

THE SCHOOL BELL

Spring Term 13.03.26



KEY DATES

INSET DAYS

Monday 1st June 2026

23rd March - Movie Mob

26th March- Easter Service at Church - all invited - 2.15pm

27th March - Easter Hat Parade- Class 1&2 - 2.30pm

Break up for Easter Holidays - **NOTE: School finishes at normal time.**

13th April - Return to School

It has been a joy to see the school grounds bathed in sunshine this week as we head into a very busy final stretch of the term. Our athletes have been the absolute stars of the show, putting in incredible performances at the athletics finals. They have been "smashing it" in every sense of the word, and we are so proud of the determination, teamwork, and sporting spirit they displayed at the finals.

Meanwhile, Class 3 traded the classroom for the historic and beautiful grounds of Gilbert White's House. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to follow in the footsteps of the famous naturalist, learning about the environment while enjoying the fresh air. Seeing their curiosity sparked by the natural world was a real highlight of the week.

As the Easter holidays are approaching fast, the school calendar is filling up with end-of-term activities. Life at school is about to get even faster! We kindly ask that you take a few moments to double-check the upcoming dates listed above to ensure you don't miss out on any of the festivities, assemblies or special events planned for the run-up to the break.

Staffing News

At the end of this Summer term, we will say a bittersweet goodbye to Mrs. Rolmanis and Mrs. Johnston as they embark on their next chapters. With nearly 40 years of collective service between them, they have been truly at the heart of the school. They have inspired countless young minds and have been an invaluable source of support for families over the decades. While they will be sorely missed by students and staff alike, we are incredibly excited for them as they move on to explore new adventures in the coming months. To ensure they receive the celebration they deserve, we are planning a grand send-off over the coming weeks, providing an opportunity for everyone in our community to offer their personal thanks. Please join us in wishing both Mrs. Rolmanis and Mrs. Johnston the very best for their well-earned new beginnings. In the meantime, the school will be recruiting throughout the Summer term.

REMINDERS

If your child rides a bike or scooter to school please ensure the disembark well before the gate to school. The path can be congested and children cannot always stop in time to avoid a collision.

EASTER (already!)

The Easter Service will be held on **Thursday 26th March @ 2.15pm**. 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 27th March** for Classes 1&2 @2.30pm. Again further details will follow but please pop the date on your calendars.

Sports Hall Athletics

A huge congratulations to our Sports Hall Athletics team for their outstanding performance this week! The competition was fierce, but our students rose to the challenge, finishing an impressive 5th place overall and taking the title of Best Small School.

Mrs. Cook was incredibly impressed, not just by their excellent athletic skills and determination, but by their impeccable teamwork and support for one another.

They were a true credit to the school-both in their events and their exemplary behavior throughout the day. Well done to everyone involved and huge thank you to Mrs Cook, Mrs Rolmanis and everyone else involved in supporting our superstars!



Class 3's River Investigation

Class 3 waded into action at the Gilbert White Centre to conduct a hands-on river study. Armed with nets and flow meters, the pupils measured the velocity and depth of the water. They identified freshwater creatures, learning how these "bio-indicators" show the health of the stream. It was a muddy, marvelous day of discovery that brought their geography and science lessons to life. Thank you to the Governors and parents who accompanied them.



Collective Worship

Filling Our Buckets with Love and Kindness

This week in Collective Worship, we have been continuing to explore the Fruits of the Spirit, focusing specifically on the virtues of love and kindness. To help bring these values to life, we shared the story *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?*, which teaches us that we all carry an invisible bucket that fills up when we show care for others. The children discussed how simple acts of service and encouraging words are not just "bucket fillers," but a living reflection of the love we are called to share with one another. When we choose to be kind, we don't just fill someone else's bucket; we fill our own and strengthen our entire school community. We encourage everyone to keep looking for ways to be a bucket filler at home and in the classroom this week.

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION NEWS

Upcoming events for your diary:

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.

FAMILIES AT FOUR

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

8th February 8th March

10th May 14th June 12th July

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



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Join us at:
Ramsdell Cricket Club, RG26 5SH

Session dates:
8 consecutive Sundays starting 31st May 2026

Session timings:
11:30am to 12:30pm

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