



THE SCHOOL BELL

Autumn Term
04.09.26

INSET DAYS

Tuesday 1st September 2026
Friday 23rd October 2026
Monday 22nd February 2027
Friday 2nd July 2027
Wednesday 21st July 2027

KEY DATES

Thursday 17th September - Showcase Afternoon all classes @ 2.15pm
Monday 21st September - Open Day
23rd September - Year 4 swimming starts
14th October - Harvest Festival @2.15pm

What a wonderful start we have had to the new school year!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest staff members, Mrs Barnhouse, Mrs Hewett, Mrs Holmes and Mrs Lok. We are delighted to have them join our school family.

It has been fantastic to see how quickly the children have settled back into school. They have especially enjoyed exploring the improvements and changes made to our building over the summer holidays. Take a look at the photos below to see some of the updates.

Don't forget to sign up for after-school clubs, which start next week. With such a wide variety on offer, there is something for everyone, but spaces are limited. Clubs can be found under **Trips** on Arbor.

Today we welcomed our new Reception children for their Stay and Play session. We are looking forward to getting to know both the children and their families as they become part of our community.

Everyone is warmly welcome to join us for a Coffee Morning at the Church on Monday - new and old faces welcome - see the poster below! The School Association will have pre-loved uniform available so please bring cash if you would like to purchase some. It's great for spares during the winter weather when children can get a bit messy when enjoying their play.

Please remember that the school day ends at 3:10 pm for Infants and 3:15 pm for Juniors. Being picked up on time is so important, as waiting without a parent or carer can be very distressing for young children. If you are delayed in an emergency, please contact the school office immediately so we can reassure your child but please be aware that staff have scheduled meetings and work directly after dismissal.

Please keep an eye on your inbox next week for an email containing an updated contact, medical and permissions form, along with our new Home-School Agreement.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend!
Mrs Alvis

A Fond Farewell to Our 'Little School Helper'!

At the end of last term, our school said a deeply heartfelt goodbye to an SSJ cornerstone . After 14 incredible years of devoted service, Ms. Julie Grand- our "Little School Helper"- officially hung up her volunteering badges.

For nearly a decade and a half, Ms. Grand has been an important part of the school community. Pupils and parents alike know her kindness, and endless energy. She has guided countless families through their school journeys, offering a comforting word or a helping hand right when it was needed most. Her dedication and generosity to the school has been invaluable and much appreciated by all at SSJ.

Ms. Grand sends her absolute best wishes to all of our students, parents and staff. In turn, we want to send our deepest gratitude back to her. Thank you, Ms. Grand, for your 14 years of care, tireless hard work and devotion to the SSJ family. You will be missed!

Open Days

We are holding several Open Days across the Autumn Term for September 2027 Reception children and also have limited spaces in other year groups.

Please take a moment to share our poster below with anyone you know locally looking for a school. We would love to show them around.

A Few Reminders

PE Days

Year R- Wednesday

Year 1 & 2 - Tuesday & Thursday **(including Year 1 Hedgehogs)**

Jaguars - Monday pm and Wednesday am - Swimming

Falcons - Friday and Tuesday pm.

Children should attend school wearing their PE kit on PE days. Please ensure they are equipped for the incoming colder weather.

Wellies

All children should have a pair of wellies in school so they can make full use of our wonderful grounds throughout the autumn and winter months.

Please send wellies in a named plastic bag and ensure both the wellies and the bag are clearly labelled.

Celebration Assembly

Celebration Assembly will continue to be held at 9:00 am in the hall. Please enter through the hall doors at 8:55 am.

If your child is receiving a certificate, you will be invited to attend. We also encourage children to bring in any outside achievements they would like to celebrate and share (swimming, dance, football, gymnastics, Rainbows, Brownies, Cubs, martial arts—the list goes on!).

We will continue to celebrate birthdays as well, and all are welcome to attend weekly.

Our first Celebration will be Friday 11th September.

Ordering Lunches

Please ensure your child's lunch choices are ordered before Monday morning—even if they are having a packed lunch from home. If their choice is not recorded, we cannot guarantee they will receive the school lunch option they prefer.

If you need help using Arbor to select lunches, Mrs. Hale is available to support you.

Water Bottle

Your child must have a named water bottle in school to refill during the day. Although we have spare cups for an emergency we are not able to provide these continually.

Updates to School

We would like to say a huge thank you to the amazing team from AWE, who generously gave their time as part of their Community Day. They worked incredibly hard tidying our school grounds and creating these wonderful benches from pallets for our children to enjoy. We are so grateful for their support and the positive difference they have made to our outdoor spaces.

Next on our wish list is a mud kitchen! If you are handy with pallets, enjoy a bit of DIY, or happen to have any spare pallets that you would be willing to donate, we would love to hear from you. Together, we can create even more exciting opportunities for our children to learn, play and explore outdoors.





After-School & Before-School Club Updates

Don't forget to book your spots for our exciting new line-up of after-school clubs!

How to book: You can find full details on the [school website](#) or by speaking directly to Mrs Hale.

Magician Club: The link for the Young Magicians Club booking form is linked [here](#). Please see the flyer below.

Before-School Clubs: Keep an eye on your inbox today, as Mrs Hale will be sending out updates and details regarding before-school clubs.

Time/Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast 7.45-8.35am	Year 3&4 Football	Judo	Dance Phase	Gymnastics	KS2 Girls' Football
Lunch		French Club			
3.15-4.15/4.30/4.45pm	Bright Beats Choir 3.15-4.30pm Years 2-6	Showstoppers Musical Theatre 3.15-4.40pm Years R-6	Masterpiece Makers Arts & Crafts 3.15- 4.30pm Years R-6 Kings and Queens Chess 3.15-4.15pm Years R-6	<u>Ketsy's</u> Young Magicians 3.15-4.15pm Years R-6	



SHERBORNE ST. JOHN CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Planning for Reception September 2027 or another
year group?**

We warmly invite you....

To visit our caring and ambitious school

AUTUMN OPEN DAYS

Monday 21st September

Thursday 8th October

Wednesday 14th October

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

or

call: 01256 850180

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PARENTS' COFFEE MORNING



Monday 7th September

8.35am – 10am

St Andrew's Church

Toys available for preschoolers



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Thursdays ~ 3.15pm - 4.15pm



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Club Dates - 12 sessions

10/09, 17/09, 24/09, 1/10, 8/10, 15/10

5/11, 12/11, 19/11, 26/11, 3/12, 10/12 **£96**

Payment

Once your child's space is confirmed, please transfer to Young Magicians Ltd AC: 33326764 Sort: 20-35-35.

Prices are inclusive of VAT

Contact

Contact the school office or:
info@youngmagicians.co.uk

www.youngmagicians.co.uk

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.



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