



THE SCHOOL BELL

Summer Term 17.04.26

INSET DAYS

Monday 1st June 2026
Wednesday 22nd July

KEY DATES

1st May - Class 3 Stubbington Trip
8th May - May Festival
11th May - SATs Week
19th June - Sports Day
23rd June - Leavers Service - Winchester Cathedral
14th, 15th, 16th July - Junior School Production

Welcome back to the start of the Summer Term! We hope you all had a wonderful and restful break. We have an incredibly busy and exciting term ahead of us, packed with highlights including Sports Day, various school trips, and our much-anticipated May Festival.

Please keep a close eye on the Dates for your Diary section and stay tuned for further communications from the school office so you don't miss out on any of the fun!

School Mobile Policy

Attached to this email, you will find our updated School Mobile Policy. We kindly ask all parents and carers to read this through thoroughly and ensure that you are following the correct procedures. *If your child requires their mobile phone in school then please sign the permissions slip and return to the office.*

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school environment focused and safe.

Blooming Marvellous News!

The school has been donated its very own allotment space! This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to get their hands dirty, learn about where their food comes from, and enjoy the great outdoors.

We Need Your Help!

To make the most of this wonderful new space, we are looking for parent volunteers who could spare some time over the coming months. We need help supervising small groups of children as they plant, weed and grow.

Whether you are a seasoned gardener with a "green thumb" or just enjoy being outdoors, we would love to have you involved.

Interested in helping? Please get in touch with the school office to let us know your availability.

Email: adminoffice@sherborne-st-john.hants.sch.uk

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

Parking

We understand that drop-off and pick-up times are incredibly busy and everyone is in a rush. However, we have a number of children and adults for whom it is impossible to access the school with any ease without the use of the designated disabled bay.

Please take those few extra minutes to find a legal parking space elsewhere. As a reminder, it is illegal to park in a disabled bay without a valid permit.

Collective Worship

This week in our Collective Worship, we continued our journey through the Fruits of the Spirit, focusing specifically on Faithfulness and Joy.

We explored the beautiful "Biblical exchange" that happens when we shift our perspective. We discussed how, when we choose to exchange our worries and anxieties for faithfulness-trusting that we are supported and cared for-the natural result is a sense of deep, lasting joy.

The children reflected on how faithfulness isn't just about being reliable to others, but also about having a steady heart during uncertain times. By letting go of the "heavy" feelings of worry, we make room for the "light" feeling of joy to grow.

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION NEWS

Upcoming events for your diary:

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

the next meeting is Wednesday 29th April @ 7pm

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

French Club at Tuesday lunchtimes

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Rainbows

Rainbows welcomes
all girls to come
together to laugh,
learn and have fun
in a creative,
safe space.




Girlguiding
Sherborne St John



**Join Rainbows in
Sherborne St John**

**Wednesday 5pm
Sherborne St John Village Hall**

For girls aged 4 ½ to 7

**Contact us to arrange a visit:
ssjrainbows@gmail.com**

Class 1 Outside Area

We are thrilled to announce that the Class 1 outside area has officially been transformed! What began with a necessary tree removal has blossomed into a full resurfacing project, providing our children with a safe, smooth, and revitalised space to play and learn.

This project was a true community effort, and we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the incredible teams who made it possible:

- **Sam Fenton:** Our dedicated Governor, who masterfully coordinated all the planning and project management from start to finish.
- **Foremost Tree Surgeons:** For getting everyone involved and handling the expert removal of the tree.
- **M Group:** For their seamless project coordination and for managing the disposal of waste.
- **Pavenet:** For the heavy lifting- carrying out the excavation and laying the essential sub-base.
- **OCL Regeneration:** For their phenomenal generosity and community spirit. They donated 18 tonnes of CRBM recycled material for the sub-base, a contribution that made a huge difference to the project.
- **Tarmac:** For the perfect finish, applying the final layer of asphalt surface.
- **Chapter 8:** For ensuring everyone's safety by closing the lane outside to protect the public and workforce.

The children are already absolutely loving their new space! It is wonderful to see them making the most of the area, and we look forward to sharing more photos of them in action very soon.



BACK TO SCHOOL FUN!

The school has been a hive of activity over the holidays! Staff spent some time moving the staffroom upstairs to create a dedicated new space downstairs. This area has been transformed into a brand-new Library, which has already been put to great use by our Construction Club this week!

Looking Ahead

This is just the beginning. Over the coming months, we will be refurbishing the library and the shared area for Classes 3 and 4 to ensure we have maximum space for all our learning and fun. Our exciting plans include:

- A dedicated outside entrance directly into the library.
- Work stations for focused study and creativity.
- New book boxes to make browsing our collection even easier.

See It in Action

We would love for you to come and have a look at the progress! In the meantime, please enjoy these photos of our Construction Club and Sensory Circuits in action. It's wonderful to see these spaces being used to support our students' growth and play.



What if you could explore your SEND Local Offer in person, on one day?



Join us at an event near you to find out about your local special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) support.

Our Discovery Days offer a welcoming space for families to explore the wide range of local services and support available. They provide the chance to speak directly with the teams who work with children and young people with SEND, helping families access timely information, early support, and meaningful connections within their community.

Families can expect

- Opportunities to meet professionals from key SEND services
- Information stands from charities, providers, and community organisations
- General support and advice for children and young people aged 0 to 25
- Signposting to early help, assessment pathways, and inclusive activities
- A welcoming, relaxed environment where families can explore at their own pace



connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk/localoffer



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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