



THE SCHOOL BELL

INSET DAYS

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

KEY DATES

Monday 21st September- Open Day
23rd September - Year 4 swimming starts
13th & 15th October - Parents Evenings
14th October - Harvest Festival @2.15pm - St Andrews

Autumn Term
18.09.26

Thank you to everyone who attended our Showcase Afternoon this week. It was a real joy to welcome so many families into school and to see the pride on the children's faces as they shared their learning and achievements with you. Opportunities like these are so valuable, and we hope you enjoyed seeing the wonderful work that has taken place across the school. Do not panic if you missed out yesterday there will be another chance to visit your children in school next half term.

We are also excited to announce that our new library is almost ready! Staff have been working hard behind the scenes to organise the space, and we just have a few finishing touches to complete over the coming week. We are looking forward to introducing the children to their new library environment very soon and cannot wait to see them enjoying this fantastic resource.

Looking ahead, our **Parent Evenings** will be held on **Tuesday 13th October and Thursday 15th October, from 3:30pm to 7:00pm**. Further details about how to book an appointment to meet with your child's teacher and discuss their progress will be shared shortly.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We wish you all a lovely weekend.



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!

Parking

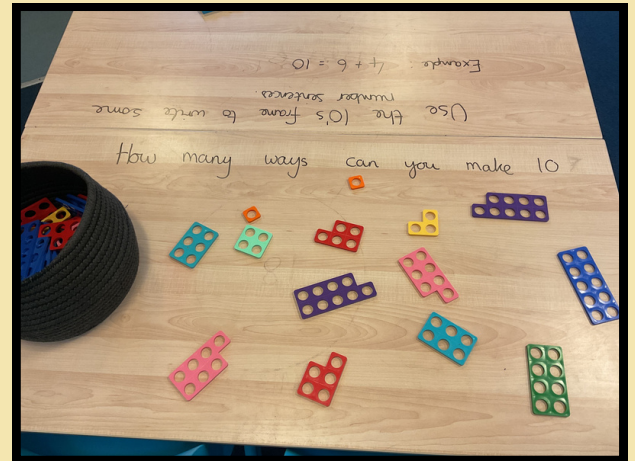
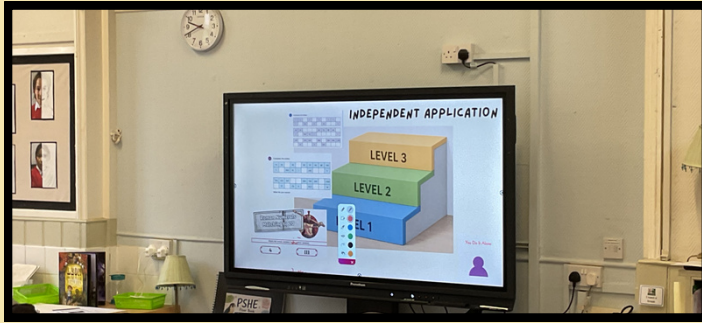
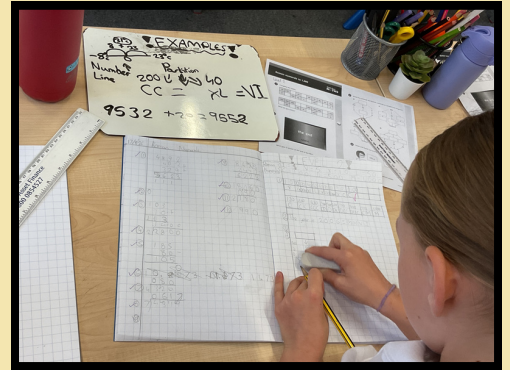
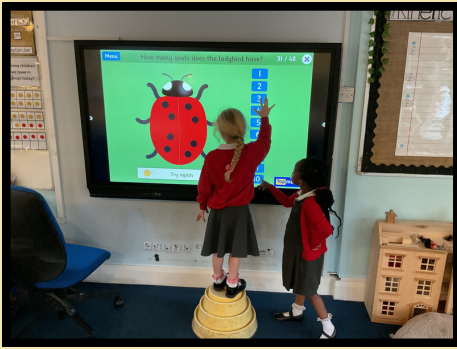
Parking Reminder: Please take a moment to read the letter sent home this week regarding parking around the school. By parking considerately and making use of The Swan car park where possible, we can all help to keep our children, families and local residents safe. Thank you

Collective Worship

In Collective Worship this week, we explored the theme of forgiveness through the story of The Unforgiving Servant. To help bring the message to life, we used a backpack filled with heavy items to represent the anger, hurt and upset we can carry when we choose not to forgive. The children reflected on how holding onto these feelings can become a burden, making life feel much heavier for the person who has been wronged.

We discussed how forgiveness does not mean forgetting what has happened, but it can help us let go of negative feelings and move forward with peace, kindness and understanding.

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

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!



The poster is framed by a decorative border of autumnal elements including pumpkins, mushrooms, berries, and leaves. The text is centered on a light cream background.

Harvest FESTIVAL

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YOU ARE WARMLY
INVITED TO THE HARVEST
FESTIVAL

Wednesday 14th October 2026
St Andrews Church @ 2.15pm

Donations for Basingstoke
Foodbank to be brought to
school in the morning.



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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