

Summer Term

19.06.26



THE SCHOOL BELL

INSET DAYS

Wednesday 22nd July

INSET DAYS 26/27

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Friday 23rd October 2026

Monday 22nd February 2027

Friday 2nd July 2027

Wednesday 21st July 2027

KEY DATES

23rd June - Leavers Service - Winchester Cathedral

6th July - Year 6 Enterprise Day

14th, 15th, 16th July - Junior School Production

20th July - Family Picnic

21st July - Last day for children. Finish usual time.

A huge thank you to everyone who made our annual Sports Day such a wonderful success! The sun shone beautifully on us, and the atmosphere was filled with team spirit, cheers, and smiles all afternoon.

A special shout-out must go to Mrs Rolmanis for her superb organisation-everything ran like clockwork! We also want to extend a massive thank you to our wonderful parents and families for coming along to cheer the children on, to the School Association for providing such lovely treats and to all of our staff who worked so hard behind the scenes to make the afternoon so special.

We are incredibly proud of all our young athletes for their brilliant sportsmanship!

Due to the stage in the hall, we will be using the office door for all entries and exits to school until the end of term.

Staying Safe Online

Recently, we have dealt with incidents in school where children have been mimicking behaviour or using language that is not appropriate for primary-aged pupils. Upon speaking with the children, it has become clear that this stems from content they have viewed online, particularly on YouTube and similar streaming platforms.

While the internet offers wonderful entertainment and learning opportunities, it is very easy for young eyes to accidentally stumble across content meant for much older audiences. We kindly ask all parents and carers to regularly check what their children are watching, ensure devices are kept in shared family spaces, and strictly monitor age ratings and parental controls. Thank you so much for your continued partnership in keeping our children safe, happy, and protected.

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A Message from Mrs Clarke...

Please be aware that my next SENDCo surgery will be taking place on Monday 29th June.

These days provide an opportunity for you to book an appointment with me to discuss any concerns you may have about your child's progress. This includes concerns about their mental health and wellbeing as well as worries about their learning. Whilst we always encourage you to approach your child's teacher as the first port of call should you have any concerns, these sessions provide a further option for you to talk things through should your concerns remain.

SENDCo surgery appointments are open to all parents, not just those with recognised SEND, and can be booked by emailing me directly at s.clarke@sherborne-st-john.hants.sch.uk.

Kind regards
Mrs Clarke
SENDCo

Changes to Free School Meals

Please ensure you have read my communication about changes to FSM. Without some action it might be that your child misses out on vital funding they are entitled to. Any questions then please have a chat with Mrs Hale.

RSE consultation

The Department for Education introduced compulsory relationship education for primary children from September 2020. It also became compulsory for all schools to teach health education. The purpose of these subjects is to support all young people to be happy, healthy and safe – to equip them for adult life and to help support children to make a positive contribution to society.

As part of this, all schools are required to consult with parents when developing and reviewing their policies for relationships education, which will inform decisions on when and how certain content is covered.

Effective engagement gives the space and time for parents to input, ask questions, share concerns and for the school to decide the way forward. Schools will listen to parents' views, and then make a reasonable decision as to how they wish to proceed. When and how content is taught is ultimately a decision for the school and consultation does not provide a parental veto on curriculum content.

You can find further details about the introduction of compulsory relationship education, as well as answers to many other frequently asked questions, on the [government website](#).

You can view our current policy on the school website. There is also a link on the webpage to fill in a consultation form if you wish.

Lost Property

We have a huge amount of lost property in school. Next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (weather permitting) we will put out the lost property for you to view in the calm area. Please have a look. Anything not taken will be donated or disposed of.

🌿 Help Us Transform Our Outdoor Space! 🌿

We are excited to be developing our outdoor area to create a more engaging, creative, and welcoming environment for our children—but we need your help!

At the end of our playground, we have a tree stump that we would love to repurpose into a unique carved chair, right in its current spot. We think this could become a lovely focal point and storytelling seat for the children. Do you, or someone you know, have the skills and tools to safely carve and shape wood? We would be so grateful for any support with this project.

We are also hoping to create a simple seating area using wooden pallets, turning them into sturdy benches where children can relax, read, and socialise outdoors. If you have experience with woodworking, access to pallets, or would be willing to lend a hand building these benches, we'd love to hear from you.

Whether you can offer time, skills, materials, or advice—every bit of help makes a difference.

If you're able to support either of these ideas, please get in touch with the school office.

Thank you for helping us make our outdoor space even more special for our children!



MONEY

YEAR 6

Gridley Challenge

MONDAY 6TH JULY

2:15 - 3:20PM
School playground

HELP YEAR 6 RAISE MONEY
FOR OUR SCHOOL

**GAMES | PRIZES | BAKE SALE |
TREATS**

CASH/CHANGE ONLY

PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN
IN AT SCHOOL PICK UP TIME

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.

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION NEWS

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!

15th July – Leavers Service – Church

10th – 16th July – Junior School Production.
20th July – Family Picnic - 2pm
22nd July - INSET Day



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SHERBORNES WITH
PAMBER CHURCHES

CELEBRATION OF MUSIC

**SAT
20 JUNE**

**ST ANDREW'S
CHURCH SSJ**

**2.30 –
4.30 PM**

Children's craft

Children's Art Competition with prizes.
Theme: Music
Bring it with you or create during the event.

Refreshments

Musical performances
3.00-4.00pm

Have a go at
bell ringing

Treasure Hunt

Try your hand at
playing instruments

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Contact geofftennant@sherborneswithpamber.org if you
would like to perform by Friday 12th June