

Summer Term  
08.05.2026



# THE SCHOOL BELL

## INSET DAYS

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026

## **KEY DATES**

**11<sup>th</sup> May** - SATs Week  
**19<sup>th</sup> June** - Sports Day  
**23<sup>rd</sup> June** - Leavers Service - Winchester Cathedral  
**14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> July** - Junior School Production

It has certainly been "a week"! As many of you know, we welcomed Ofsted to our school a little earlier than we had originally expected. While the timing was a surprise, I am incredibly pleased to share that the experience was a very positive one.

The inspectors saw exactly what we see every day: a community that cares deeply for one another and a school that is making huge progress. I am immensely proud of our staff for their tireless dedication and of our children, who spoke about their learning with such confidence and pride.

I look forward to sharing the report with you before the end of the Summer Term in July.

Thank you to our parent community for your incredible support during the inspection: sustenance for the staffroom; kind words and everyone who took the time to share their thoughts via Parent View. Your honest and supportive feedback is invaluable to us and played a vital role in the process.

As we move from one big event to the next, our thoughts and best wishes are with our Year 6 pupils as they begin their SATs next week.

Our students have prepared thoroughly and worked exceptionally hard. However, we have reminded them that while these tests measure academic outcomes in one specific way, they do not measure everything that makes them wonderful. We see their kindness, their creativity, their sporting talents and their resilience every day. Those are the attributes that make us most proud.

Good luck, Year 6-you've got this!

The Summer Sprint

It feels as though we are racing through this summer term at lightning speed! With so many exciting events, trips, and transitions on the horizon, please do keep a close eye on the diary dates below.

Have a fabulous weekend all,  
Mrs Alvis

## Final Countdown: Rocket Launch! 🚀

We are in the final stages of flight prep for our Rocket Launch on 18th May!

To ensure we have all the "fuel" and materials required to get these projects off the ground, we are kindly asking for any remaining voluntary contributions of £3. If you haven't had a chance to do so yet, please help us "clear the launchpad" by making your contribution via Arbor.

If you are having any trouble with the app or the payment process, please pop into the school office and the team will be happy to assist you.

**Thank you for helping us spark a love for science—let's make this a launch to remember!**



## SCHOOL ASSOCIATION NEWS

Upcoming events for your diary:

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**

**the next meeting is Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April @ 7pm**

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

## 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**

**22nd July - INSET Day**

Email: [adminoffice@sherborne-st-john.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@sherborne-st-john.hants.sch.uk)

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

## **Official Opening of Class 1 Outside Area**

**We were delighted to welcome our contractors back to school this week. It was a wonderful moment to have them see the children finally enjoying and playing in their lovely new area.**

**Their hard work and attention to detail have transformed the space into something truly special for our pupils. We thank them all immensely for their dedication and for creating such a fantastic environment for our school community to enjoy for years to come.**

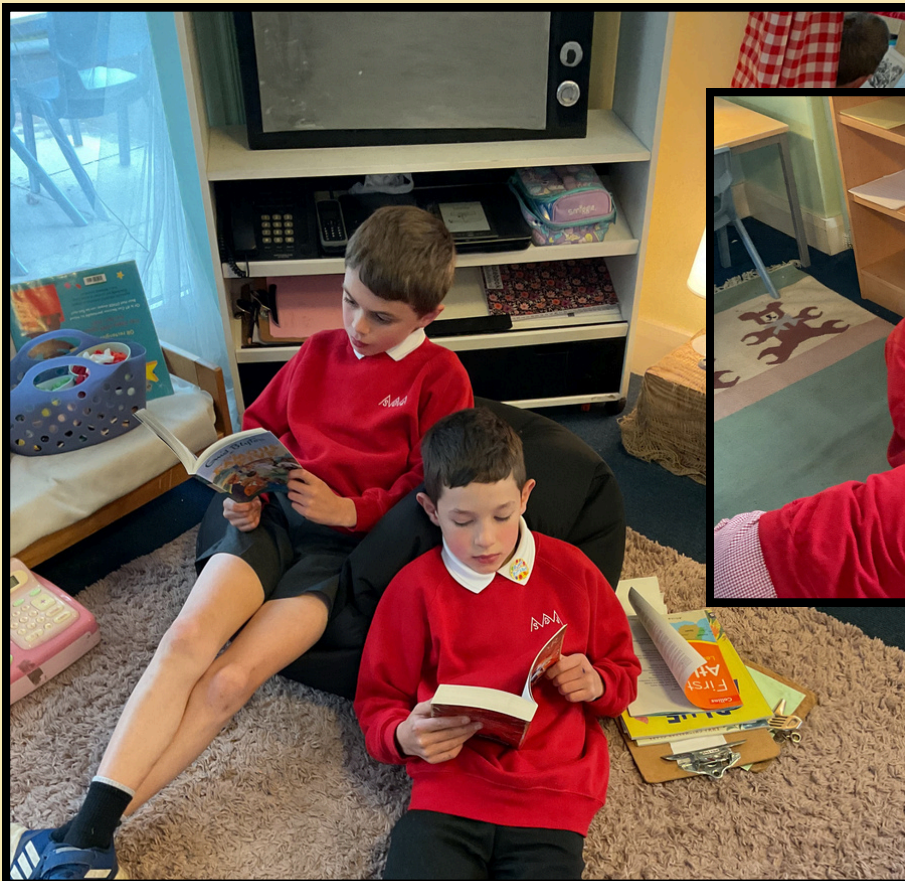
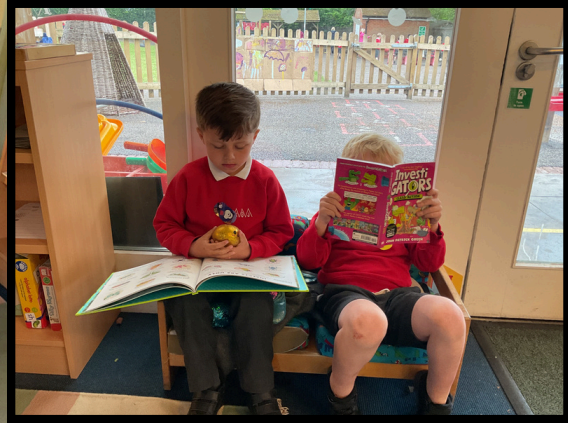


## Donation of Books

We would like to extend a huge thank you to the Sir William Taylor Foundation for their incredibly generous delivery of 50 brand-new books for our new library.

The children have already had a "sneak peek" at the collection and are super excited to dive in and get reading! These books are a fantastic addition to our learning environment, and we are so grateful for the Foundation's support in fostering a love of reading across the school.

To find out more about the wonderful work they do, you can visit the Foundation's website here: [Professor Sir William Taylor Foundation](http://www.sirwilliamtaylorfoundation.org)





**OAKRIDGE**  
Hall for All

# Get Ready FOR SCHOOL

For children starting Year R  
September 2026 & 2027



**30<sup>th</sup> April 2026**



**3:00 – 5:00 PM**



**Oakridge Hall for All**

Forsythia Walk, Basingstoke, RG21 5R1

☎ **01256 242522**

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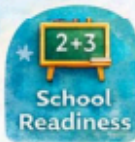
## ARE YOU READY?

Starting school is a big step.

Come along for advice, support and guidance to help  
your child feel ready for September.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ON HAND

Advice • Support • Guidance



School  
Readiness



Learning



Health  
& Wellbeing



Signposting

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