

Sherborne St John C of E Primary School Newsletter

Friday 20th June 2025



**The Summer Fayre
raised a fantastic...**

£2110!

**Thank you message
from the PTA**

“The School Association would like to say a huge thank you for all your support with the Summer Fayre - we were so pleased to see you all there!

As always, a few people took on a lot of work to make it happen. If there are more people that are interested in working with the PTA, please do make yourself known to the PTA team or to Mrs Hale or Mrs Lok in the office. We always need additional people to help with some of the many jobs that need doing, from big to small. So please do get in touch! Thank you.

From the PTA

A message from Mrs Rennison

I think I can probably speak on behalf of many of you, when I say that the SSJ Summer Fayre was FANTASTIC! What a wonderful event. I know that many of you were there on Saturday, and I'd like to thank you all for attending, as without people coming, the event isn't realised. However, many of you did - along with, due to excellent advertising by Loddon Properties, lots of people from our local community as well. Thanks so much to Loddon Properties for sponsoring our event with their amazing boards. It was such a fun afternoon; ok, so having wet sponges thrown at you by all-too-eager children puts an interesting twist on the afternoon, but it was definitely lots of fun! There were lots of great stalls and of course we were entertained by Faye and the dance club as well. I loved it. Events like these don't happen overnight, and take a huge amount of organisation. I'd like to thank the PTA who are an incredible team of people that worked tirelessly over many months to plan and prep such an event. Their time and effort doesn't go unnoticed. I'd also like to thank all the staff that gave up their Saturdays to support the fayre in many different ways. So many people went over and above, and the result is not just the amazing amount of money on the right, but also a wonderful community get-together, which is just as important. Go SSJ!

Mrs Rennison

Key Dates:

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23.6.25 Year R to QMC
24.6.25 The Priory Quad kids comp
25.6.25 Quad Kids comp Years 5/6
26.6.25 Class 3 to Hampton Court Palace
26.6.25 Hampshire School Games
26.6.25 B.Challoner transition day
27.6.25 Hurst & B.Challoner transition day
30.6.25 New YR Teddy Bear's picnic
3.7.25 Henry Beaufort transition day
4.7.25 INSET day
8.7.25 KS1 trip to Marwell Zoo
15/16/17.7.25 Play performances!
16.7.25 Leavers' Service at the church
22.7.25 - Last Day of Term!

Collective Worship



In Collective Worship this halfterm, our topic is 'Go Go Joseph!'. This week, we thought about the concept of New Place – Still Me (Genesis 39:1-6a and Genesis 39:19-23) and how Joseph found himself in a new place surrounded by new people but he never forgot who he was and the things he had learned when he was young. Even when others try to influence us in a negative way and make bad choices it is always better for us in the long run to do what is right even when things get tough. We also talked about how we all have something new coming up; new class, new teacher, new school, and how we can hold on to the values we have learnt at SSJ to help us be the best people we can be.

Sports news

I am sorry as I don't think I always remember to acknowledge in the newsletter, all the amazing sporting events that take place at SSJ. We have had wonderful tag rugby events this year; the girls team played brilliantly a couple of weeks ago, coming 3rd overall and the main team played brilliantly yesterday coming in a very close 3rd in their pool and just missing out on the final matches. The team also played exceptionally well throughout the year and won the league again - fantastic!

We also had 3 children take up an offer to take part in 'ready set tennis' at Manydown. There were a total of about 10 teams from other schools and our children representing SSJ came a very impressive 4th place, narrowly missing the medals! It was a great team effort and they flew the flag high for our school.

There will be other events I have missed and for that I am sorry. I know how hard our children work to represent our school applying our values and vision and I am always proud of their achievements.

THREE WEEKENDS PACKED WITH FABULOUS STREET PERFORMANCES

Basingstoke
Festival



Summer
starts here!

Friday 20 June to

Sunday 6 July 2025

Basingstoke's
award-winning
outdoor arts
festival
returns.



www.BasingstokeFestival.co.uk

STREET THEATRE | CIRCUS | MUSIC | ACROBATICS | DANCE



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**29th July
Brilliant
Biology**

**31st July
Wacky
Weather**

**5th August
Bubble-
ologists**

**7th August
Noisy Science**

**24th July
Extraordinary
Engineering**

**12th August
Summer
Holiday
Experiments**

Fun Science

www.fun-science.org.uk

**Summer Holiday Clubs
Froyle Village Hall**

<https://tinyurl.com/FroyleSummerScience>



CELEBRATING 175 YEARS OF SHERBORNE ST JOHN SCHOOL

Save the date - Saturday 27th September

We will be having an event to mark the anniversary, more details to follow.

Do you know someone who went to SSJ School?

We are compiling a book. Please send

- Your memories of the school.
- What you have gone on to do.

Please send any contributions to ssjschool175@outlook.com by

29th June or contact Lynda Harding on the email above or

Becky on 07759930439

*Please only send pictures of yourself/ your own children



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	Bridgemary 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



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