

Sherborne St John C of E Primary School Newsletter

Friday 4th April 2025



Happy Easter

A message from Mrs Rennison

The Easter holidays are finally upon us - and the sun is shining and looking like it may stay this time as well! I think it's fairly safe to say that every member of the school community is ready for a break.

Thank you to those of you who joined us at our Easter Service at St Andrew's Church on Wednesday. It was a lovely service, with great singing and brilliant readings and prayers delivered by our older children. I also, when I thanked everyone in the church, forgot to thank Stewart, who led the service brilliantly, including talking us through the importance of the message of Easter in the Christian faith in his usual engaging way. Thank you Stewart - we are very lucky to have you to lead us through our worship.

We finish today at 2pm as you all know - other than those returning a little later from Y5 squash lessons.

I do hope you all have a wonderful Easter break, doing lots of things you enjoy, with the people you love. Rest, relax and recuperate - that's definitely what we will all be doing as staff, as well as getting ready for the summer term! So many exciting events coming up - PTA fun run, May Festival, Founders Day and the Summer Fete, to name but a few. We will keep you updated as to all these events as they arrive, so don't worry.

Happy Easter! See you all on first day back, Tuesday 22nd April.

Mrs Mel Rennison

Annual Infant Easter Bonnet Parade!

We hope lots of you will join us for our Infant Bonnet Parade today at 1.30pm on the playground. I am led to believe that some creations are quite amazing, so be prepared to be wowed! Prizes will be awarded at the end of the parade.

School timings reminder

It's probably as it's the end of term, however, we are noticing standards slipping a little so here are some quick reminders:

Dropping off in the morning - we are noticing more and more families regularly late. Children find it really hard to go into classrooms late, both socially and also missing out on catching up on any misunderstood or unfinished learning. Please try to drop off by 8.45am - thank you.

Picking up - again, we are noticing more families that are consistently late at picking up. This is again difficult for some children who get very anxious when their parent or carer is not on time, plus my staff are busy preparing for the next day. Please try to pick up on time - thank you.

Uniform - we have noticed several children coming to school in trainers, or other uniform slips. We understand the one offs- shoes don't fit, they've outgrown them - but please try to ensure that children are in full school uniform for the new term. Thank you.

We do get that some days things go wrong - when that happens, please talk to us or call and let us know e.g. if you are running late.

Key Dates:

- 21.4.25 Easter Monday
- 22.4.25 Back to school
- 22.4.25 Allotment visits – class 1 & 2
- 25.4.25 The Vyne football competition (for selected children)
- 25.4.25 School Association – Fun Run
- 5.5.25 Bank Holiday
- 9.5.25 May Festival
- 12.5.25 SATs week – Year 6
- 22.5.25 Girl's tag rugby festival (for selected children)
- 23.5.25 Last day of term

Collective Worship



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

This week we talked about the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting; 1 Corinthians 15:1-8,50-58.

We discussed about how Jesus died and rose again so that we may be forgiven, and we will be raised and live with him forever.

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.



SAVE THE DATE

**FRIDAY 25TH APRIL 3.30 - 4.30PM
SPONSORED FUN RUN**



**FRIDAY 9TH MAY 3.30 - 5.00PM
MAY FESTIVAL**



**SATURDAY 14TH JUNE 12.00 - 2.00PM
SUMMER FAYRE**





SPONSORED FUN RUN 2025

FRIDAY 25TH APRIL, 15:30



WHERE: Chute Recreation Ground
WHEN: Friday 25th April From 3.30pm
COURSE: 2KM (3 Laps around the field)
(Infant children may choose 1 or 2 laps)

Refreshments including cold drinks and snacks will be available to purchase from the Pavillion

Sponsorship money can be donated either
online:

www.pta-events.co.uk/ssjsa-events

or paid in by cash or cheque directly to the School Office

All children will need to be supervised by an adult. Please feel free to bring along friends, siblings and grandparents to cheer you on!

NEON JUDOKWAI

Fun Judo lessons taking place at your school.

Gain Confidence by learning new skills and grade to the
coveted Black belt by following the B.J.A syllabus with
Neon Judokwai.

Students can train and compete at BJA Events*, some players
have also gained places in the Hampshire, Southern Area and
GB Squads.

WHEN

Tuesdays 7:40am-8:40am

Girls and Boys Years 1-6

10 lessons per term
(Dates on website)

WHERE

Sherborne St John School

Church Lane, Sherborne St John, RG24 9HT

ONLY £70 PER TERM

PAYMENTS SPREAD OVER 4 MONTH @£17.50PM

Payments taken via the membership system Coacha.

Suits are available to hire or buy direct. (Speak to the coach)



SIGN UP CAN BE FOUND AT

WWW.NEONJUDO.CO.UK



COACH

Paul Hamilton 3rd Dan

**Basingstoke Pro Coach of
the Year 2015**

BJA Level 2 Coach

**DBS Checked
First Aid Trained**

Child Protection Qualified

BENEFITS

Fitness

Balance

Co-Ordination

Confidence

Flexibility

Self Defense

Discipline



Approved Provider

*Players must be a member of BJA to
grade and compete.

BJA membership available at:
www.britishjudo.org.uk



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!



edcdance.co.uk



info@edcdance.co.uk



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Everyone Deserves The Chance To Dance



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



Hampshire
County Council

Library Service

Free* Courses for Parents this Summer Term

Course	Location	Date	Time
Positive Parenting	Online	Tuesdays 22 April - 20 May	7:30pm - 9pm
Emergency First Aid	Alton Library	Saturday 26 April	9:45am - 4:45pm
Emergency First Aid	Tadley Library	Saturday 3 May	9:45am - 4:45pm
Emergency First Aid	Basingstoke Discovery Centre	Saturday 10 May	9:45am - 4:45pm
Raising Resilient Children	Online	Mondays 2 - 30 June	7:30pm - 9pm
Emergency First Aid	Andover Library	Wednesday 11 June	9:45am - 4:30pm
Introduction to Paediatric First Aid	Online	Tuesdays 17 June - 8 July	6:30pm - 9:15pm
Emergency Paediatric First Aid	Bridgemy Library	Friday 20 June	9:15am - 4:30pm
Emergency First Aid	Waterlooville Library	Saturday 28 June	9:45am - 4:45pm

*Free tuition, some courses may have a certification or materials fee



To book a course please visit our online shop: <https://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/learning-in-libraries> or e-mail learninginlibraires@hants.gov.uk to be added to a course waiting list.

**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

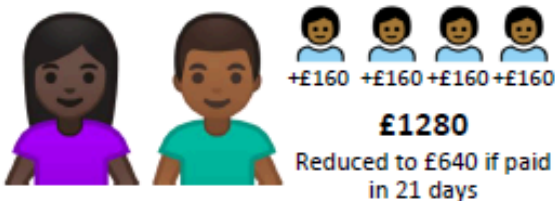


For each child a penalty is given...



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