



THE SCHOOL BELL

Spring Term 20.03.26

INSET DAYS

Monday 1st June 2026

KEY DATES

23rd March - Movie Mob - finishes @ 4.45pm

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 wonderful, sunny week at school, and the brighter weather has certainly lifted everyone's spirits! A huge thank you to everyone who cleared out their wardrobes for our Bags 2 School collection; we are delighted to announce that we raised £66 for the school. thank you to the School Association for organising this. Looking ahead, next week is packed with excitement! We have our Movie Mob night, our Easter Service and the always-popular Easter Hat Parade. Please check the diary dates to ensure you don't miss out.

Eid Mubarak

We would like to send our warmest wishes to our Muslim families celebrating Eid al-Fitr today. After the holy month of Ramadan, we hope you have a wonderful day of celebration, feast, and joy with your loved ones.

Eid Mubarak!

Easter Hat Parade

The Easter Hat Parade will take place on Friday 27th March for Classes 1&2 @2.30pm.

Please come to the playground for the parade. You will be welcome to take your child, and any siblings, at the end of the parade.

Easter Service

The Easter Service will be held on Thursday 26th March @ 2.15pm. Please join us if you can. At the end of the service children will return to school to collect their belongings and you are welcome to collect your children from their pick up point as usual. This may be earlier than our normal finish. If you are not in attendance then please do not worry; you can collect at normal time.

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<https://www.ssj-school.co.uk/>

Mobile Phones

Smartphones & Keeping it Simple

You may remember from communication last year that at Sherborne St John we are part of the Smartphone Free Childhood movement!

Our aim is to ensure the school remains a dedicated space for learning, positive social interaction, and active play. We recognise that many parents wish for their children to remain contactable during their commute.

Should your child require a mobile phone for this purpose, please note the following procedure:

Office Drop-off: Phones must be switched off and handed into the school office as soon as they arrive. They can be picked up at the end of the day.

Go for a "Brick": For safety and peace of mind, we really recommend a basic "brick" phone (the kind that just calls and texts) rather than a smartphone. It keeps things simple and safe!

Thanks for helping us keep our school a screen-free zone.

You can read more about the great work of [Smartphone Free Childhood](#) here.

The founders are local parents from Stockbridge and I have had the pleasure of meeting them several times to discuss their aims.



Easter Garden

We are so proud of the stunning Easter Garden now blooming in the church grounds. This project was a true community effort: every child in the school hand-decorated a unique pebble, and our Year 6 class worked hard to design and set up the final display.

This garden is more than just a decoration; it is a living symbol of the Easter story. It represents the journey from the darkness of the tomb to the joy of new life and the Resurrection, offering a peaceful space for reflection and hope.

A huge thank you to Mrs. Deering and Mrs. Harding for their incredible dedication, helping with everything from the delicate pebble painting to the heavy digging!

Please do stop by the church grounds to visit-it is well worth a look.

Please remind your children to be mindful of their surroundings and members of the public when in the Churchyard.



Collective Worship- Fruits of the Spirit - Patience and Peace

This week, we explored the themes of patience and peace. We shared the book *Waiting* by Kevin Henkes and reflected on the Bible story of Simeon and Anna, who waited faithfully in the Temple for many years to meet the baby Jesus. Their story reminds us that waiting with a peaceful heart often leads to the greatest blessings.

Patience is a skill we are all practicing! This week, you might like to ask your child:
What is something you are waiting for right now?

How can we stay "peaceful" instead of "fretful" while we wait?

"Lead a life worthy of your calling... be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love." – Ephesians 4:2

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION NEWS

Upcoming events for your diary:

Saturday 21st March - School Disco

Monday 23rd March - Easter Movie Mob - 3.15-4.45pm

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.

EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY 4TH APRIL
2-4PM
ST ANDREW'S CHURCH SSJ

Collect a map from the church, follow the trail around the village and then return to collect a prize.

STARTING POINT AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH
SHERBORNE ST JOHN

Suggested donation of £2 per child

CHURCH OPEN TO ALL FOR REFRESHMENTS
AND CHILDREN'S CRAFT



SHERBORNES WITH
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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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DYNAMOS CRICKET

Power Your Play

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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
 Contact:
ramsdellccjuniors@gmail.com or WhatsApp 07783 488377

It all starts with... ALL STARS CRICKET

We all play at: Ramsdell Cricket Club
 RG26 5SH

Session dates: 8 consecutive Sundays
 starting 31st May 2026

Session timings: 10am to 11am Ages: 5 to 8 years

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