

The Jottings - 16th January 2026

St John the Baptist C of E Primary School

'Creating new possibilities for our future, with compassion in our hearts and courage on our journey.'



Dear St John Families,

What a wonderful week it has been at St John's. One of the real highlights has been the opening of our brand-new sensory room for Years 4, 5 and 6 (please take a look on our Instagram account for a video tour). This space marks an exciting step forward in our ongoing work to support children in being ready and receptive to learning. It reflects our commitment to taking children's needs seriously while helping them develop strategies they can use to support themselves over time.

I have also had the pleasure of carrying out appreciation visits in classrooms this week. It has been fantastic to see the dedication, skill and warmth of our teachers and support staff, and to spend time celebrating the excellent practice happening across the school. Our children continue to show courage in their learning, our staff demonstrate deep compassion in their care, and the creativity in classrooms has been inspiring.

In addition, we have welcomed Hampshire Advisors into school to work alongside us as we continue to refine and develop our practice. Their input has been incredibly valuable as we adapt and strengthen what we do for the benefit of all our children.

It has been another busy and purposeful week, full of learning, collaboration and positivity (if only the weather had remembered to join in).

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Rebecca Livings

Headteacher

Spotlight on Year R

This week the children have been learning about Lunar New Year and how it is celebrated around the world. We tasted some traditional foods and learnt why they are eaten - noodles for happiness and longevity, lettuce for health, and a cookie as something sweet to enjoy as a treat! The children made lanterns and even had a go at a dragon dance in PE.

This week's Drawing Club was inspired by the book *The Great Race*, which links to the Chinese New Year animals. The children are making great progress with their writing, moving on to simple sentences and focusing on using finger spaces and full stops.

In Maths, we have been exploring finding 1 more and 1 less than a number through lots of singing, using different counting objects, and solving written problems with jottings.

Next week, the Year R area should be completely finished, and the children could not be more excited!

See our instagram page for a reel of more highlights from the week.



Attendance Matters

Help us with our attendance – we are seeing a drop, and catching up on missed learning is incredibly challenging for children.

Government legislation is very clear about the criteria for authorised absence (please see the details on our website under the *Attendance Matters* tab). While attendance is recorded as a school-wide figure, every single child being in school and on time not only supports their own learning journey, which is the most important thing, but also helps us work towards our overall target.

Good attendance is vital for every child's learning and progress. Each day in school builds on the last, and missing lessons can make it harder for children to keep up and feel confident.

We are aiming for a minimum of **97% attendance**, both individually and across the school, with the ultimate goal of getting as close to **100%** as possible. Please support us by ensuring your child attends school every day, arrives on time, and only stays home if they are genuinely unwell.

Together, we can make sure every child makes the most of their opportunities and enjoys success.

This Week:

Whole school attendance average: 95.2% Our target is 97% - please feel free to come and chat with us regarding any attendance issues.

Best Attendance: KS1: Ducks 98.1% KS2: Otters 98.9%

Best Timekeepers: KS1: Frogs 12 late minutes KS2: Swans 8 late minutes

A final reminder - Holocaust Memorial Day takes place on Tuesday 27th January.

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As a school, we will be acknowledging this important day in a thoughtful and age-appropriate way.

At St John's, Holocaust Memorial Day will be discussed sensitively, with learning focused on key values such as empathy, fairness, respect and the importance of treating others kindly. Rather than exploring distressing details, pupils will listen to carefully chosen stories, take part in discussions about friendship and inclusion, and reflect on how their own actions can help to create a positive and caring community. Our aim is to help children understand the messages of remembrance and responsibility in a way that is reassuring and suitable for their age.



PAFS

COIN WARS IS BACK - 02/02-12/02

Starting the 2nd February through to 12th February each class will have their own jar and will need to fill it with as many copper coins as possible, Silver coins can be placed in other classes jars to reduce their final amount!

Aim of game to finish with highest amount of money in your classes jar at end of the 10 days!

Check down the side of the sofa, in the car and raid the piggy bank for them coppers!

Winning class wins a treat!

Next events:

WEAR SOMETHING RED - 13/02

Wear something **Red** – Socks, bows or badges - £1 donation to PAFS

ADULT ONLY BINGO NIGHT – 20/03

PAFS are holding an adult only Bingo night on Friday 20th March – £6 a ticket - includes the 6 books for the games. Prizes for lines and houses!

There will be a bar serving drinks, snacks and extra books on the evening and we will be running extra games throughout the night so bring your £1 coins along!

There will be raffle tickets on sale before and during the event with the prizes being drawn on the evening.

Ideal opportunity to get together with some friends and make some new ones on the evening!
We look forward to seeing you there.

BOUNCE BONANZA TAKE 2! – 03/07

Back by popular demand – Bounce Bonanza!!

After great feedback and fun PAFS are putting on another Bounce Bonanza for all to enjoy!
Lots of inflatables and games available on the day.

£10 a ticket for anyone using the inflatables, spectators are free, all children need to be accompanied by a parent/responsible adult.

LEGOLAND – 19/06

PAFS have again managed to secure discounted tickets for Legoland on the June inset day – tickets are only £23 pp. Tickets only valid for inset day.

Tickets available for all events on PTA Events – <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/pafs/index.cfm>

RAFFLE TICKETS – Raffle tickets will be on sale over the coming weeks, look out for the tickets in your children's bags...prizes will be announced shortly!

Thank you for all your help and support with the events- all money raised will be going towards the school regenerating the outside areas, any and all help is greatly appreciated!!

Dates for your diary

This term important dates:

20th January - Panto Experience 12.45pm - 3pm

2nd February - 12th February - PAFS Coin Wars

3rd February - SEND Parent coffee afternoon 2pm - 3pm - Focus on EHCP Process

10th February - Community Hub at 1.45 pm -3.15pm (School Nursing and Hampshire Healthy Steps attending)

13th February - Wear something **RED** Valentine's Day for £1 with your school uniform

3rd March - SEND Parent coffee afternoon 2pm - 3pm - Focus on Routines at home

10th March - 13th March - Year 6 Calshot Residential

20th March - Bingo night adults only - 20th March 7pm

23rd March - Parents Evening 3.30pm - 7.30pm

24th - 27th March - Travelling Book Fair Open at School

26th March - Parents Evening 3.30pm - 6.30pm

27th March - Community Hub (attendees tbc)

Easter Service & Production TBC

6th May - SEND Parent coffee afternoon 2pm - 3pm - Focus on Autism

10th July - SEND Parent coffee afternoon 2pm - 3pm - Focus on ADHD

Statutory Tests:

Year 1 Phonics Tests week commencing Monday 8th June 2026

Year 4 Multiplication Times Table Check 2-week period from Monday 1st June 2026

Year 6 SATS Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May 2026

Inset Days:

23rd February 2026

1st May 2026

19th June 2026



Courage - Compassion - Creativity

Have a wonderful Weekend

Potential New Club & wraparound Care Option – repeat of letter sent this week in case you missed it.

Dear St John's Families,

As you know, we are always looking for ways to improve what we offer and are continually on a journey to be better. As part of this, we have been reviewing our clubs and our wraparound provision before and after school.

Little John's is currently run by the school and has not had a price increase in line with inflation for several years. We now find ourselves needing to review this, as the current model is no longer sustainable.

As we look carefully at both cost and quality of provision, we want to ensure we are offering the very best for your children. With this in mind, we have approached external providers to explore what they could offer.

Activeme360 is one of the providers we are considering. Their breakfast club would run in a similar way to our current set-up; however, their after-school provision would look a little different, and we are excited about the possibilities.

From 3:10pm onwards, children would be able to join the "club of the day" (a timetable would be shared with parents). For example: • Monday – Dodgeball • Tuesday – Football • Wednesday – Multi-sports etc. That's right, you could sign your child up whether you need wrap around or not, but for a club they are interested in. Activeme360 staff are all qualified sports coaches, children taking part in sports activities would receive coaching-level tuition.

There would also be an indoor craft option for those using it not as a club but as wraparound.

This first part of the session would finish at 4:25pm, and parents would be encouraged to collect at this time if their child only wished to attend the club element. Provision would then continue until 6:00pm, with a more child-led session and a more substantial snack provided. (Currently, we offer a light snack, so this would be similar.)

Further information and costs can be viewed when completing the survey. While there is a cost increase, this is something we would need to consider in the near future regardless. This model would give parents the flexibility to book the sports club as a standalone club or as part of wraparound care, with an alternative indoor option always available for children who are not interested in the sports activity.

Please complete the survey to express interest:

[Potential New School After School Club & Wraparound Survey 2026 St John The Baptist Primary, Waltham Chase](#)

Thank you for your continued support,



January 2026 Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long.

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

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| Autism - Improving Communication | 5 Jan 10am |
| Improving Family Communication | 5 Jan 7pm |
| Supporting A Child with ADHD | 6 Jan 10am |
| Understanding Addictive Behaviour | 6 Jan 7pm |
| Anxiety Based School Avoidance | 12 Jan 10am |
| Understanding Anger | 12 Jan 7pm |
| Supporting Healthy Screen Use | 13 Jan 10am |
| Facing Defiance | 13 Jan 7pm |
| Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness | 19 Jan 10am |
| Anxiety Explained | 19 Jan 7pm |
| Introduction to OCD | 20 Jan 10am |
| What Is ACT | 20 Jan 7pm |
| FREE Responding to Angry Behaviour | 22 Jan 7-8pm |
| Raising Self-Esteem | 26 Jan 10am |
| Decreasing Depression | 26 Jan 7pm |
| Supporting Healthy Sleep | 27 Jan 10am |
| Understanding the Teenage Brain | 27 Jan 7pm |



Hampshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

HOW TO COPE WHEN YOUR CHILD CANT

Tickets £25
Tea, coffee and lunch included

Three one-day events focused on parents/carers understanding their own needs, and learning strategies to look after themselves as they support a young person with their own mental health needs.

Each morning session will focus on different topics - further details can be found on our website.

The afternoon session will focus on How to Feel Better as a Parent in Burnout.

For more information and to book a place go to: <https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/events/>

Thursday, 22 January 2026
9:30am - 3:15pm

St Peters Church Centre,
Jewry St, Winchester
SO23 8RY

Friday, 15 May 2026
9:30am - 3:15pm

The Hilt, Hiltisbury Road,
Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh
SO53 5NP

Wed, 30 September 2026
9:30am - 3:15pm

The Irish Centre, Council Road,
Basingstoke, RG21 3DH

Some events have a small charge to allow us to cover costs, some discretionary free tickets are available

Hampshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

HAMPSHIRE CAMHS INFORMATION AND ADVICE SESSIONS 2026

ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT A YOUNG PERSON'S MENTAL HEALTH?

10am - 2pm

The Arc, Jewry Street
Winchester, SO23 8SB

This is an opportunity for parents/carers, professionals or young people to come and chat to our CAMHS clinicians, ask questions, get advice and resources.

Bookable slots available via our website or just drop in.



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| 7 Jan | 1 July |
| 4 Feb | 5 Aug |
| 4 March | 2 Sept |
| 1 April | 7 Oct |
| 6 May | 4 Nov |
| 3 June | 2 Dec |

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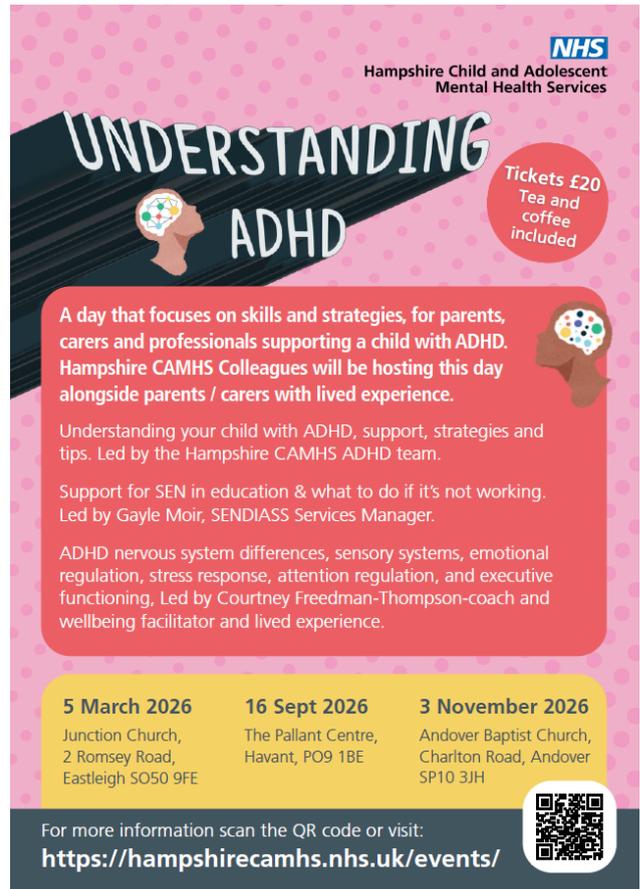
NHS
Hampshire Child and Adolescent
Mental Health Services

Free health & wellbeing events for all parents & carers who support or work with young people

| DATE | LOCATION |
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| Thursday, 26 February 2026 | Basingstoke Queen Mary's College, Cliddesden Rd, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG21 3HF |
| Thursday, 16 April 2026 | Eastleigh Junction Church, 2 Romsey Road, Eastleigh SO50 9FE |
| Friday, 8 May 2026 | Lyndhurst Lyndhurst Community Centre, Central Car Park, High Street, Lyndhurst SO43 7NY |
| Thursday, 25 June 2026 | Andover Winton Community Academy, London Rd, Andover, Hampshire SP10 2PS |
| Monday, 5 October 2026 | Havant Trosnant School, Stockheath Lane, Havant, Hampshire PO9 3BD |
| Friday, 23 October 2026 | Waterlooville Waterlooville Community Centre, 10 Maurepas Way, Waterlooville PO7 7AY |

BOOK YOUR SESSION SPACE AT:

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UNDERSTANDING ADHD

Tickets £20
Tea and coffee included

A day that focuses on skills and strategies, for parents, carers and professionals supporting a child with ADHD. Hampshire CAMHS Colleagues will be hosting this day alongside parents / carers with lived experience.

Understanding your child with ADHD, support, strategies and tips. Led by the Hampshire CAMHS ADHD team.

Support for SEN in education & what to do if it's not working. Led by Gayle Moir, SENDIASS Services Manager.

ADHD nervous system differences, sensory systems, emotional regulation, stress response, attention regulation, and executive functioning. Led by Courtney Freedman-Thompson-coach and wellbeing facilitator and lived experience.

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| 5 March 2026 Junction Church, 2 Romsey Road, Eastleigh SO50 9FE | 16 Sept 2026 The Pallant Centre, Havant, PO9 1BE | 3 November 2026 Andover Baptist Church, Charlton Road, Andover SP10 3JH |
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