



Newsletter 2

11th September 2026

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

1 John 4:7



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed welcoming our new Elephants (Reception) children to St John's this week! It has been wonderful to see how settled and happy all of the children have been this week. They have shown great enthusiasm when exploring their new routines and making new friends across the school.

Today, we were treated to an extra-special online event to celebrate the launch of *Gruffalo Granny*. The children were captivated as legendary author-illustrator duo Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler performed the classic story of *The Gruffalo* and answered questions from eager young readers. Julia then gave us a delight-filled reading of *Gruffalo Granny*, while Axel led a live step-by-step masterclass showing everyone how to draw the new character. It was a fantastic, creative morning that inspired smiles and stories across the whole school!

On Thursday 24th September, we will be celebrating Harvest and we invite you to join us for the service in St John's Church at 9:00am. The children have been busy practising the songs already! We will be supporting Wimborne Food Bank and would appreciate any donations that you are able to give. Wimborne Food Bank works to support families in our community who find themselves in need and unable to afford to buy food. Please see the list below for what the Food Bank requires at this time.

Best wishes

Miss Michelle Prince

Headteacher

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

Giraffes: Jude and Lexi

Dolphins: Flora and Claudia

Pandas: Freddie L-W and Amelia

Snow Leopards: Spencer and Iris



Half Term Value - Thankfulness

This week in worship, we have been reflecting on being thankful for the people who help us in our school community and the difference they make each day. We also discussed 'Glimmers' - small moments of joy and safety. The children were encouraged to be 'Joy Detectives' to notice these sparks of goodness and be thankful for them.



Staff Update

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Mrs Lemon is expecting a baby in January 2027! Please join us in congratulating her and wishing her all the best.

Meet the Teacher

There will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher and find out about their new year group curriculum and routines. These meetings will take place in your child's new classroom. Please enter the school through the front office. It would be great to see as many families as possible.

Monday 14th September Y4 Meet the Teacher 2:55pm

Tuesday 15th September Y3 Meet the Teacher 2:55pm

Wednesday 16th September Y2 Meet the Teacher 2:55pm

Thursday 17th September Y1 Meet the Teacher 2:55pm

Thursday 1st October YR Curriculum Meeting 2:45pm



Birthday Treats

At St John's, we are committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all our pupils. To support our allergy awareness and safety, we kindly request that parents do not send in sweets, cakes or other food treats for children's birthdays. This helps us ensure that we are maintaining a safe environment for all children, particularly those with food allergies. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in keeping our school safe and inclusive for everyone.

Clubs

If your child is interested in participating in any of our after school clubs or music lessons, please use the links listed below to register.

<u>Mondays</u>	<u>Wednesdays</u>	<u>Thursdays</u>
Forest School Fun Science	Tennis Rocksteady Ukulele Choir	Dorset Creative Dance (passcode STJOHNS26) Foundation Sports football

For children in Years 3 & 4 we also offer:

Spanish club delivered by Canford School Students on Monday after school.

Drum and guitar tuition delivered by Mr King during school hours.

If you would like more information on these 2 activities please contact the school office.

P.E. Days

Children should bring their P.E. bag to school on Mondays and take it home on Fridays. P.E. bags should be a drawstring style as there is no space on the pegs for backpacks. The P.E. bag should contain black shorts, white school P.E. t-shirt (logo t-shirt optional), black plimsolls/trainers and a spare pair of socks (especially if your child wears tights to school).

For your information, these are the planned P.E. days for each class.

Year R - Wednesday and Friday

Year 1 - Monday (Forest School) and Thursday

Year 2 - Monday and Wednesday

Year 3 - Tuesday and Thursday

Year 4 - Monday and Tuesday



Google Classroom

Home learning will continue to be set on Google Classroom on Fridays. The children's login details will be the same as last year. Please talk to your child's class teacher if you need support with this.

Updating information on Arbor

At St John's, we are committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of your child. To achieve this, it's essential that we have the most accurate information regarding any medical conditions or allergies that your child may have. This information can be updated in ARBOR. Simply click on your child's name in their profile, where you can add any allergies, medical conditions and dietary requirements. You can also update any contact details among other essential information in this section. Please check and update your child's profile if necessary. If you require any assistance with this process, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

School Council and Worship Team

Children in Year 1 - 4 have the opportunity to apply to be on the School Council or Worship Team for one term. These are pupil voice groups that work alongside Miss Prince to come up with and help make school improvements. They are responsible for talking to the children in their class about what is discussed in the meetings and invite them to get involved with finding solutions. They may be required to share ideas within whole school worship or help write a section of the school newsletter. They will promote the school expectations and be an excellent role model for the other children. Application forms were given out this week but are still available from the class teachers. If your child is interested in applying for this term, please ensure they complete an application form and return it to school by Monday 14th September. The children in each class will vote for their representatives. The children who are chosen will remain in the group for one term and then there will be another opportunity to apply and a new vote in the following term.

Friends of St John's

Easyfundraising - raise money for school without it costing you a thing!

In less than a year we have made close to £500 through Easyfundraising, with only a handful of people using it. Please consider signing up so we can raise more money for our school. Easyfundraising gives school money for every online shop you do with thousands of participating retailers. Simply sign up, install the donation reminder, and then whenever you shop online you will have the chance to click 'I want a donation'.

Purchasing travel online has been our main source of income, so if you ever use booking.com, Expedia, vrbo, Tui and loads more, please use easyfundraising to make a big difference to our school!



If you are ordering labels for your child's clothing, try Stikins. These are excellent sticky name labels for labelling clothes, shoes, bags, water bottles and everything else! If you quote our number **19988** when ordering, Friends of St John's gets a 30% commission so we can raise money for school with no additional cost to us - win!

Attendance



Well done Snow Leopards!

****New Dates Added****

Dates for your diary

What's on this week

Monday 14th September

Year 4 Meet the Teacher 2:55pm

Tuesday 15th September

Year 3 Meet the Teacher 2:55pm



Class Weekly Attendance

for Week beginning 7th September 2026

Elephants	94.4%
Giraffes	92.9%
Dolphins	94.3%
Pandas	95.7%
Snow Leopards	99.7%
Whole School	95.5%

Wednesday 16th September

Year 2 Meet the Teacher 2:55pm

Thursday 17th September

Year 1 Meet the Teacher 2:55pm

Thursday 24th September

Harvest Service in Church 9:00am (All welcome)

Thursday 1st October

Year R Curriculum Meeting for parents/carers

Tuesday 6th October

Books at Bedtime 6pm

Thursday 24th September

Harvest Service in Church 9:00am (All Welcome)

Wednesday 23rd September

Flu Immunisations (subject to parental permission)

Monday 28th September

Individual Photographs

Friday 2nd October

Open Morning for prospective new parents

Saturday 3rd October

The Extra Mile Event

Monday 26th - Friday 30th October

Half Term Holiday

Monday 2nd November

INSET Day (No children in School)

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.

Harvest Shopping List

- ✓ Long Life Milk
- ✓ Bottles of Squash
- ✓ Tinned Peas
- ✓ Pasta
- ✓ Tinned Tomatoes
- ✓ Tinned Ham
- ✓ Tinned Custard
- ✓ Shower Gel
- ✓ Jelly
- ✓ Mini Packets of Raisins

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