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## **Newsletter 1 – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

Dear parents,

### **Message from Mrs Hulse**

I would like to welcome you all to the start of a new academic year at Sherborne St John. To our returning families, welcome back, and to our new families, an extra special welcome.

The children have made an excellent start to the year and are settling well into their class and school routines. For some, this means getting to know a new teacher; for all, it means making new friends in their classes. Some children have also started their very first sessions at 'big school'. I'm really looking forward to seeing all their learning and progress as the term unfolds.

As the acting headteacher for the Autumn term, I am excited to be working with your children and leading the amazing staff team, who have already made me feel so welcome. Please do say hello if you see me on the gate, and be patient as I try to learn everyone's names as quickly as I can!

If you have any information or concerns to share about your child, your first point of contact should be your child's class teacher. However, you are always welcome to speak with me as well.

Our Year 6 children have had a very busy start to the term. They have spent two days completing their Bikeability training. A huge well done to all of them for improving their riding skills and to those children who also went out on the roads for showing they can ride safely on the road, such an important life skill. I'm also pleased to share the positive feedback we received from the instructors, who commented on what a brilliant group they are and how well they did. A huge well done, Year 6!

### **Collective worship**

This week in Collective Worship we will be thinking about trust. This is one of our school values, which together with truth and forgiveness, enables us to build a secure and loving environment where everyone works together so that the whole community can thrive. Our value of trust enables us all to develop strong relationships with one another and to explore our relationship with God.

### **Attendance**

Regular school attendance is essential for academic success. When students attend school consistently, they are better able to keep up with the curriculum, develop strong learning habits, and build a solid foundation for future achievement. We appreciate your continued support in ensuring your child arrives on time and attends school every day, unless unwell. Together, we can support every student's learning

journey. If your child is unwell then please check the NHS guidance about if they are well enough to attend school <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> this contains important advice about when your child is well enough to attend and when they should stay off school. If they are unwell, please inform school by either ringing or emailing the school office.

### **Parking**

A polite reminder to ensure that you are parking responsibly at the beginning and end of the school day. We all have a responsibility to ensure that we are keeping our children and members of the public safe by parking legally and responsibly. We have some members of our school community who need to use the disabled car parking space. Please ensure that you are only using this if you are eligible to do so.

### **Dates for your diary**

The website will be updated with the key dates for the Autumn term in the coming weeks. We will also inform you of events and provide reminders in newsletters.

- **Jeans for Genes** – We are supporting Jeans for Genes on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September** by holding a non-school uniform day. We are inviting the children and staff to wear their jeans for the day in return for a suggested donation of £1. The money raised will go to support projects that make a difference to the lives of people with genetic conditions. Please give cash donations to your child's class teacher on the day or you can use the following link to pay online using this link <https://www.jeansforgenes.org/donateonlineind>
- **School Association AGM** – All parents are welcome to the AGM which will be held on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm** in the school library. Please see the below message from the School Association for more information.

#### **A message from the School Association:**

The School Association are looking forward to hosting our AGM / first meeting of the academic year on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm in the School Library.

The AGM enables us to reflect on our successes and room for improvement from events held in the previous academic year and gives us the opportunity to vote in new core members of the team. Feedback is always useful to help us ensure that we are putting on events that are appealing to families and the school community so attending the meeting is a great opportunity to provide your thoughts and help us tailor future events.

We follow this meeting straight after with our first meeting of the year. We will set the date for the events over the next academic year and start more detailed planning for events between now and Christmas! We also use this meeting as an opportunity to discuss with the school any key areas / goals that they would like us to fundraise for.

The School Association usually meet once per half term (normally in The Swan Pub, but our AGM is always held in school.) Being part of the team is a rewarding role, not only playing a part in organising and putting on some great events but knowing that we are raising money to give our Children opportunities, equipment and experiences that the school budget doesn't stretch to. We are always keen for new members to join us - you are a very welcome to come along to any of our meetings to see what we do or please do contact one of the team or message Mrs Hale if you would like to find out more about joining.

- **Flu immunisations** – You will have received an email regarding the whole school flu immunisations which are taking place in school on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September**.
- **175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations** – You are all invited to come and celebrate the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the school on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September**. Please see below flyer for more information. We hope to see many of you there.



SHERBORNE ST JOHN CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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YOU ARE INVITED TO A

*Service of Celebration  
& Thanksgiving*

27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025

2PM | ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, SHERBORNE ST JOHN

FOLLOWED BY

*School Open Afternoon*

3PM-4.30PM | SHERBORNE ST JOHN SCHOOL

Come for tea and cake, games and displays of the school over the years.

Have a great week,

Caroline Hulse  
Acting Headteacher