



THE SCHOOL BELL

INSET DAYS

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

KEY DATES

22nd October - Half Term begins.
16th November - Odd Socks Day
4th December - Christmas Fair @ 5-7pm
9th & 10th December - Infant Nativity Performances
16th December - Church Service @2.15pm - all welcome

Autumn Term
22.10.26

As we reach the end of an amazingly busy half term, I have found myself wondering quite when we managed to fit everything in!

Over the last few weeks we have opened a brand-new library, searched for the best conker in the village, rocked out with our new iRock music lessons, launched new clubs, collected an incredible amount of food for Harvest, elected our School Council and House Captains, welcomed the Bishop of Basingstoke, built dens, unveiled our new storytelling chair, introduced a new handwriting programme, enjoyed swimming lessons and winter walks, hosted a fantastic Quiz Night, opened our doors for Showcase Afternoon and met with families at Parents' Evening. And somehow, in between all of that, the children have also worked incredibly hard and made excellent progress in their learning!

Next half term is always one of the busiest of the year as we begin our journey towards Christmas. Please keep an eye on the key dates and watch out for communications from the office to make sure you don't miss any of the exciting events ahead.

I would like to thank our wonderful staff team for their unwavering energy, support and commitment. Their enthusiasm, care and dedication make our school a very special place for children every day. We wish all our families a happy, restful half-term break and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 2nd November.

A final reminder that school is closed tomorrow for our INSET day.
Have a wonderful half term!
Mrs Alvis

Thank you to everyone who donated to our collection for Basingstoke Food Bank– we smashed our target!



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.

Thank You!

A huge thank you to everyone who donated items for our Rotary Shoebox Appeal. Yesterday, the School Council worked together to carefully pack 20 shoeboxes, ready for collection.

We are so proud of the kindness and generosity shown by our school community. This is a wonderful way for our children to demonstrate our values in action and show care for people beyond our own community. Thank you for helping make a difference.



Morning Arrangements and Communication

Thank you to everyone who has supported the morning arrangements outlined in my email earlier this week.

As a gentle reminder, if you need to pass information to your child's teacher, please do so via the school office or email where possible. The start of the school day is a particularly busy time, with teachers welcoming children, taking registers and ensuring everyone is settled and ready to learn.

Messages shared at the classroom door can sometimes not receive the attention and concentration they require. If a message is important or urgent, please leave it with Mrs Hale in the office, who will ensure it reaches the appropriate members of staff promptly.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us provide children with a calm, positive start to the day and allowing teachers to focus fully on the children in their care. Thank you for your continued 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)

All are warmly invited to come to our Remembrance Services on Sunday 8th Nov. If children would like to wear their uniform (school or uniformed organisation) and take part in the wreath-laying ceremony at 11am either at Monk Sherborne War Memorial or during the service at St Andrew's the would be very welcome to.



Remembrance

Sunday 8th November

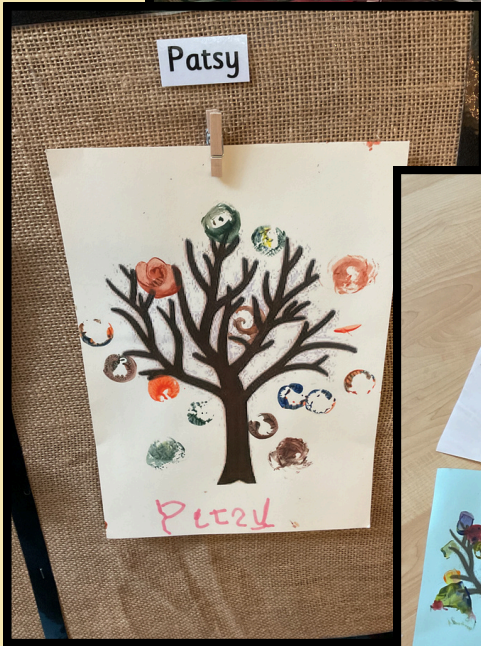
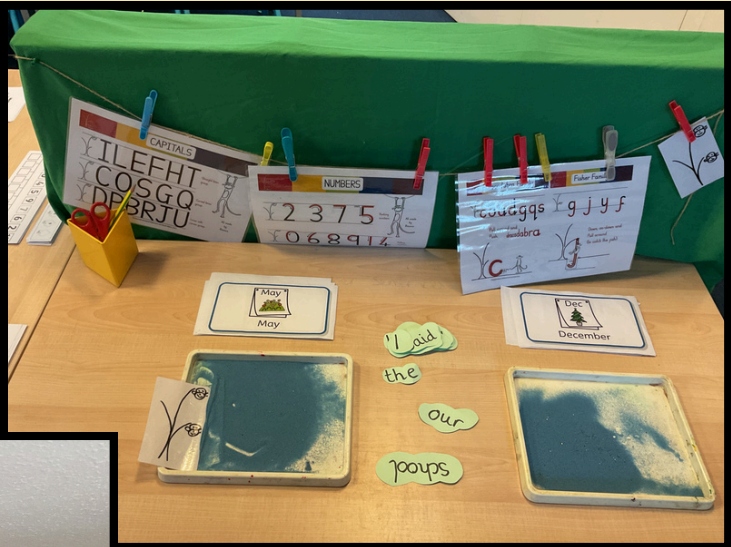
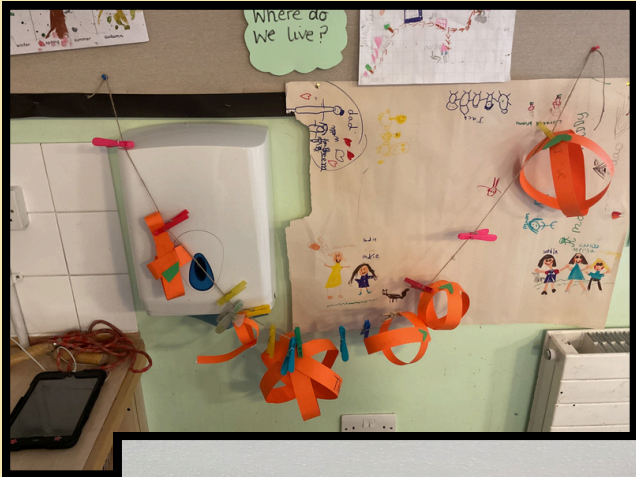
Monk Sherborne
9.30am Service at All Saints' Church
11am Act of Remembrance
at the War Memorial
All welcome for refreshments at All Saints' afterwards

Sherborne St John
10.30am Service at St Andrew's Church

Wednesday 11th November

Sherborne St John
10.45am Act of Remembrance
at the War Memorial
All welcome for refreshments in St Andrew's Church afterwards

The School View!



Planning is already underway for this year's School Association Christmas Fair, which will take place on Friday 4th December from 5.00pm to 7.00pm.

Our School Association works incredibly hard throughout the year to raise funds that directly benefit the children. Thanks to their efforts, they have helped fund travelling pantomime performances, contributed towards class trips and enrichment activities, and are now looking at ways to further enhance our outdoor learning and play areas.

As preparations begin, the School Association will soon be looking for volunteers to help before and during the event, as well as donations for our Christmas hampers and raffle prizes. If you are able to offer your time, donate an item, or support the event in any way, please do get in touch with the School Association.

The Christmas Fair is always a wonderful community event and we are very grateful for the support our families provide. More information will be shared soon, but for now, please save the date and keep an eye out for opportunities to get involved.

Friday 4th December, 5.00pm to 7.00pm - we hope to see you there! 🎄 ✨



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OPEN DAYS

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

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AUTUMN OPEN DAYS Monday 9 th November Wednesday 11 th November Wednesday 25 th November Wednesday 9 th December	<i>"Pupils are justifiably happy and proud to be at this school."</i> Ofsted Report
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