



WELCOME TO THE SCHOOL BELL THE LIBRARY

INSET DAYS

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

Autumn Term
09.10.26

KEY DATES

13th & 15th October - Parents Evenings
14th October - Harvest Festival @2.15pm - St Andrews
22nd October - Half Term begins.
4th December - Christmas Fair @ 5-7pm
9th & 10th December - Infant Nativity
16th December - Church Service @2.15pm - all welcome

What an exciting week it has been at Sherborne St John!

We were delighted to open our wonderful new library this week. All children have already had the opportunity to visit, and from next week they will be able to start borrowing books during their weekly library sessions. We hope it will inspire a lifelong love of reading and become a much-loved space for all.

A reminder that Parents' Evening takes place next week, and we look forward to welcoming families into school to celebrate children's successes and discuss their progress.

Thank you to everyone who has already donated items for the Wessex Rotary Shoebox Appeal. Our newly elected School Councillors are looking forward to helping sort and pack the donations. Donations should be brought into school by Monday 19th October, and a reminder of the suggested items can be found below.

It is also nearly time for our Conkers Competition class heats. Good luck to all our competitors!

This week we also held the School Association AGM, where we discussed the Christmas Fair, the upcoming Quiz Night on Friday 16th October, and fundraising plans for the year ahead. Money raised in recent years is helping to fund some exciting outdoor projects for our children. If you can offer any support at upcoming events, please do get in touch. The Christmas Fair is one of our biggest fundraising events and relies on the support of our whole school community.

Finally, if you have any unwanted raffle prizes that you would be willing to donate for the Quiz Night, we would be very grateful if you could drop them into the school office.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

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

<https://www.ssj-school.co.uk/>

End of Day Collection Reminder

A reminder that school finishes at 3.10pm for Infants and 3.15pm for Juniors. Please ensure your child is collected promptly.

Being collected late can be upsetting for children and can also impact staff who have meetings and other responsibilities after school. If unforeseen circumstances mean you will be delayed, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

If regular collection at the end of the school day is difficult, please consider one of our after-school clubs.

Thank you for your support.

A Message from Mrs Clarke

Please be aware that my first SENDCo surgery of the year will be taking place on Wednesday 11th November. SENDCo surgery 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.

Thank you.

Kind regards

Mrs Clarke

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator (SENDCo)

Parents' Partnership Forum

We are keen to strengthen opportunities for parents to contribute to the strategic development of our school and are therefore establishing a Parents' Partnership Forum.

The forum will meet once each term and will provide an opportunity for parents to share their views, discuss key aspects of school life and contribute to discussions about the school's future direction. Meetings will have an agreed agenda so that discussions remain focused and productive.

If you are interested in joining the forum, please complete the form linked below. As well as registering your interest, we ask that you indicate your availability so that we can identify a meeting time that works for as many parents as possible throughout the year.

Our first meeting this term will focus on our Vision and Values. This is an important area of work that staff and governors will also be exploring during our upcoming INSET day, and we would welcome parent perspectives as we shape this together.

We look forward to working in partnership with you.

[Register of Interest.](#)

Become a School Governor at Sherborne St John CofE Primary School

Would you like to make a positive difference to the education of local children? We are currently seeking both Parent Governors and Non-Parent Governors to join our friendly and dedicated Governing Body.

School governors play a vital role in supporting and challenging school leaders, helping to shape the future direction of the school and ensuring every child receives the very best education and opportunities to thrive.

We are looking for people who are passionate about our school and community, can attend approximately two meetings per term, and are willing to share their skills, experience and perspective. We welcome interest from people with a wide range of backgrounds and, in particular, would be keen to hear from anyone with financial or business experience.

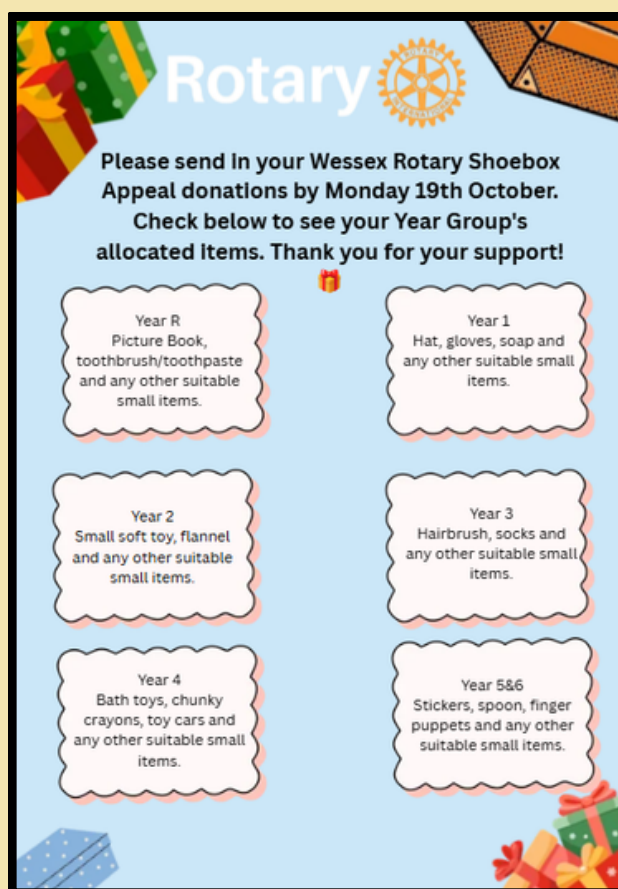
No previous experience of governance is required, as training and support are provided.

If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a governor, please contact the school office: adminoffice@sherborne-st-john.hants.sch.uk. We'd be delighted to hear from you.

Collective Worship

This week in Collective Worship, we learned about the amazing work of Basingstoke Foodbank and how it supports individuals and families in our local community who are facing difficult times. We linked this to the Bible story of Jesus Feeding the 5,000, where even a small offering of five loaves and two fish became enough to feed a huge crowd.

We reflected on how small acts of kindness can make a big difference when we work together. As a school, we have set ourselves the challenge of collecting enough donations for the Foodbank to match the weight of a jaguar! The children enjoyed calculating just how much that would be and discussing how every tin, packet and donation counts. By each doing our small part, together we can make a huge difference to those in need.



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.

OPEN DAYS

Looking for a Reception place for September 2027?

Come and visit our caring, ambitious and inclusive school

AUTUMN OPEN DAYS
Thursday 8th October
Wednesday 14th October
Monday 9th November

***"Pupils are justifiably
happy and proud to
be at this school."
Ofsted 2026.***

*Play with purpose: developing confident learners and
secure academic foundations.*

**SHERBORNE ST. JOHN CofE
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



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