

Sherborne St John C of E Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 28th March 2025



Easter Service

Wednesday 2.15pm

We will be having our School Easter Service at the church on Wednesday 2nd April at 2.15pm. All are welcome to join us! You can then collect your child once we have returned back to school, at the time of the end of the service.

Final reminder - Movie Mob Monday!

The PTA have asked me to remind you that Movie Mob is taking place on Monday 31st March, 3:15-5pm, at school. The Infant classes will join together to watch a collection of short films and the Juniors will join together to watch Paddington in Peru (PG).

Children will be given crisps and a fruit snack/fresh fruit while watching the movie, plus prizes to be won!

The cost of this fundraising activity is £3.60 per child.

To sign your child/children up to take part in this fun movie afternoon please complete this online booking by Friday 28th March:

Book [here](#)

Emergency Contacts and Pick-Up

The usual emergency contacts and phone numbers that school holds for your child/children will be used during this event. If there are any changes to this, you can provide the updated contact details when completing the booking.

Many thanks,

SSJ School Association

A message from Mrs Rennison

What a lovely photo above, of Class 3, who visited the Vyne as part of our ongoing relationship with them, and as part of the 'Henry on Tour' initiative. They were lucky enough to meet the Mayor and his wife whilst there, who got involved with the drawings the children were making. A digital copy of the overall picture will be put together of all the children's work. It will then be printed onto paper that looks like a tapestry and will be displayed at the Tudor festival in June! Even more than that, our children were so well behaved and represented SSJ incredibly well. Brilliant!

A big thank you to those of you who have sent in sponsored read money. I know that some people still have found the system hard to use - we will review this for the next time we hold a sponsored event. I know that we have so far raised about £250, which is great, and only through the sponsorship money of a reasonably small percentage of people, which is amazing. If you still have sponsorship money to come in, please do go ahead and add that online on Arbor, or we will happily accept cash if that's easier. Thank you in advance for your contributions and I do hope it inspired some children to read more.

We are one week away from the end of term and the two week Easter break. I think we are all well in need of this - and that's just the staff! One week to go.

Mrs Mel Rennison

Key Dates:

- 31.3.25 Spirituality Day for the whole school
- 31.3.25 Movie Mob!
- 2.4.25 Year 3 and 4 gymnastics
- 2.4.25 2.15 pm Easter church service
- 4.4.25 Last day of term – finish at 2pm
- 4.4.25 Infant Easter Bonnet Parade !

Collective Worship



In Collective Worship this halfterm, our topic is 'The Apostle's Creed'.

This week we talked about the idea of The holy catholic church and the communion of saints Ephesians 2:19b-22. We discussed that those who follow Jesus are joined together with Christians across time and space, and have gifts to use to serve one another.

We also were visited by St Michael's Hospice to thank us for our contributions on Mad Hair Day!

Buy a book and help our school!

I am pleased to let you know about a new scheme all about reading, especially when we are one week away from World Book Day! **We have signed up with LoveReading4kids.co.uk, who say:**

'LoveReading4Kids exists because reading matters, and books change lives. Support local schools through the LoveReading4Kids bookshop. 10% off RRP's, and 25% of the cover price will be given to a school of your choice. Sharing book love with children's book reviews and book recommendations right across the ages, from toddlers to teens.

When you make a purchase at LoveReading.co.uk or LoveReading4Kids.co.uk, 25% of your order is donated by LoveReading4Kids to a nominated school of your choice. At the checkout stage of your purchase, you will see an option to search and choose a school you wish this allocation to be funded. The school will then be notified of a donation to their school account.

We have so far donated over £50,000 to UK schools, and with customers like yourself we will continue to help and support schools in need.' We hope that many of you might purchase a book and help raise some funds for school! Thank you.

TRY A CLASS
FOR FREE



Now showing CONFIDENCE

Drama, dance & singing classes
designed to help 4–12 year olds shine

“ My son has adored his first term at Perform.
He has blossomed and I’ve seen his confidence grow every week. ”
Pippa Wotton



Play is a POWERFUL THING

Perform classes help boost children's confidence, concentration, coordination and communication skills, as well as being lots of fun.

Our expertly designed drama, dance and singing sessions for 4-7s and 7-12s are run by experienced teachers, hand-picked for their warmth and approachability. They'll be with your child every step of the way – inspiring and encouraging them to develop vital life skills as they discover the joy of performing.

What does Perform offer?

- Performing arts-based games and exercises
- Focus on a different social skill each week
- Small classes and feedback on your child's progress
- Specially created scripts, videos and apps
- End of term presentation for family and friends

“Perform helps develop all key areas of a child in a fun, supportive and engaging way. It gives my daughter a brilliant sense of fun, community, purpose and pride in her achievements. ”
Begum Bari



Ready to try for free?

Your child's first class is free, so why not give it a go? Classes take place all over, have a look online or call us:



perform.org.uk/try 020 7255 9120



Sherborne St John Primary School Gymnastic Club!

Thursday Mornings - 07:50 - 08:35

Please come in comfortable clothes and bring a water bottle.

First Half Term

Thursday 24th April

Thursday 1st May

Thursday 8th May

Thursday 15th May

Thursday 22nd May

Second Half Term

Thursday 5th June

Thursday 12th June

Thursday 19th June

Thursday 26th June

Thursday 3rd July

Thursday 10th July

£5 per session.

This club is open to all years!

Book via our website, on the 'Join Us' Page or email us at info@edcdance.co.uk

Payment and booking is required at the beginning of each half term!



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info@edcdance.co.uk



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Everyone Deserves The Chance To Dance



[edcdance1](https://www.instagram.com/edcdance1)



SHERBORNES WITH
PAMBER CHURCHES

Dads and Kids

Saturday 29th March
St Andrew's Church, SSJ
10-11.30am

Suitable for under 6s
Toys, bacon sandwiches,
games and craft

£3 per family
(cash or card)



BREAST WALK EVER

Everyone can help find a cure for breast cancer

8 JUNE 2025

Hursley, Winchester

For more information and to
sign up scan the QR code

www.breastwalkever.org



Supporting **AG INST**
breast cancer



Registered Charity No. 1121258

**DYNAMOS
CRICKET**



This is our
game.

<https://bit.ly/RCCD25>

Join us at:

Ramsdell Cricket Club (RG26 5SH)

Session dates:

Sundays from 1st June to 20th July (8 weeks)

Session timings:

11:30am - 12:30pm

Contact:

Becky Thomas (ramsdelccjuniors@gmail.com / 07957453233)



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It all starts with...



We all play at:

Ramsdell Cricket Club (RG26 5SH)

Session dates:

Sundays from 1st June to 20th July (8 weeks)

Session timings:

10am - 11am

Ages:

5 - 8 years old

Contact:

Becky Thomas
ramsdelccjuniors@gmail.com
07957453233

Including a FREE personalised t-shirt, bat, ball and backpack



Sign up today at
allstars/cricket/CCAS0tk



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New attendance rules!

There are new rules for unauthorised absences, whether this is due to holiday, irregular attendance, or otherwise. Don't get caught out!

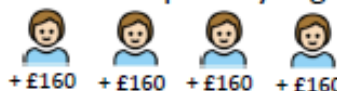
1 I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for 5 days.

Make sure you use the absence request form. Your holiday will not be authorised. Let the school know before you book anything. As your child will miss 5 school days, you'll be given a penalty notice fine.

1 parent & 1 child = £160
Reduced to £80 if paid in 21 days



For each child a penalty is given...



1 parent & 4 children = £640
Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

For a family of 2 parents & 4 children



£1280
Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

What happens if school suspects children are actually on holiday?

Photos on Facebook?
Foreign mobile dial tone?
Other children talking about your holiday?
Amazing sun tan?
Home visit shows no-one at home?



Please don't be offended if we ask for evidence or mention these questions to you. We're required to do this to ensure a fair system!

2 What about subsequent absences? Is it still the same penalty amount?

No, not anymore. If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence OR pattern of irregular attendance, which is unauthorised, then...

2nd TIME

2 parents and...
1 child = £320
2 children = £640
3 children = £960
4 children = £1280

NO DISCOUNT FOR EARLY PAYMENT

3rd TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court. A magistrate can fine each parent £2,500 for each child.

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents and 4 children = £20,000

3 What about irregular attendance? Could I get a penalty notice? **YES**

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks, and their absences are unauthorised, then the school is required to consider penalty notices / prosecution.



So, half a day here and day there could all add up to 10 sessions in 10 weeks. If unauthorised, then it would be a penalty notice. Remember, 1 day is 2 sessions (morning and afternoon).

4 What are typical reasons given that won't be authorised?

Examples of unauthorised absences

A family member's birthday	Sickness of parent or sibling
Shopping for uniforms	Sibling's school closed
Inadequate clothing for school	Refusing to attend, but able to
Child being used as a carer	Poor family organisation
Problems with transport	Family holidays
	No absence request completed

Where attendance is irregular, or historically poor, sickness absences may be unauthorised unless medical confirmation by a GP surgery is given.



EVERY DAY COUNTS – ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW