

The Jottings - 6th February 2026

St John the Baptist C of E Primary School

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Dear St John Families,

We have had a really positive week in school, with lots of enrichment taking place across the curriculum. Our Year 2 and Year 5 children took part in HeartStart sessions, learning lifesaving first aid skills as part of their Personal Development Learning (PDL). They approached the sessions brilliantly and should feel very proud of what they achieved.

We also held our first SEND coffee session this week, which we hope families found informative and supportive. Please see below for the dates of the next sessions, and a reminder that we have our Community Hub on Tuesday 10th.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you on Thursday after school for our children's showcase of work. It is always a pleasure to celebrate their learning with you.

We enjoyed another lovely Stay and Play session as well this week, thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make it such a welcoming and enjoyable time.

With so much happening in classrooms, and with our role as a community school offering additional events, support, and advice, it certainly is a busy place. We also recognise that there may be increased congestion while the boardwalk is closed, which makes it even more important for everyone to be considerate. I would like to remind families about the importance of parking safely and respectfully around our school site. Please do not stop or park on the zig-zag lines outside the school. This poses a significant safety concern and blocks visibility for pedestrians and drivers. These locations are not permitted for stopping or parking at any time. To help keep everyone safe, we ask all families to park only in legal, designated areas. Allow a little extra time for your journey so you can park safely and walk the final distance, modelling safe and considerate behaviour for all children in our community.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us maintain a safe environment for our children, families, and neighbours.

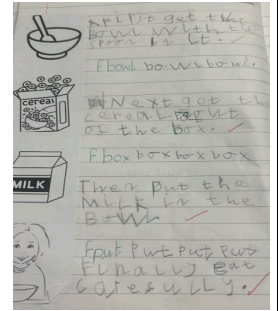
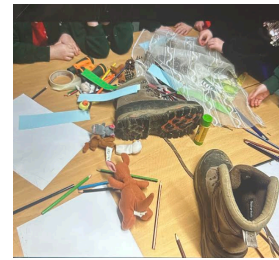
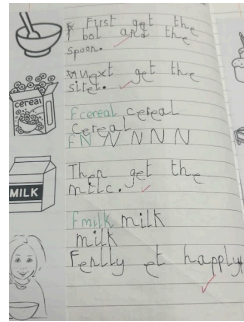
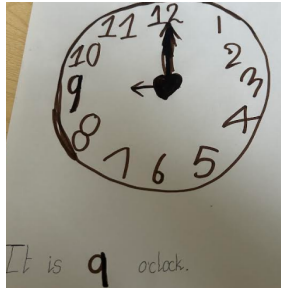
Wishing you all a restful weekend, and thank you again for your continued support.

Rebecca Livings

Headteacher

Spotlight on Year 1

Last week ended with a very exciting discovery in our classroom — the children arrived to find a huge mysterious mess! They eagerly explored the scene, searched for clues, and made their own predictions about what might have happened. Hidden within the chaos, they uncovered a book and a letter, which set them an important challenge: to write instructions to help keep the forest clean. To prepare for this, the children have been practising the key features of instruction writing and will be using these skills to create their final pieces next week. In maths, the children have continued to enjoy their learning about time. They've particularly enjoyed making their own clocks and watches during adventure time, and they are now becoming very confident at telling o'clock times — especially on their own fabulous watches! They have also been exploring halves and quarters by practically halving and quartering shapes and sharing objects into two or four equal groups. Their enthusiasm has been wonderful to see, and they've shown great determination in challenging themselves throughout the week.



The Boardwalk - an update

Unfortunately, the boardwalk and access to school via the field will continue to be closed next week and until further notice.

Unfortunately, the path into school at the top of the school field remains unsafe, and we are therefore unable to open this route at this time. We are currently in discussions to find a resolution and will keep you updated, however it is not a quick fix. We understand this is inconvenient for many of our families, and we apologise for the disruption.

Thank you for your patience, respect and understanding while we work to resolve the issue and thank you for the many offers of help – we will be in touch when a plan has been finalised.

Sock Donations

Please could we ask for any sock/tight donations.



Our Next Community Hub & SEND Coffee Morning

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Welcome to our Community Hub
Tuesday 10th February
1.45pm - 3.10pm

We welcome all families to come along to our Community Hub. Everyone is invited to join our Under 5s Stay and Play, access free advice, or simply enjoy a warm space, a chat over tea and cake with a member of school staff and the Church.

Stay and Play:
We've created a welcoming space where little ones can enjoy playtime, have a snack, and listen to a story.

Free advice for school nursing:
The School Nursing Team is here to support children's health and wellbeing. We offer advice on sleep, healthy routines, emotional wellbeing, managing medical needs, and supporting families with any health concerns. Friendly, confidential support for parents and carers—helping every child thrive.

Hampshire Healthy Steps:
A free, friendly programme designed to help families build healthier habits together. Learn simple ways to boost wellbeing, improve nutrition, stay active, and support positive routines at home. Open to all families—small steps that make a big difference.

Save the date:
Where: this session will be held in school
When: Tuesday 10th February - 1.45pm - 3.10pm

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SEND Coffee Sessions

These sessions will include a brief talk about a topic and will then be a chance to meet other parents whose children also need support and share top tips.

Tuesday 3rd February 2pm-3pm
The ECHP Process

Tuesday 3rd March 2pm -3pm
Routines at home and how to avoid the after school crisis moment.

Wednesday 6th May 2pm-3pm
Autism

Wednesday 10th June 2pm-3pm
ADHD

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Climate Action

At St John the Baptist, we are committed to creating a greener, healthier and more sustainable future for our children. This year, we are taking important steps as part of our whole-school Climate Action Plan, focusing on energy use, biodiversity, wellbeing, and climate education. You may already have noticed some of these changes around school as we grow our outdoor learning spaces and hopefully move towards increasing the roles pupils are taking in caring for their environment.

Across the year, children will be involved in a range of practical projects, including energy-saving campaigns, biodiversity activities, gardening, and pupil-led initiatives such as plant sales and eco-monitoring roles. We are also working behind the scenes to improve the efficiency of our buildings, reduce waste, and strengthen our curriculum so that every child develops the knowledge and confidence to understand and care for the world around them.

This is a long-term journey, and we look forward to sharing updates, celebrating pupil leadership, and involving families along the way. Together—with compassion, courage and curiosity—we can help shape a brighter, more sustainable future for our school community.



Attendance Matters

Help us with our attendance – Thank you

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

This Week:

Whole school attendance average: **95.3%** Our target is **97%** - please come and chat with us regarding any attendance issues.

Best Attendance: KS1: Tadpoles 100% (Well done Tadpoles) KS2: Dragonflies 97.9%

Best Timekeepers: KS1: Tadpoles 0 late minutes KS2: Dragonflies 3 late minutes

PAFS

COIN WARS CONTINUES

Last day 12th February

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.

100 club only has 5 numbers left!

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.

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

RAFFLE TICKETS – Raffle tickets will be in your children's bags today. Prizes include 4 x day tickets to Victorious, Afternoon tea at The New Place Hotel, 2 x VIP at Meon Valley plus many more.

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!!



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**WORLD
BOOK
DAY®**

March 5th 2026

Dear St John's families,

With World Book Day just around the corner, we have been busy preparing an exciting day for everyone. We would like to invite children to dress up as their favourite book character, or alternatively bring a bag or box filled with objects that could belong to a favourite character. This will be a fun opportunity to test our literary detective skills and guess who the items belong to. A prize for the most creative recycled, homemade costume or character objects will be awarded in each class.

Before and after school on the day, there will be a selection of bookthemed fundraising games on the playground. Money raised will help us cover the cost of not one, but two author visits this year.

There will be prizes throughout the day, including £25 worth of book vouchers to spend at our Book Fair, which arrives in school on 24th March, as well as books from our first visiting author, Karen Inglis, who will be meeting the children on 26th March.

Lessons during the day will be themed around World Book Day, with plenty of opportunities for art, drama, and creative activities.

At the end of the day, children can visit our 'story book cinema' and watch a wellknown story on the screen. Children can pay £1 to take part and are welcome to bring a cuddly toy from home to snuggle with, along with a movie snack (no nuts please). Further information about this will be shared after the halfterm break.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Denise Sheppard

English Lead

Dates for your diary

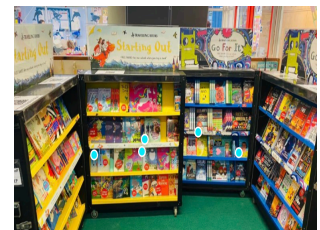
This term important dates:

- 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, Pancake Day - Pancakes will be being served at lunch time for pudding
- March - Chartwell Menu Theme Day for World Book Day - Date TBC
- 3rd March - SEND Parent coffee afternoon 2pm - 3pm - Focus on Routines at home
- 4th March - Rocksteady Concert 2.30pm - 3pm
- 5th March - World Book Day. Look forward to seeing you dressed up as your favourite book character
- 10th March - 13th March - Year 6 Calshot Residential
- 20th March - Bingo night adults only - 7pm
- 23rd March - Parents Evening 3.30pm - 7.30pm
- 24th March - Yr 3 & 4 Easter Production Performances to families " I am Special" 9.20am
- 25th March - Yr 3 & 4 Easter Production Performances to families " I am Special" 2.30pm
- 24th - 27th March - Travelling Book Fair Open at School
- World Book Day
- 26th March - Author visit - Karen Inglis - Book signing
- 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 June - 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

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Have a wonderful Weekend



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
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:
hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/events



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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.

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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For more information scan the QR code or visit:
<https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/events/>



LEGO LUNCH

18TH Febuary
St John the Baptist, Shedfield
11am – 1pm
Aimed at 4 – 11 year olds
Children need to be accompanied by a responsible adult
For more information please contact
Chris on 07906 436391





Trauma
Understanding the impact of trauma on a young person's brain, body and behaviour and how we can guide them from surviving to thriving

4 June Basingstoke
7 October Havant



Anxiety
Understanding & strategies to support young people

28 January Basingstoke
11 November Havant

The first Wednesday of every month
10am - 2pm
The Arc, Jewry Street, Winchester, SO23 8SB

You can book an appointment on our website
Or just drop in and see us



CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH INFORMATION & ADVICE SESSIONS



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PARENTS, CARERS AND PROFESSIONALS EVENTS 2026

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16 April	Eastleigh
8 May	Lyndhurst
25 June	Andover
5 October	Havant
23 October	Waterlooville

Scan this QR code to view our session itinerary for the day



EMBRACING AUTISM

Three days that focus on skills and strategies, for parents, carers and professionals supporting a child with Autism

4 February Havant
9 July Eastleigh
17 November Andover



Stopping Avoidable Suicides Initiative (SASI)

Hampshire CAMHS are offering a one-day training event on suicide prevention across three different locations in Hampshire

27 February Andover
11 June Waterlooville
2 October Eastleigh



UNDERSTANDING ADHD

Three days that focus on skills and strategies, for parents, carers and professionals supporting a child with ADHD

5 March Eastleigh
16 September Havant
3 November Andover



HOW TO COPE WHEN YOUR CHILD CANT

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.

22 January Winchester
15 May Eastleigh
30 September Basingstoke



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN DAYS

SWIMMING, MULTI-SPORTS, SOFT PLAY, ROCK CLIMBING, ARTS & CRAFTS, BOUNCY CASTLE, PERFORMING ARTS, GAMING, LASER TAG, NERF WARS, LEGO BUILDING & MUCH MORE!

OPEN EVERY SCHOOL HOLIDAY



Fareham Leisure Centre
Park Lane, Fareham PO16 7JU
9.00am – 4.00pm
Early drop off from 8am, late pick-up until 5pm

OPEN TO CHILDREN AGED 5 (SCHOOL YEAR 1) - 12

FROM £29.50 PER DAY!

Discounts for siblings - please see booking page for details.

We accept Childcare Vouchers, Tax-Free Childcare & we are OFSTED registered!

Please bring: Lunch, Snacks, Waterproof Clothing & a Refillable Drinks Bottle.



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