

# THE SCHOOL BELL

Spring Term 06.03.26

## KEY DATES

### INSET DAYS

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026

**12th March** - Class 3 Gilbert White River Trip

**13<sup>th</sup> March** - Sports Hall Athletics Final

**23rd March** - Movie Mob

**27<sup>th</sup> March** - Break up for Easter Holidays - **NOTE: School finishes at normal time.**

**13<sup>th</sup> April** - Return to School

What a page-turning week we've had! From the quiet corners of our imaginations to the energetic buzz of the playground, the school has been alive with the magic of storytelling and movement.

This year, our World Book Day was inspired by the beautiful book, *The Grand Hotel of Feelings*. The school was transformed into a rainbow myriad of colours as children explored the diverse "guests" that stay in our hearts.

Throughout the day, we dived into book-loving activities that celebrated emotional literacy and the joy of reading.

Our sensory circuits have been in full swing this week! It has been wonderful to see so many students engaging with our specialised movement breaks. These circuits are vital for helping everyone find their "just right" state for learning, ensuring that our minds are as active and ready as our bodies.

*"Reading is an exercise in empathy; an exercise in walking in someone else's shoes for a while." – Malorie Blackman*

### **Message from Mrs Clarke (SENDCo)**

Please be aware that my next SENDCo surgery will be taking place on Monday 9th March. These days provide an opportunity for you to book an appointment with me to discuss any concerns you may have about your child's progress. This includes concerns about their mental health and wellbeing as well as worries about their learning. Whilst we always encourage you to approach your child's teacher as the first port of call should you have any concerns, these sessions provide a further option for you to talk things through should your concerns remain.

SENDCo surgery appointments are open to all parents, not just those with recognised SEND, and can be booked by emailing me directly at [s.clarke@sherborne-st-john.hants.sch.uk](mailto:s.clarke@sherborne-st-john.hants.sch.uk).

Thank you.

Kind regards

Mrs Clarke

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator (SENDCo)

### A HUGE THANK YOU

Thank you to those of you who attended the School Association quiz last Friday. The quiz raised over £500 which will contribute to ongoing opportunities for your children. Special thanks to the School Association Committee for organising and to Steve for his excellent Quiz Master role! The School Association are always looking for new active members and are a really friendly bunch. please get in touch if you would be keen to support them in any way!

### EASTER (already!)

The Easter Service will be held on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March** in the afternoon. Timings and further details will follow but I understand this may be a change of expected day.

#### Easter Hat Parade

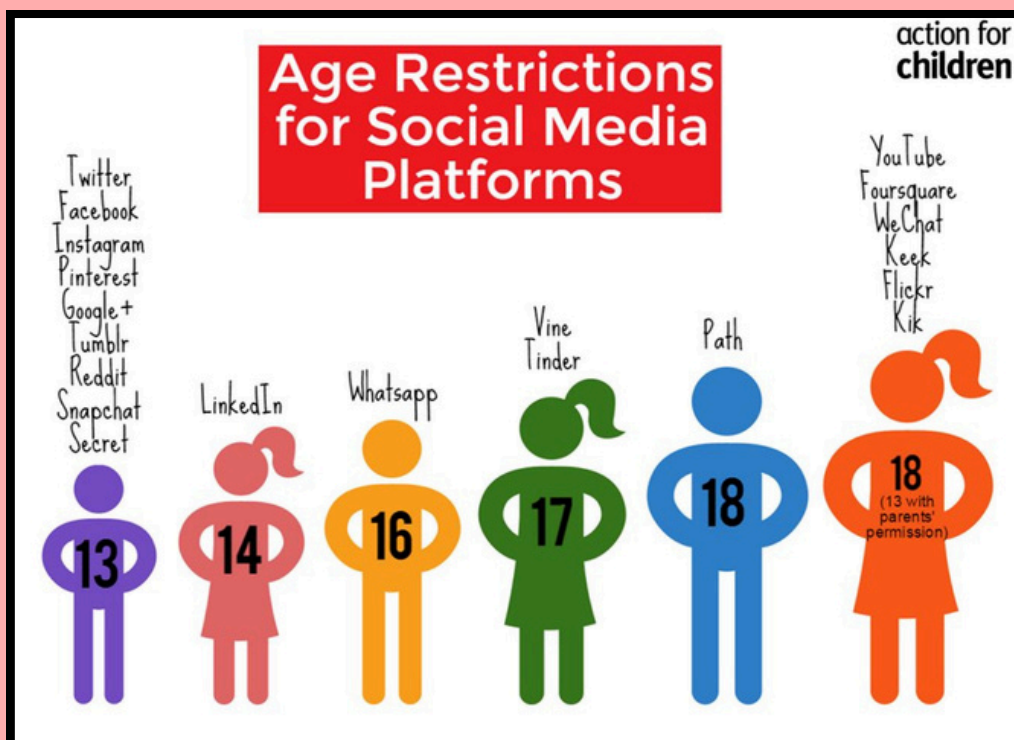
The Easter Hat Parade will take place on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** for Classes 1&2. Again further details will follow but please pop the date on your calendars.

## Internet Matters

Many children are keen to use social media platforms. It is imperative that adults know and understand appropriate age ratings and understand what apps entail. This enables adults to safeguard young children against emotional harm and online abuse.

Please take a minute to look at the infogram below summarising age ratings for popular social media apps.

For up-to-date information and comprehensive guides on the apps your children might be using, Internet Matters is an excellent resource. They provide valuable insights and practical advice to help families enjoy the digital world safely.



## Happy World Book Day!

This year was special as we explored the wonderful world of The Grand Hotel of Feelings, learning how to welcome and say 'see you later' every emotion like a guest in a room. Our assembly with Mrs. Lewis was the perfect start to the day, and we want to say a huge thank you to her for all the hard work she put into organising everything! It was so much fun seeing the teachers visiting neighbouring classes to share stories and we loved seeing the "Reading in the Wild" photos of children enjoying books in all sorts of unusual places.

**Reading is the single most important thing you can do to improve your children's education and future choices.**



### Collage in Class 3

Class 3 have been working hard in art. They have been using their topic of Rivers to create collages based on the work of Megan Coyle. Some examples of their work are below- we can't wait to see the final pieces before Easter.



### Collective Worship

This term, our Collective Worship theme is the Fruits of the Spirit, and we began our journey by exploring the powerful metaphor of "Jesus the Vine".

Drawing from John 15:1-5, the children discussed how a branch depends entirely on the tree for its "juice" and nutrients to grow leaves and blossoms. We compared this to our own lives: just as a branch stays attached to the vine to stay strong, we find our own strength, love, and kindness by staying connected to God's love. To help visualize this spiritual connection, we shared the story The Invisible String. This helped the children understand that we have an "invisible connection" to God's love that provides us with the nutrients (strength and kindness) we need to grow. The children are learning that they don't have to grow virtues like patience, faithfulness, or self-control all on their own.

## SCHOOL ASSOCIATION NEWS

### Upcoming events for your diary:

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.

# FAMILIES AT FOUR

Once a month on a Sunday afternoon 4–5pm  
at St Andrew's Church Sherborne St John

8<sup>th</sup> February 8<sup>th</sup> March

10<sup>th</sup> May 14<sup>th</sup> June 12<sup>th</sup> July

- ▶ Craft
- ▶ Games
- ▶ Bible story
- ▶ Singing
- ▶ Refreshments



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## Youth Activities for Mental Wellbeing

Sport in Mind provides **free sport and physical activity** opportunities for children and young people to help build confidence and self esteem, meet new people and support low mood and other mental health challenges.

Day	Time	Activity	Age	Venue
Tues	4.30-5.30pm	Sport & Games	10-14 years	The Link, Newchurch Road, <b>TADLEY</b> RG28 4HN <b>NEW!</b>
Weds	4-5pm	Sport & Games	10-14 years	Sports Hall, Everest Community Academy, Oxford Way <b>BASINGSTOKE</b> RG24 9UP
Thurs	4.30-5.30pm	Sport & Games	10-14 years	Sports Hall, Andover Leisure Centre, West Street, <b>ANDOVER</b> SP10 1QP

Session runs weekly (excluding school holidays)

**\*New joiners must first sign up\***  
Scan the QR code above & email [youth@sportinmind.org](mailto:youth@sportinmind.org)


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Please scan the QR code, and complete the form to register interest for your child to attend the **FIRST EVER EDCDANCE CAMP**. The camp will be hosted at Whitewater Primary school in Hook (RG27 9BG). Monday 3rd August to Friday 7th August. The camp will run from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM and will cost £40 per day. There will also be an option for early drop off and/or late pick up, for an additional cost.

More information to follow after interest has been registered 😊

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