



Newsletter 33

12th June 2026

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

1 John 4:7



## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Friday, Dolphins had a wonderful trip to the Russell-Cotes Museum, where they enjoyed learning about the similarities and differences between the seaside today and in Victorian times. The children had the opportunity to handle historical objects, including a parasol and a penny lick, and studied the beautiful view of Bournemouth Pier from the museum window, comparing it with the same view from Victorian times. They discovered what people wore to the seaside in the Victorian era and created their own traditional souvenir by making sand-in-a-bottle artwork to take home. The day finished with a lovely picnic on the lawn before the journey back to school by bus. You can see more photographs on the [gallery page](#) of the school website.



We have a new Science club starting after school on Monday. Kate, from Fun Science, came in this week to show the children some fun experiments and tell the children all about the new club. It was great to see the children so excited about science and we expect the club to be very popular. Information about how to join has been sent home. Please ask at the office for further information.

The Eco Team from Witchampton First School came to visit us today. They talked to us about why we have the 'Welcome Back Swifts' banner and told us lots of fascinating facts about swifts. We even watched a live webcam of a pair of swifts in a nest in Wareham.



Best wishes  
Miss Michelle Prince  
Headteacher

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

Elephants: Robyn and Ella

Giraffes: Leo and Emilia

Dolphins: Alex and Talia

Pandas: Alice and Eve

Snow Leopards: Mackenzie and Maria



### Half Term Value - Respect



This week, we introduced the children to the excitement of the Men's World Cup! Beyond the goals and the trophies, we are using this global event as a powerful, real-world lesson in our core value: **Respect**. Football gives us the perfect arena to talk about what respect looks like in action.

- **Respecting the Rules:** Understanding why boundaries and fair play keep the game fun and safe for everyone.
- **Respecting Teammates and Opponents:** Learning to celebrate each other's successes, offer a helping hand when someone falls and show kindness regardless of the final score.
- **Respecting Differences:** Celebrating the diverse cultures, backgrounds and languages of the nations coming together to play.

Whether they are kicking a ball at play time or working together in the classroom, the children are discovering that being a true champion means lifting others up.

### Summer Picnic - Friday 19th June

Our Year 4 children will be running a small selection of stalls between 3:15 and 4:00pm.

Bring along your picnic blankets and either pack your own **Family Picnic** or grab a **Hot Dog** while you're here.

- Try your luck at **Hook a Duck, Beat the Goalie, Toy Tombola** or the **Treasure Hunt**
- Choose a jar from the very popular **Treat Jars**
- Enjoy our **Cake Sale** or grab a refreshing drink from the **Pimm's Stall**
- Captain Kev will be creating his amazing **Balloon Animals**
- From 4:15pm, we will be joined by the fantastic **Jamie Jigsaw** to entertain the children!

It promises to be a brilliant afternoon of fun and community spirit. We can't wait to see you there!

We are kindly asking for cake donations from all classes please. If you can contribute, please bring your shop bought or home baked cupcakes, cookies, brownies or traybakes to school on the morning of **Friday 19th June**. You'll find a trolley waiting outside to collect your treats. To ensure the safety of all our children, please ensure everything is entirely **NUT FREE**.

We would love extra support from parents! If you are able to volunteer to support a stall, please let the office know.

### EASYFUNDRAISING - Raise money for school for free!

If you download the easyfundraising app and sign up to support St John's CE First School, Wimborne **on the same day**, school will get £3. Please sign up and spread the word!

*Easyfundraising is a cashback app. If you make any online purchases by first opening easyfundraising then searching for your online retailer, clicking through and making a purchase then school will get money at no cost to you 😊.*

## Thank a Teacher Day

[National Thank a Teacher Day](#) is taking place on Wednesday 17 June. This is a moment to recognise the dedication, creativity and care that teachers and teaching staff bring to their classrooms every day. A small message can make a big difference. Help your child send a free personalised thank you card to a teacher or member of school staff who has made an impact. You can even send a message to the whole school community. [Send a Thank You Card](#)

## School Uniform

As we head into these final, exciting weeks of the school year, our classrooms are buzzing with energy! With the sun shining and summer just around the corner (hopefully!), it is completely natural for routines to feel a little harder to stick to.

However, we want our children to feel just as proud of themselves and their school community today as they did back in September. Wearing our uniform properly helps the children stay focused, feel a sense of belonging and keeps our days structured and calm.

To help us keep our standards high right up to the last day, please could you double check the morning routine for the following:

- **Shoes:** Please ensure children are wearing their smart, sensible school shoes. Trainers should only be worn if there is a reason that has been discussed with a member of staff.
- **Jewellery:** For the safety of the children on the playground and in PE, jewellery should be left safely at home. If your child has pierced ears, please stick to one pair of small, plain studs.
- **Hair and Accessories:** Long hair should be tied back and we kindly ask that hair accessories (like headbands and bows) are kept simple and in school colours.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support. By working together to keep these small habits going, we can ensure a smooth, happy and successful end to the term.

## Junior Mayor and Junior Town Crier 2026

As part of the Town of Culture, the Town Council and Model Town are working jointly to mount a new event – Junior Mayor and Junior Town Crier 2026. On 4th July at 2pm at The Model Town, they are hosting a competition when entrants can take part to select these roles.

There are few rules:

Anyone aged 9-18 can enter the Junior Mayor competition and those aged 6-14 can enter the Junior Town Crier competition.

On 4th July, the Junior Mayors have 2 minutes to deliver a speech on 'How I would make Wimborne a Better Place to Live.'

Junior Town Crier entrants will be given a cry to shout and ring the bell.

A panel from the Youth Council will decide the winners who will be given robes and a book token.

The winners will appear with the Mayor and Town Crier at key events in the town.

To enter, entrants should contact Gary Mason on 01202 881655 or email [community@wimborne.gov.uk](mailto:community@wimborne.gov.uk)

### Attendance



Well done Snow Leopards!

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

#### **Dates for your diary**

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

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

Leeson House Meeting for Parents and Children  
2:45pm

#### **Friday 19th June**

Summer Picnic and Entertainer 3:15pm

#### **Wednesday 24th June**



### **Class Weekly Attendance**

**for Week beginning 8 June 2026**

Elephants	85.2%
Giraffes	86.3%
Dolphins	80%
Pandas	93%
Snow Leopards	94.6%
Whole School	87.8%

Midday Music Box at the Minster Y3 and Y4

**Friday 26th June**

Transfer Day (Y4 go to their Middle Schools)

**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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# ST John's First School SUMMER Fair!

Friday 19th June 3.15 - 5pm



Beat the goalie!



Hook a Duck!

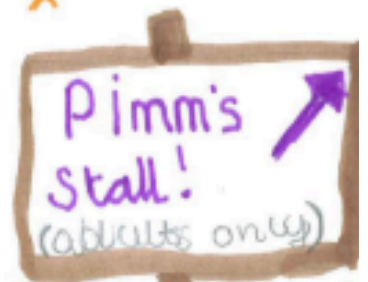


Cake Sale!



Balloon  
Animals

Entertainment  
From 4.15



Pimm's  
Stall!  
(adults only)

Come join the fun! Everyone welcome!



# Junior Mayor & Junior Town Crier COMPETITION



SATURDAY  
4TH  
JULY



2:00<sup>PM</sup>



WIMBORNE  
MODEL  
TOWN



Do you have a loud  
voice, great ideas, or a  
flair for public  
speaking?



Why not take part in  
this year's Junior  
Mayor and Junior  
Town Crier  
Competition!



## JUNIOR TOWN CRIER

Ages 6 – 14 years



Participants  
will deliver a  
pre-written  
town cry.

## JUNIOR MAYOR

Ages 9 – 18 years



Participants will present  
their own speech, up to one  
minute in length, on the  
subject:

*"My ideas to make  
Wimborne a better place"*



This is a wonderful opportunity for young people to build confidence,  
develop speaking skills, and take part in a fun community event.  
Family, friends, and supporters are warmly welcome to attend.



For further information or to enter, please contact: Gary mason 01202 881655 or [community@wimborne.gov.uk](mailto:community@wimborne.gov.uk)  
Closing date for entries: Friday 26 June 2026

