

Summer Term

03.07.26



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

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.

What a difference a week makes! After last week's wild weather, it has been lovely to enjoy a much calmer few days and see everyone making the most of the summer term.

A huge well done to Class 3 for hosting such a successful Fairtrade Fair. The children worked incredibly hard and it was wonderful to see so many families supporting the event. Thank you to everyone who came along and helped make it such a success.

Please remember to check the lost property items displayed on the benches at the end of the day. We have collected quite a few unnamed items and would love to reunite them with their owners before the end of term.

We are also very proud of our mixed tag rugby team, who won their league this week, showing great skill, teamwork and determination on the pitch. Special thanks go to Zach and Edith for captaining the team so brilliantly throughout the competition. You led by example and should be very proud of yourselves.

A reminder that Celebration Worship will be held in the church for the next two Fridays, as the school hall is being transformed ready for our production of The Lion King. Please arrive at the church by 8:50am so that we can begin promptly at 9:00am.

Finally, on Friday 17th, we will celebrate all of our summer holiday birthdays during Celebration Worship so that no one misses out on their special moment.

Have a wonderful weekend!

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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 - again!

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.

Class 3 Fairtrade Fair

Class 3's Fairtrade Fair was a fantastic success and a wonderful celebration of all their hard work this term. As part of the event, the children invited friends and family to come and play the homemade board games they had designed and created themselves. There was plenty of fun, laughter and healthy competition throughout the afternoon!

Visitors also enjoyed a range of delicious Fairtrade treats prepared by the children. The banana crumble proved particularly popular, while the refreshing homemade lemonade was the perfect choice on a warm afternoon.

The Fairtrade Fair was the culmination of Class 3's topic work, allowing the children to put their learning into action and share it with the wider school community. We are delighted that all money raised will be donated to the Fairtrade Foundation, helping to support farmers and workers around the world.

Well done, Class 3, for your creativity, teamwork and enthusiasm! 🍌🎲🍋



Hampshire Library Summer Reading Challenge

The Hampshire Library Summer Reading Challenge is a wonderful opportunity to keep children reading over the holidays and to help them develop a lifelong love of books.

Reading is the single most important thing you can do with your child to support their academic progress and future opportunities. Whether you read with them, to them or listen to them read - every little bit makes a difference.

We look forward to celebrating lots of medals and certificates in our celebration assembly in the new school year! The library also records your child's school, so we'll be able to see how many of our pupils take part compared to other schools. I wonder which class will have the most entries?

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**Summer Reading
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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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