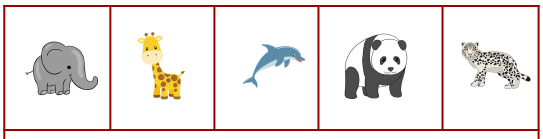

Friendship, Courage and **Respect.**

Newsletter 34

19th June 2026

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

1 John 4:7

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for joining us for Sports Day on Friday. We had a lovely day! The children displayed our St John's Values of Friendship, Courage and Respect. Thank you to the Friends of St John's for providing the ice lollies at the end!

Sprint Results

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
1st	Harry	Leo	Lucas	Albert	Sienna L
2nd	Teddy	Mason	Evie	Henry	Isaac
3rd	Arlo	Reuben	Alexander	Presley	Philip

Congratulations to the **Red** team who were the overall Sports Day winners! The Blue and Yellow teams were joint second place. It was incredibly close and there was only one point difference between first and second place!

On behalf of the staff, I wanted to extend our sincere gratitude for the lovely messages we received on Thank a Teacher Day. Your kind words of appreciation and encouragement mean a great deal to our teachers and support staff. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a supportive school community and your recognition of our team's dedication is deeply valued. Thank you!

Best wishes
Miss Michelle Prince
Headteacher

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

Elephants: Nicoló and Seth
Giraffes: Claudie and jack W
Dolphins: Isabella and Isaac
Pandas: Poppy and Benji
Snow Leopards: Hannah and Lily

Half Term Value - Respect

This week, we explored the theme of respect and how we can support the important people in our lives. We looked at Saint Paul's advice to his friends in Ephesus: *"Always keep on praying for all God's people."* (Ephesians 6:18).

To help us remember who to pray for, we shared a special acrostic poem and learned The Hand Prayer. It's a simple way to use our fingers as a daily reminder:

- Thumb (Closest to you): Pray for your close friends.
- Index Finger (Points the way): Pray for those who guide and teach us, like parents, carers and teachers.
- Middle Finger (The tallest): Pray for world leaders and politicians making big decisions.
- Ring Finger (The weakest): Pray for those in need—whether they are sick, sad, or facing disasters and hardships around the world.
- Little Finger (The smallest): Pray for yourself, remembering that God loves you and wants the very best for you.

Take a few moments each day to look at your hand and try The Hand Prayer at home!

IMPORTANT ACTION REQUIRED - FREE SCHOOL MEALS – NEW ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR 2026 - 2027

From the start of the 2026 - 2027 academic year, the Government plans to expand access to Free School Meals to all children and young people from households receiving Universal Credit.

From 1 September 2026, all children with a parent/carer who receives any level of Universal Credit can have free school meals. **The application window opened on 1st June 2026 and all parents/carers must apply**.

Due to these changes, everyone currently eligible for Free Schools will be required to reapply to continue to be eligible for Free School Meals. The current arrangement for FSM will end on the 31st August 2026. If you think you are eligible, we strongly recommend applying online as early as possible to allow for your application to be processed in readiness for the new academic year.

You can apply online via the Initio Learning Trust Free School Meals Application: **Free School Meals Application**.

Attendance

Well done Pandas!

New Dates

Dates for your diary

What's on this week

Wednesday 24th June

Midday Music Box at the Minster Y3 and Y4

Friday 26th June

Transfer Day (Y4 go to their Middle Schools)

Tuesday 7th July

Giraffes trip to Travellers Rest Farm

Wednesday 8th July

Rocksteady Concert 10:00am

Thursday 9th July

Class Weekly Attendance

for Week beginning 15 June 2026

Elephants	88.3%
Giraffes	93.3%
Dolphins	90.7%
Pandas	96%
Snow Leopards	92.9%
Whole School	87.8%

School Ambassadors, School Council and Worship Team - Visit to Harleston House

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

Privacy Notice Initio Learning Trust is committed to protecting the privacy and security of personal information. The privacy notice describes how we collect and use personal information about pupils, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), section 537A of the Education Act 1996 and section 83 of the Children Act 1989. Please find the document here on the school website.

Junior Mayor & Junior Town Crier

COMPETITION

SATURDAY
4TH JULY

2:00PM

WIMBORNE MODEL TOWN

Do you have a loud voice, great ideas, or a flair for public speaking?

Why not take part in this year's Junior Mayor and Junior Town Crier Competition!

JUNIOR TOWN CRIER

Ages 6 – 14 years

Participants will deliver a pre-written town cry.

JUNIOR MAYOR

Ages 9 – 18 years

Participants will present their own speech, up to one minute in length, on the subject:

"My ideas to make Wimborne a better place"

This is a wonderful opportunity for young people to build confidence, develop speaking skills, and take part in a fun community event. Family, friends, and supporters are warmly welcome to attend.

For further information or to enter, please contact: Gary mason 01202 881655 or community@wimborne.gov.uk
Closing date for entries: Friday 26 June 2026