

SSAJ
Welcome to
Sherborne St John
Church of England
Primary School

RADICAL BELONGING



To act
justly and
to love
mercy and
to walk
humbly with
your God.

THE
EMPTY
CHAIR



Spring Term 23.01.26

ASKY
FULL OF
STORY

We promise
to make
space, speak
up, and
show
our love
for one
another.

Our Amazing Creator of the
good world
Your name is special.
May earth be more like
Heaven.
Give us all that we need.
Forgive us when we do
something bad.
Help us to forgive others.
Help us not give in.
Everything is yours.
In Jesus' name
Amen

THE SCHOOL BELL

KEY DATES

INSET DAYS

Monday 1st June 2026
Wednesday 22nd July 2026

27th January - Class 1&2 Milestones trip
29th January - Class 4 - QMC
3rd February - Class 4 Butser Farm Trip
9th & 11th February - Parents Evening
16th February - Half Term
23rd February - Return to School
27th March - Break up for Easter Holidays
13th April - Return to School

It has been a busy week in school this week!

We welcomed our SIAMS inspector on Monday. Your children were fantastic ambassadors, speaking eloquently about the values that define our school. A huge thank you to the parents who also shared their time with the inspector. We expect the final report in about 14 days.

I attended my first School Association meeting this week and was incredibly impressed by the upcoming calendar of events. Please check the dates below-any support you can offer the team would be greatly appreciated.

With cough and cold season upon us, our tissue stocks are running low. If you could add a box to your weekly shop and drop it off at the office, it would be a huge help!

Have a great weekend all,
Mrs Alvis

SCHOOL NOTICES

Ordering Lunches

After February half term we will be making some changes to how lunches are ordered. You may be contacted by Mrs Hale to trial the new system before this time. Thank you in advance for your help with this. You will receive formal notice of the changes and instructions in due course - we are attempting to iron out problems before mass release!

Parking

Please don't forget the skip is arriving on Monday.

REMINDERS

Punctuality

The school gates open at 8.35am and close at 8.45am. Please ensure your children are on time for school. It can be incredibly dysregulating for children to enter classrooms that are already in full swing - the early part of the day is used for settling in and is important for children socially.

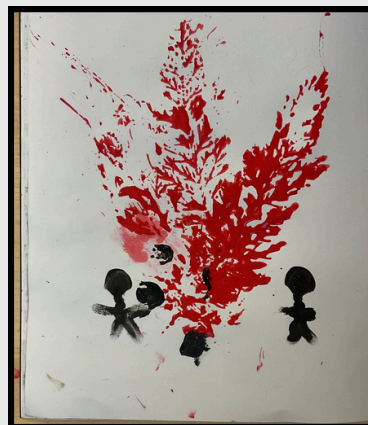
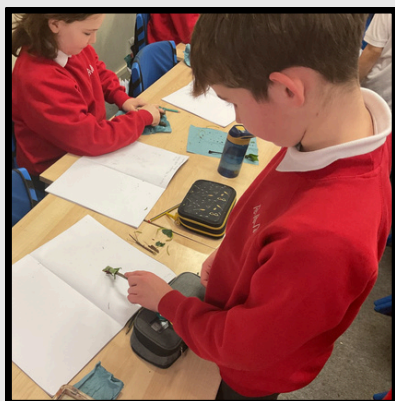
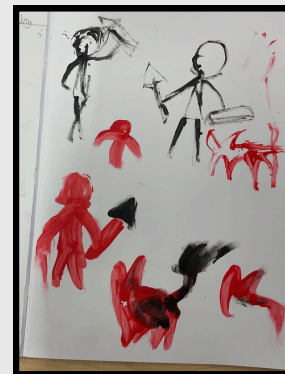
Morning Arrangements

Please don't forget that from **Monday** Class 3 children will enter school through the main gate and the hall (as Class 4 do). The children have rehearsed this today with adults. The door from the car park will not be open. Class 3 will leave via the car park as usual.

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Class 4 have been enjoying their Stone Age to Iron Age Topic, they foraged for art materials and created 'cave paintings'



Collective Worship

This week, our Collective Worship has focused on Restorative Forgiveness and the vital role it plays in our school culture of "Radical Belonging". We have been exploring the idea that belonging isn't just about being friendly when things are going well; it is about the cycle of making mistakes, repenting, and rebuilding relationships when they become strained.

We have encouraged the children to be "Grace-Givers". We've asked them to look for any lingering tensions or small arguments from the past week and take a brave first step toward mending them with a kind word or a sincere apology.

"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good... to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." – Micah 6:8

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION NEWS

Upcoming events for your diary:

Friday 27th February - Quiz Night - 7 - 9.30pm

Saturday 21st March - School disco

Monday 23rd March - Easter Movie Mob - 3.15-5.15pm

May Festival - Friday 8th May

Summer Fair - Saturday 6th June

If you would like to support the School Association then please drop them a line:

School.Association@sherborne-st-john.hants.sch.uk

They are so important and provide wonderful opportunities for the whole school throughout the year.

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Quiz Night

When: Friday 27th February 2026
Time: 7.00pm - 9.30pm
Where: SSJ Social Club, Elm Road

SSJ School Association are delighted to host our popular quiz night in partnership with SSJ Social Club. Join us for a great evening at our adults only quiz night whilst helping raise vital funds for our school. Raffle on the night £1 per ticket

Tickets £5 per person
Teams of 6 maximum

SSJ social club is open until 11pm. Please do stay on after the quiz to enjoy a drink and the rest of your Friday evening!

A Peak Performance!

We are incredibly proud to celebrate Mrs. Lumby, who recently took on the formidable challenge of running up and back down Pen y Fan, the highest peak in South Wales. Standing at 886 meters (2,907 feet), Pen y Fan is known for its unpredictable weather and punishing gradients. Completing this trek is a feat in itself, but tackling it at a run is a testament to Mrs. Lumby's extraordinary grit, stamina, and "can-do" spirit.



PAPAYA BASINGSTOKE & DEANE PARENTS

Let's talk about our kids and their tech

ONLINE PARENT TALKS—REGISTER HERE:

TUESDAY 20th JANUARY 2026
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM — [LINK](#)

TUESDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2026
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM — [LINK](#)

THURSDAY 26th FEBRUARY 2026
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM — [LINK](#)



Hannah Verney Lloyd

Hannah is a qualified teacher with over ten years of experience and, most recently, served as an Assistant Head Pastoral at a London prep school. She is passionate about mental health and wellbeing and cares deeply about empowering parents, children, and teenagers as they navigate managing their online lives to achieve the best possible mental health and happiness.

She joined PAPAYA through her voluntary work with Smartphone-Free Childhood, and after hearing a talk by Jonathan Haidt, she became more convinced than ever that the safest space for children is one where they are free to be themselves.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A

SERVICE OF WELCOME

25th January 2026 10.30am
St Andrew's Church SSJ

A service for all ages to welcome the new Headteacher of Sherborne St John Primary School to our community.




Mrs Vickie Alvis
Headteacher




NATIONAL TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Scan the QR Code to Register

FESTIVAL OF FREE TENNIS AT BASINGSTOKE TENNIS

BACK ON COURT THIS JANUARY 2026

TENNIS TASTERS

Kickstart your fitness journey with a free group coaching taster at Basingstoke Tennis starting 20th January. Whether you're a total beginner or returning to the game, our brand-new sessions are the perfect way to get active and stay social.



OPEN DAY EVENT

The perfect chance to jump on court with taster sessions for both adults and juniors. Meet our friendly coaching team, chat about our programmes, and discover our local tennis community. Plus, enjoy exclusive discounts on coaching and memberships available only to those who attend on the day!



FREE PARKS TENNIS

Free social tennis in Basingstoke every weekend for all ages! With equipment provided and qualified activators leading the way, just turn up, mix in, and meet new people in a fun group environment.



GOL! ELITE COACHING

BOOK EARLY TO GET THE BEST PRICES

FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAYCAMPS

Monday 16th - Friday 20th February



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Monday 16th - Friday 21st February 2025

AGE: 5 - 12 Years

VENUES

BASINGSTOKE SOCCER CENTRE RG22 4HS 9am - 5pm	TESTBOURNE SCHOOL RG23 7ZF 9am - 4pm	THE HURST SCHOOL RG26 5NL 9am - 4pm	VIGO SCHOOL SP10 1JZ 9am - 3.30pm
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Prices from £35 per day or FULL week from ONLY £150

EARLY BIRD OFFER: FULL WEEK FOR ONLY £145
*Must book by 15th January

BOOK NOW! www.goliteprocoaching.co.uk



Piccolo have the following availability:
Breakfast Club 7.30-8.30am Mon-Fri £7 a session
Toddler Group - Thursday 9.30-11am £3.00 a session

They also have spaces for September
Please call: 07528 726248
or email:
piccolopreschoolnursery@outlook.com
for more information.



Hampshire Child and Adolescent
Mental Health Services

Anxiety

Understanding & strategies to support young people

Tickets £20
Tea and
coffee
included

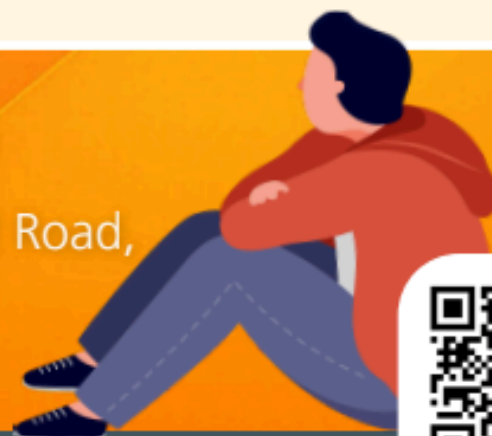
The day will provide an overview of the anxiety parent-led intervention we deliver for children and young people in CAMHS.

It is an opportunity for interaction and activities which will give psychoeducation and normalising of anxiety.

There will be chances to learn and practice strategies we teach parents in the intervention.

28 January 2026

The Irish Centre, Council Road,
Basingstoke, RG21 3DH



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EMBRACING AUTISM

Tickets £20
Tea and
coffee
included

A day that focuses on skills and strategies, for parents, carers and professionals supporting a child with Autism.

Topics include:

- Supporting your autistic child to thrive - adapting to meet the needs of the autistic young person and practical strategies.
- Support for SEN in education & what to do if it's not working.
- Supporting Young People to Make Sense of their Experiences - empowering young people and putting them at the centre of their experience.

Discretionary tickets available to families on request.

4 February 2026

9.30am - 4pm

The Pallant Centre, Havant,
Hampshire PO9 1BE



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