

Summer Term

22.05.26



THE SCHOOL BELL

INSET DAYS

Monday 1st June 2026
Wednesday 22nd July 2026

KEY DATES

19th June - Sports Day
23rd June - Leavers Service - Winchester Cathedral
14th, 15th, 16th July - Junior School Production
20th July - Family Picnic

A huge thank you to everyone for the amazing donations we've received for the upcoming School Fair! Your generosity makes a huge difference. The fair takes place on Saturday 6th June, and we hope to see you all there to support the fantastic work of our School Association. Most recently, their fundraising efforts have helped purchase our brand-new handwriting scheme, which will be launched right after the half-term break!

A Warm Welcome to our New Families!

It was wonderful to meet so many parents at our Year R Information Evening this week. We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our new parents and children starting their journey with us this September. We are thrilled to have you joining the school community!

Important Reminders & Dates:

Monday 1st June: INSET Day (School closed to pupils).

Tuesday 2nd June: Pupils return to school.

We wish you all a wonderful, happy half term! Enjoy the quality family time and the promise of some better weather.

Keeping Our Students Safe Online: Important Changes to School Photographs

At SSJ we love celebrating our pupils' achievements, but a recent safeguarding update from the UK Safer Internet Centre (UKSIC) means we are changing how we publish images online.

To protect our children from emerging Artificial Intelligence (AI) risks, you will notice the following changes on our website, newsletters, and social media:

No direct face-on photos (focusing instead on group activities or clever angles).

No names paired with images.

Low-resolution images only, making them much harder to alter.

Digital data removed from image files to protect locations and dates.

Our desire to celebrate your children hasn't changed, just our methods. Thank you for your support in keeping our community safe.

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

Rocket Kids

We had an absolutely unforgettable day when the Rocket Kids team touched down at school! The children dived headfirst into the world of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Maths), spending the day building, designing, and cardboard-modelling their very own space-themed creations.

The absolute highlight of the day was heading out onto the playground to watch the launch of a real, black-powder powered rocket! There were cheers all around as it shot high into the sky before deploying its parachute. It was a fantastic, hands-on day that has left everyone buzzing with inspiration.



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Tag Rugby Triumph!

A massive congratulations to our incredible girls' tag rugby team, who were crowned tournament champions after an absolute thriller of a day, competing against 11 other schools!

The morning pool stages were incredibly tight, with the girls showing immense grit to progress through to the finals on tries scored. Having found their rhythm, they were absolutely unstoppable in the afternoon—winning all five of their matches in a row to take the title!

A special shout-out and huge thank you to Ethan and Zach from Year 6. They worked tirelessly all day ensuring scorecards were in the right place, and that scores and timings were spot on. The day couldn't have run so smoothly without them! A huge thank you to Mr Moria, Mrs Rolmanis, Mrs Curd and Mrs Harding for accompanying the children and all the adults who came to support them on the day. A true team effort

Well done to everyone involved for a fantastic display of teamwork, skill, and sportsmanship.



SCHOOL ASSOCIATION NEWS

Upcoming events for your diary:

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.

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

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
Fennythia Walk, Basingstoke, RG21 5DR
01256 242522

DROP IN – NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED

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

DROP IN – NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED!
Professionals from across Basingstoke available to answer your questions

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Water Safety



Water safety is important for children of all ages. Drowning is one of the main causes of accidental death in children, and in England these incidents have doubled over the last five years.

Accidental drowning can happen in many different places, including at home (such as baths, hot tubs, ponds, private swimming or paddling pools), in public swimming pools, and in open water, such as the sea, rivers, lakes and canals. Children under the age of five and teenagers aged 13-17, are at the greatest risk of drowning,

While these incidents can happen at any time of year, almost half of drownings occur during the summer months when temperatures are higher. Research shows that teenagers and young adults are at increased risk during very warm weather, particularly when temperatures reach 25°C or above.

Most drowning accidents are preventable with the right knowledge and awareness.

Whatever their age, it is important that children learn how to stay safe around water. Even young children can understand simple safety rules.

Talking regularly with your child about water safety can help them recognise the risks and understand how to play safely in and around water.

[Please visit the HSCP Water Safety Page for advice.](#)



FAMILY PICNIC

MONDAY 20TH JULY 2026
2.15-3.15PM

BRING A PICNIC TO
SHARE AND
CELEBRATE THE YEAR
WITH US.

SSJ PLAYGROUND

**CHILDREN TO LEAVE AT
NORMAL TIME.**