



# THE SCHOOL BELL

Spring Term 07.02.26

## KEY DATES

### INSET DAYS

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026

9<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> February - Parents Evenings  
16<sup>th</sup> February - Half Term  
23<sup>rd</sup> February - Return to School  
27<sup>th</sup> March - Break up for Easter Holidays  
13<sup>th</sup> April - Return to School

February looks set to be another busy month! This week Class 4 enjoyed a trip to Butser Farm as part of their "Stone Age to Iron Age" topic, and it is wonderful to see such exciting learning taking place across the school.

I am also delighted to share some changes to our Celebration Assemblies after half term. From Friday 27th February, we invite you to join us weekly, if your child is receiving a certificate, at 9:00 am. If your child is being celebrated, the office will inform you on Wednesday morning; we ask that you please keep this a secret to ensure a lovely surprise! You are also welcome to attend if your child has a birthday in the coming week or an achievement from home to share. Please enter through the hall door at 8:55 am. While younger siblings are welcome, we ask for your support in ensuring they do not distract the children during the assembly.

Finally, we look forward to seeing you at Parents' Evenings next week. Have a fantastic weekend!

## BREAK AND LUNCH ROUTINES

Starting next week, we will be trialling a whole school morning playtime, where all year groups will be out together.

**Zoned Areas:** To support this, we have designed a new playground map with specific zoned areas to ensure every child has a space that suits their interests.

### Lunchtime Zones & Field Activities

After the half-term break, we will also be introducing zones at lunchtime to maximize our outdoor space and activity time.

**To help us prepare for sporting activities on the field (when grass conditions permit):**

**Wellies Required:** If your child would like to access field activities, please ensure they bring named wellies into school in a carrier bag.

**Storage:** These should be hung on their individual pegs so they are ready to use whenever the sun shines (or rain stops!)

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# Butser Farm

Class 4 had an excellent, if slightly soggy time at Butser Farm this week!



# Gymnastics Team

We are very proud of the Class 2 pupils who attended the gymnastic competition at the Active Life Centre this week. They came, an incredible 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Well done!



## Collective Worship

This week in Collective Worship, our school community explored the theme of Radical Hospitality. We moved beyond simply being "polite" to understanding what it truly means to be welcoming—ensuring that every person, especially those new to our community, feels seen, valued, and "at home". Our learning was rooted in Hebrews 13:2: "Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it". Each class has created a "Welcoming Chain". Each link represents an individual act of inclusion, reminding us that our school community is only as strong as the links we build to connect with one another.

## SCHOOL ASSOCIATION NEWS

### Upcoming events for your diary:

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February - Quiz Night - 7 - 9.30pm  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March - School disco  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Easter Movie Mob - 3.15-5.15pm  
May Festival - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May  
Summer Fair - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

[www.pta-events.co.uk/ssjsa-events](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/ssjsa-events)

**SSJ** **Sherborne St John Social Club**  
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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!

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DEER PARK SCHOOL, BOTLEY	£8.00	SAT	09:00 - 10:00
EVEREST COMMUNITY ACADEMY, BASINGSTOKE	£9.00	SAT	10:00 - 11:30
HENRY BEAUFORT SCHOOL, WINCHESTER	£9.00	SUN	10:00 - 11:30
PLACES LEISURE CENTRE, EASTLEIGH	£9.00	SAT	09:00 - 10:30
STONEHAM LANE FOOTBALL COMPLEX, EASTLEIGH	£8.00	TUES	17:00 - 18:00
SOUTHAMPTON FC STAPLEWOOD TRAINING GROUND, MARCHWOOD	£8.00	SUN	17:00 - 18:00
TESTWOOD SCHOOL, TOTTEN	£9.00	FRI	17:00 - 18:30

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