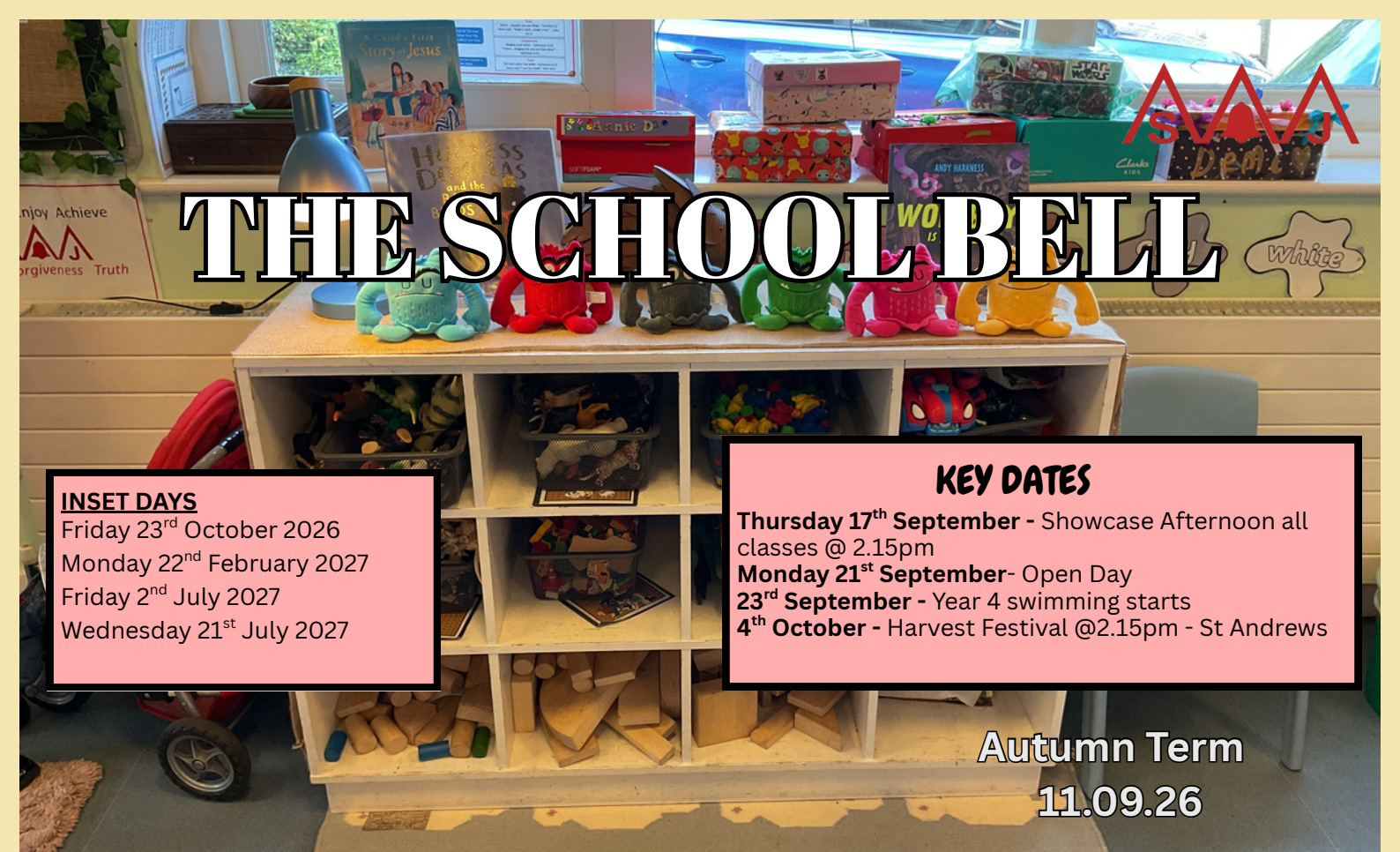




# THE SCHOOL BELL

## INSET DAYS

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2026  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2027  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2027  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2027

## KEY DATES

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September** - Showcase Afternoon all classes @ 2.15pm  
**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September** - Open Day  
**23<sup>rd</sup> September** - Year 4 swimming starts  
**4<sup>th</sup> October** - Harvest Festival @2.15pm - St Andrews

**Autumn Term**  
**11.09.26**

It has been a wonderfully positive first full week back at school! There is already a fantastic buzz of energy in the classrooms, with lots of deep learning and exciting new topic launches underway.

As we all know, the British weather can be quite changeable at this time of year! To ensure our pupils can make the fullest use of the school grounds during lunchtimes and outdoor play, please make sure your child brings a waterproof coat each day and a pair of wellies to be left in school.

Our first week of exciting new after-school clubs- including choir, magic tricks, arts and crafts, and tag rugby-has gone brilliantly. It has been wonderful to see so many children getting involved, and we look forward to even more students signing up as the term progresses.

We are so excited to welcome you all into school next week for our Showcase Afternoon! Please see the attached letter for full details and practical arrangements. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to step inside your child's classroom, see their work, and meet their teacher.

We held our first Celebration Worship of the year this morning. If your child has an out of school achievement - swimming badge, reading medal, trophy, martial arts belt, Brownie/ Rainbow/ Cub/Beaver badge they've earned then please encourage them to bring them in to be celebrated. We are hoping to create a 'Hall of Fame' display of our achievements.

Have a fantastic weekend,

Mrs Alvis 😊



**Get ready to rock! We are absolutely thrilled to re-introduce exciting music provision to our school through iRock, giving children the fantastic opportunity to learn a musical instrument during the school day.**

If you haven't already, please check your inbox for an email with all the details. iRock is a brilliant, inclusive way for children of all abilities to dive into music. Instead of traditional solo lessons, children form their very own bands, learning to sing and play their favourite songs together! Whether your child wants to try it out for a single term to see how they get on, or embark on a longer-term musical journey, signing up is flexible and straightforward.

To build the excitement, the children will be treated to a live assembly very soon where they can see and hear the instruments available-including drums, bass, and electric guitar.

Taught by a professional music teacher during school hours, every term wraps up with an incredible end-of-term gig where the bands get to perform live. It is a wonderful confidence-booster and a unique musical experience. Be sure to check your emails for sign-up details!

## Open Days

**Our first Open Day is September 21st** for 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.

## Collective Worship

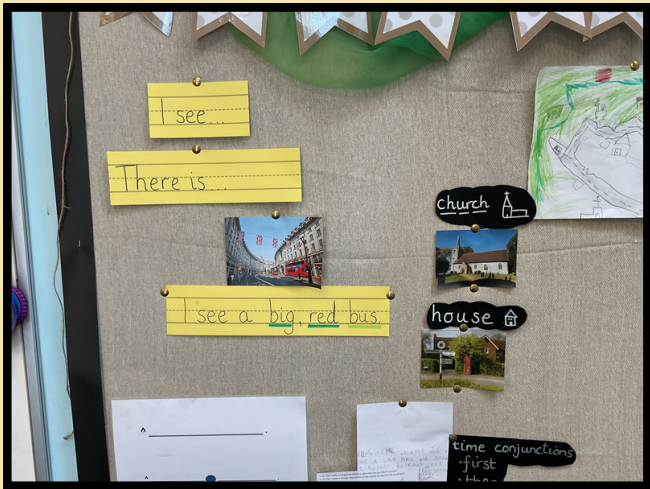
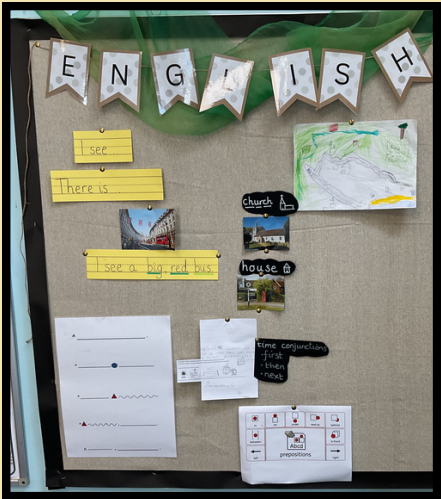
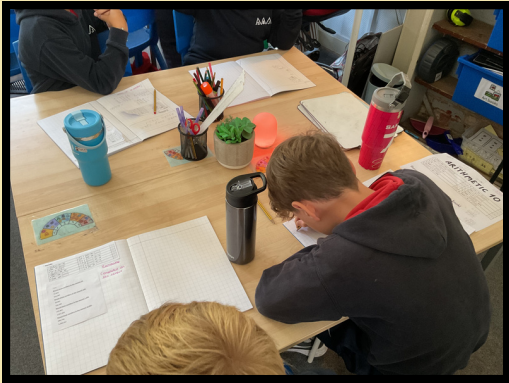
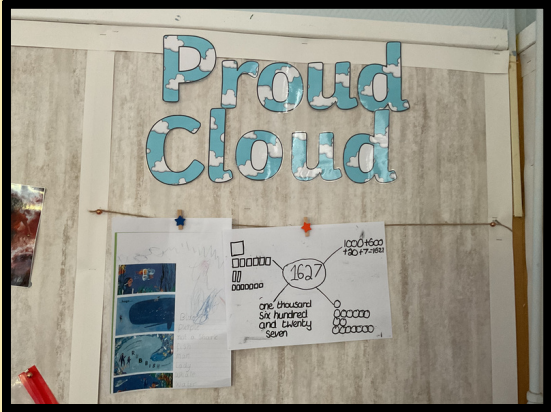
This term, our collective worship is focusing on our core school values, beginning with a strong emphasis on Truth and Trust.

During our first week back (beginning 7th September), our whole school and key stage worship sessions explored the theme of Trust. We looked at the Bible story from Luke 5:1-11 about Jesus' first followers, focusing on how Simon trusted Jesus to cast his nets even after catching nothing all night, and how the disciples left everything to follow Him.

Across the week, the children also explored what trust means through stories and discussions—looking at examples like Dorcas in the Bible (Acts 9) and how we decide who we can trust in everyday life.

Looking ahead, our collective worship themes for the rest of this half term will continue to explore the value of truth through various biblical stories and reflective activities, moving through themes of forgiveness, honesty, the armour of God, and sharing the truth.

# The School View!





## School Association News



The School Association are excited to begin the Autumn term with the return of our ever-popular adults only Quiz Night!

We're really pleased to once again be hosting this event in partnership with SSJ Social Club. Please see the attached poster for more details.

Date: Friday 16th October 2026

Time: 7:00pm - 9:30pm

Location: Sherborne St. John Social Club, Elm Road, Sherborne St. John

Tickets: £5 per head

Teams: Maximum of 6 people per team

Booking link: [www.pta-events.co.uk/ssjsa-events](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/ssjsa-events)

All funds raised via ticket sales and the on the night raffle (£1 per ticket) will be used for supporting the school.

You can book as a ready made team of 6 or we can group people together on the night to make up a team. Please do feel free to bring friends and family along even if they are not directly associated with the School. This is a community event and it's great to bring everyone together.

Doors will be open from 7pm with the quiz starting promptly at 7.30pm and finishing at approximately 9.00 - 9.30pm. The social club remains open until 11pm so please don't rush off - stay to enjoy a drink and the rest of your evening!

## 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.



## **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 21<sup>st</sup> September**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

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

or

call: 01256 850180

**TRUTH**

**TRUST**

**FORGIVENESS**

[WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/SSJSA-EVENTS](http://WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/SSJSA-EVENTS)



# SSJ Village Quiz Night



TICKETS: £5 EACH  
MAXIMUM OF 6 PER TEAM

SSJ SOCIAL CLUB

**FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

7.00PM

RAISING FUNDS FOR SSJ SCHOOL ASSOCIATION -  
PROVIDING ENRICHING OPPORTUNITIES, EXPERIENCES  
AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE CHILDREN OF SSJ SCHOOL



# YOUTH

@ FOUR

**This Sunday  
4-5pm  
St Andrew's Church SSJ**

- ▶ Games
- ▶ Drinks & Cake
- ▶ Bible time
- ▶ Y6 - Y11

For a consent form  
or more information email:  
[admin@sherborneswithpamber.org](mailto:admin@sherborneswithpamber.org)

[www.sherborneswithpamber.org](http://www.sherborneswithpamber.org)



# FAMILIES

**AT FOUR**

**This Sunday  
4pm  
St Andrew's Church SSJ**

- ▶ All Ages Welcome
- ▶ Craft & Games
- ▶ Bible Story
- ▶ Singing
- ▶ Refreshments



[www.sherborneswithpamber.org](http://www.sherborneswithpamber.org)



## 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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