopards!

	
<b>Class Weekly Attendance</b> for Week beginning 18th May 2026	
Elephants	82.1%
Giraffes	95.3%
Dolphins	87.6%
Pandas	92%
Snow Leopards	96.1%
Whole School	90.6%

### \*\*New Dates\*\*

#### Dates for your diary

#### [What's on this week](#)

#### Monday 18th May

Elephants trip to Dumpton School

#### Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May

Half Term Holiday

#### Monday 1st June

Children return to school

Y4 Multiplication Tables Check starts

#### Friday 5th June

Dolphins trip to Russell-Cotes Museum

#### Monday 8th June

Y1 Phonics Screening Check week starts

#### Thursday 11th June

Year 4 Class Photo

#### Friday 12th June

Sports Day (afternoon)

#### \*\*Monday 15th June\*\*

Leeson House Meeting for Parents and Children  
2:45pm

#### 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



# GLOBAL FAIR



**Saturday 27 June 2026**

**at Walford Mill, Wimborne, BH21 1NL**

**11am-4pm**



Free art activities

Families welcome



**This FREE event is brought to you by DEED, the FairGround Shop, Walford Mill and friends, and is part of Wimborne Town of Culture 2026**

Discover cultures, share traditions and learn about the environment. Enjoy a day of global celebration with children's storytelling & activities, delicious food and drumming & dance performances for the whole family. Visit stalls by DEED, the FairGround Shop, Planet Wimborne, BPC Indian Community, Dorset Ukrainian Community, Wimborne First School, Allenbourn Middle School, Queen Elizabeth School and more. Please bring cash for some of the stalls.

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