



Newsletter 28

1st May 2026

'Let us love one another, for love comes from God'

1 John 4:7



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Giraffes were absolutely beaming with pride as they presented their facts about the planets in their class worship this week. Their beaming smiles and confident voices showed just how much they enjoyed diving into the mysteries of space. During one of their songs, we were treated to an incredible solo performance from Flora. It takes a massive amount of courage to stand up and sing alone in front of a big audience, and the talent on display was truly stellar.



We are delighted to share the news of our Snow Leopards' recent trip to St Michael's Middle School. The children took part in a multi-school sports event and were absolute superstars from start to finish! This followed on from the PE lessons the Year 8 sports leaders have been leading in school. What really stood out wasn't just the score, but the St John's spirit on full display. The children never stopped encouraging one another, offering high-fives and cheers at every turn and they represented our school beautifully, showing great respect to the other teams. Out of the five schools that took part, St John's came in 1st place! A huge well done to our Year 4 champions!



St Michael's are hosting another sports event next Tuesday after school which is open to all children in Year 3 and 4. Please see further details below.

Best wishes
Miss Michelle Prince
Headteacher

Congratulations to these children who have gone above and beyond and **sparkled** this week:

Elephants: Bella and Delilah
Giraffes: Charlie and Sidney
Dolphins: Isaac and Isabella
Pandas: Oscar and Presley



Half Term Value - Friendship

This week, each class wrote their own recipe for friendship. What ingredients do you think are essential for a good friendship?



During church worship this week, we listened to a retelling in the book of Acts which showed us the power of the Holy Spirit within God's followers. To help bring this to life, Charlie O'G, Alejandro, Gabriel, Arya, Annie, Lydia, Maria and Sienna K showed great courage when they spoke a different language in front of everyone. We heard Spanish, Finnish, Turkish, French and Portuguese. It was a wonderful moment to celebrate the wide variety of skills and cultures we have here at St John's.

Athletics Festival for Y3 Y4 Tuesday 5th May at St Michael's Middle School

3:45 – 5:20pm - Parents enter pupils and bring them

Individuals will compete against the stopwatch or the tape measure to gain performance points. Competitive Events will be: 50m Sprint; Standing Long Jump; Vortex throw; 400m run. Athletes participate in all 4 competitive events to get a total individual score.

To enter, click this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdvcrCYRaYNvA5abQk7bpauaZ4sjxgMXxAPYiJViv_LSC843g/viewform

Please note if you are a parent entering your child in the after school session you must stay on site during the activity.

Grandparents' Afternoon

We would like to invite the children's Grandparents (or other special person) to school on **Friday 15th May at 1:45pm.**

This is an opportunity for Grandparents to have a tour of the school and look at the children's work, followed by tea and cake and the chance to enjoy hearing the children sing.

Grandparents' afternoon has proved to be a very popular event in the past and as such we are limiting the number of guests attending per family to 2. To request places for this event please go to the School Shop in Arbor (please note there is no charge for this event). It is vital that you book the places so that we can cater for the event accordingly. We require you to reserve your places by Friday 8th May.

Grandparents' afternoon is supported by the Friends of St John's who help to host the grandparents in the hall and serve refreshments. We are looking for some help with this event from parents please.

We need people to bake or donate a cake that we can serve at the event. As well as some additional volunteers to help before, during or after this event, which is a very rewarding one to be part of. If you are able with baking or to help set up, serve or clear up from 1:20-3pm please contact Matt (year R and 2 Dad) on 07814256725 by Monday 11th May. Thank you.

Attendance



Well done Pandas!



Class Weekly Attendance

for Week beginning 27th April 2026

Elephants	83.7%
Giraffes	97%
Dolphins	93.7%
Pandas	98.3%
Snow Leopards	97.8%
Whole School	94%

****New Dates****

Dates for your diary

What's on this week

Friday 1st May

Snow Leopards trip to Marwell Zoo

Monday 4th May

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 5th May

Elephants Library Visit

Tuesday 12th May

****Class photos****

Wednesday 13th May

Pandas trip to Winchester Science Centre

Friday 15th May

Grandparents Afternoon 1:45pm

Monday 18th May

Elephants trip to Dumpton School

Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May

Half Term Holiday

Monday 1st June

Children return to school

Friday 5th June

Year 2 trip to Russell-Cotes Museum

Friday 12th June

Sports Day (afternoon)

Friday 19th June

Summer Picnic (after school)

Tuesday 7th July

****Giraffes trip to Travellers Rest Farm****

Wednesday 8th July

Rocksteady Concert 10:00am

Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th July

Year 4 Leeson House Residential Trip

Wednesday 22nd July

Last Day of Term

Year 4 Leavers' Service in St John's Church



**ATHLETICS FESTIVAL
for Y3 Y4
Tuesday 5th May
At St Michael's Middle
School, Colehill**

There will be two sessions on Tuesday May 5th at St Michaels Middle School

- 1.45pm - 3.15pm - SESSION FOR SCHOOL TEAMS (teachers enter school groups)
- 3.45 – 5.20pm - SESSION FOR INDIVIDUALS (parents enter pupils and bring them)

To enter please use the online form below.

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Free community session: 'An Introduction to Autism'



What is the session about?

The session was co-developed with parents of autistic children, a SENCo, Dorset Parent Carer Council and Specialist Teachers and Educational Psychologists from Dorset Council.

It will help you to:

- Understand what autism is and how it may impact young people and families
- Learn some practical strategies to support an autistic child/young person

Please note, this is a general information session, so we won't be able to discuss individual children or schools.

The session will be delivered by either an Educational Psychologist or a Specialist Teacher from Dorset Council

Who can attend?

Anyone from the community, this could include people:

- with an autistic child
- with a child undergoing an assessment for autism
- who are interested in learning more about autism

Where and when?

Leigh Park Family Hub and Community Centre, Gordon Road, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 2AP - Tuesday 12th May 2026 at 9:30am until 11:30pm

To Book a place, please scan this QR code or click on this [Link](#)

Wimborne - An Introduction to Autism - Community Training Session - Summer Term

