

THE SCHOOL BELL

Summer Term 24.04.26

INSET DAYS

Monday 1st June 2026
Wednesday 22nd July 2026

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

It has been a joy to see the school bathed in sunny weather this week, with the bright skies bringing a fresh wave of energy to the classrooms and playground alike. The children have certainly been making the most of the warmth during their outdoor breaks.

Last week, Classes 1 and 2 had a truly memorable time during their visit to Mr. Soper. They represented the school beautifully and you can find the full details of their adventures below.

The excitement has continued this week as Class 3 officially began their Maypole Dancing rehearsals. There is a lot of concentration involved in mastering the intricate weaves and patterns but they are already making wonderful progress in preparation for the May Festival. Meanwhile, Class 4 took a deep dive into the world of biology; they were treated to a fascinating, hands-on dissection lesson that allowed them to explore anatomy up close. It is wonderful to see such a vibrant range of learning taking place across the school.

Have a great weekend - Mrs Alvis

Summer Term - Events for your diary

The Summer term is full of fantastic school events but it can sometimes be tricky to plan for them.

Below are some of the events that might require attendance from parents or family members to enable you to plan accordingly. The Family Picnic will be a new event during the school day for the whole community to enjoy - details to follow!

1st June – INSET Day
19th June – Sports Day
15th July – Leavers Service – Church
10th – 16th July – Junior School Production.
20th July – Family Picnic - 2pm

Collective Worship

In our Collective Worship this week, we explored the intertwined themes of self-control and goodness, using the beautiful story of The Empty Pot by Demi as our guide. We discussed the courage shown by the protagonist, Ping, who maintained his integrity and goodness even when it felt like he was failing. We then related this to the biblical account of Jesus in the wilderness, reflecting on how he relied on his inner strength and faith to resist temptation during a time of great struggle.

The children spent time thinking honestly about their own lives, identifying moments where they find it difficult to show self-control-whether that is staying patient with a sibling, choosing kind words when frustrated or staying focused on a task. Together, we considered how "goodness" isn't just about the final result, but about the honest and disciplined choices we make along the way, even when no one is looking.

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

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

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

Visit to Mr Soper

The following photos capture the magic of our visit to Mr. Soper's gardens last week. The children were absolutely enthralled as they explored the beautiful grounds but the real stars of the show were the animals. From meeting the chickens and ducks to the incredible, once-in-a-lifetime moment of watching a tiny duckling being born, the experience was truly special. The children also had the chance to feed the fish in the pond and spent time asking insightful questions about how Mr. Soper cares for his amazing creatures. The level of excitement was wonderful to see and these pictures perfectly reflect the joy and curiosity of our Classes 1 and 2 students.



OAKRIDGE
Hall for All

Get Ready FOR SCHOOL

For children starting Year R
September 2026 & 2027

30th April 2026
3:00 – 5:00 PM
Oakridge Hall for All
Forsythia Walk, Basingstoke, RG21 5R1
01256 242522

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Starting school is a big step.
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- Signposting

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