Friendship, Courage and **Respect.**



Newsletter 9

6th November 2026

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

1 John 4:7

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,



Thank you for your donations of cakes and for buying cakes at the cake sale before the half term break. We raised £107.75! The leftover cakes were donated to Streets Meadow who were delighted.

Our Elephants and Giraffes had a fantastic time visiting the Tivoli Theatre to see a live production of *Dear Zoo*! The children were completely captivated from start to finish, and it was a wonderful experience filled with excitement and big smiles. For many children, it was the very first time they had been to the theatre and it created an amazing memory. This wouldn't have been possible without the incredible community support from our amazing local businesses. A huge thank you to Nicholas Humphreys, DMW Architects, Butcher's Dog, East Street Deli and Paul Keating for sponsoring this trip. We are very grateful for their support in making this opportunity possible.





Dolphins enjoyed a lovely walk to Wimborne Library, where they were able to answer questions about fiction and non-fiction books. After playing a game and sharing stories with their friends, each child got to pick out their very own book to sign out at the front desk and enjoy at home.

Snow Leopards enjoyed a visit to the church, where Captain Kev led a Godly Play session exploring the Christian belief in the Trinity through the story of Jesus' baptism. They identified God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, discussing how the three persons make up one God. The children asked some thoughtful questions and created their own illustrations of the baptism scene to show their understanding of this important Christian belief.





Children from Pandas and Snow Leopards proudly represented our school at the Panathlon event at Emmanuel Middle School, alongside several other schools from the local area. They enjoyed trying their hand at a range of activities, including curling, bowling and basketball, showing fantastic enthusiasm, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout. They were excellent ambassadors for our school and finished the event in a fantastic fourth place!





I enjoyed attending a wonderful service on Tuesday evening to welcome Rev Tim Partridge as the new vicar of St John's Church. We look forward to working closely with Rev Tim and continuing the strong connections between our school and church community.



Best wishes

Miss Michelle Prince
Headteacher

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

Elephants: Bella and Noah
Giraffes: Harry and Teddy
Dolphins: Gino and Ronnie
Pandas: Elsie and Lucas

Snow Leopards: Bradley and Henry

Half Term Value - Trust

This week, the Worship Team launched our new half term value of **Trust** through the story of Abraham (Genesis 12). Abraham showed great courage by leaving everything familiar behind and trusting God to guide him into the unknown. We reflected on how we can step out in trust when facing new challenges and how we can be reliable, trustworthy friends to one another in school.

When has your family had to take a step of trust into the unknown?

Staff Update

We are pleased to welcome Miss Gurney to our team as a new lunchtime supervisor.



Children in Need - Challenge 26!

Next Friday, we're celebrating Children in Need by taking on this year's fundraising theme of *Challenge 26*!

And what better way to do it than by running a **26 mile marathon together as a whole school!**

Every class will play their part, with each taking on an amazing **5 miles** of the marathon over the week (Year 4 will pick up the extra mile and a bit to take us to a full marathon distance!). That's one mile a day - or 10 laps around the edge of the school playground.

We'll be fitting our miles in throughout the week, using PE sessions and other opportunities to get everyone involved. Every lap counts, and together we can achieve our school-wide marathon!

To help support our efforts, we're asking parents and families to sponsor the children please. We suggest a **donation of £1**, but wouldn't it be amazing to support the charity with up to £5 for our class's 5-mile challenge, or you may want to take on your own fundraising challenge and raise £26 to sponsor every mile! Donations can be made through Arbor.

Every penny raised will go towards supporting Children in Need, and every donation, big or small, will make a difference. Let's get ready to clock up those miles and show our support for Children in Need.

Thank you for your generosity, support and for helping us make our St John's Challenge 26 extra special!

Anti-Bullying Week



St John's First School will be taking part in Anti-Bullying Week from **Monday 16th to Friday 20th November**. This national event is an important opportunity for us to reinforce our commitment to creating a kind, inclusive and respectful school community.

The theme for this year's Anti-Bullying Week is "Break the Silence", encouraging children, young people, parents and educators to start conversations about bullying to remove the barriers to asking for help and take action together. Throughout the week, all classes

will take part in activities linked to this theme.

We will be launching the week with **Odd Socks Day** on **Monday 16th November**. On this day, children (and adults!) are encouraged to come to school wearing **odd socks** to celebrate what makes each of us unique and to remind everyone that it's great to be different.

Please use this link https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2026/parent-and-carer-pack for more details about the week's events and how you can support your child in joining in. Thank you for your continued support in helping us promote kindness, respect and inclusion at St John's.

Disco

Friends of St John's are hosting a disco on Friday 20th November.
Tickets cost £3 and can be purchased through Arbor. Money raised will cover costs and go to support the school. Squash, fruit and biscuits will be provided for each child. If money is an issue please talk to the school office about subsidised tickets.

The disco for years R & 1 will run from 3.15-4pm. **The disco for years 2, 3 & 4 will run from 4.05-4.50pm.**
Reception and year 1 children attending should bring a change of clothes with them to school on the day of the disco and they will have time to get changed in their class before being taken to the hall. Their parents/carers are therefore not required to be at school at normal pick up time. Year 2, 3 and 4 children attending should be collected as normal at 3.15pm and return at 4.05pm dressed for the disco, ready to enter by the Values Garden door.

We would love a few helpers for each disco to make drinks and generally supervise/dance along! If you would be available to help from 3-4pm or 3.50-5pm please contact email friendsofstjohnswimborne@gmail.com, specifying which disco you would like to help with. If you wish to help with both discos your child(ren) is/are also welcome to attend both discos at the cost of just one disco.
We look forward to seeing your children there!
Friends of St John's

Attendance

Attendance at school counts. It really matters. We understand that children get ill and therefore may need a day away from school. But we also recognise the importance of school attendance. I wanted to share with you how busy your children are and how much they learn in just 1 day.

As an example in Reception, in 1 day children: spend time developing social and emotional skills through learning line time, learn a new sound everyday and consolidate the ones they have previously learnt, have a maths and handwriting input building on their prior knowledge and learning something new, develop their language and oracy skills and have a topic input to develop their understanding of the world, not to mention lots of gross and fine motor work to strengthen their bodies.

For more guidance on illness and attendance click here or see the attached poster.

Attendance



Well done Snow Leopards!

New Dates Added
Dates for your diary
What's on this week
Tuesday 10th November
Y4 Allenbourn Middle School Visit
Y1 Library Visit
Friday 13th November
Children in Need
Five Loaves Bakery
Monday 16th November

Class Weekly Attendance

for Week beginning 2 November 2026

Elephants	96.7%
Giraffes	95.5%
Dolphins	96.6%
Pandas	90.9%
Snow Leopards	97.1%
Whole School	95.5%

Wear Odd Socks in support of Anti Bullying week

Tuesday 17th November

Y4 Library Visit

Wednesday 18th November

Positive Noticing Day

Friday 20th November

Disco

YR and Y1 3:15pm - 4:00pm

Y2, Y3 and Y4 4:05pm - 4:50pm (Change of time)

Monday 23rd November

Road Safety Workshops (Funded by Friends)

Tuesday 24th November

Y3 Library Visit

Tuesday 1st December

Flu Immunisations

YR Library Visit

Wednesday 2nd December

Rocksteady concert for Parents

Friday 4th December

Decoration Morning and Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 9th December

Christmas Show 9:30 - 10:30am

Thursday 10th December

Christmas Show 9:30 - 10:30am

Friday 11th December

Christmas Show 1:45 - 2:45pm

Five Loaves Bakery

Tuesday 15th December

Y4 Singing at Bennett Lodge

Wednesday 16th December

Christmas Lunch and Party Day

Friday 18th December

Christingle Service at St John's Church 1:45pm

Monday 4th January

INSET Day

Thursday 7th January

Life Education Visit

Friday 8th January

Life Education Visit

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.

Nicholas Humphreys
SALES & LETTINGS

Proud to support our local community

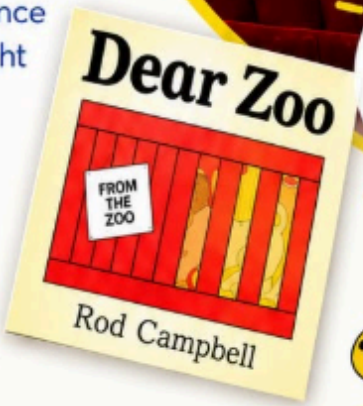
We're delighted to sponsor

St John's CE VC First School, Wimborne



We are proud to have made a donation to enable pupils from Reception and Year 1 to visit The Tivoli Theatre in Wimborne to see **Dear Zoo!**

This special trip will give the children the chance to enjoy a much-loved children's story brought to life through puppets, music and audience interaction.



St John's Church of England First School

3rd November 2026

Together we're helping to inspire a love of reading in young children



Small trips... big memories

Nicholas Humphreys Wimborne
2 Park Lane, Wimborne, BH21 1LD
01202 889 088

Free Parent/ Carer session:

'An Introduction to Autism'



What is the session about?

The session was co-developed with parents of autistic children, a SENCo, Dorset Parent Carer Council and Specialist Teachers and Educational Psychologists from Dorset Council.

It will help you to:

- Understand what autism is and how it may impact young people and families
- Learn some practical strategies to support an autistic child/young person
- Please note, this is a general information session, so we won't be able to discuss individual children or schools

Who can attend?

Anyone from the community,this could include people:

- with an autistic child
- with a child undergoing an assessment for autism
- who are interested in learning more about autism

Where and when?

Via **Teams** - There are two sessions a term and 50 spaces available for each session.

To book a place, please fill in this form and pick the session that suits you best:

An Introduction to Autism

Please click on this Link or scan the QR code above:

The session will be delivered by either an Educational Psychologist or a Specialist Teacher from Dorset Council

Did your child miss out on their school photography session this year?



Open to individuals, siblings, and families

All you need to bring is a smile

You will receive proofs of your images to order online

THIS WILL TAKE PLACE
ON

Thursday 10th December

Please call the Fraser Portraits office on
01202 692433 to book in!



When?



Thursday 10th December

from 3.00 pm to 6.30 pm



Where?

LOCATION

Broadstone Methodist Church Hall
Lower Blandford Road
Broadstone BH18 8DP



IN AID OF GUIDE DOGS

Festive Fayre



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
10AM TO 2PM.

WIMBORNE COMMUNITY CENTRE
41-44 KING STREET, WIMBORNE
FREE ENTRY

• CRAFT STALLS • LOCAL ARTISANS
• BAKE SALE • RAFFLE • TOMBOLAS & MUCH MORE
FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE FAYRE AND RAFFLE WILL BE DONATED TO GUIDE DOGS (CHARITY NUMBER 209617)