

The Jottings - 6th March 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,

This week has been a truly special one at St John's. Our World Book Day celebrations were nothing short of amazing. The children's costumes were fantastic, and it was wonderful to see how enthusiastically they engaged with the activities throughout the day. The buzz around school really highlighted just how fun and joyful reading can be, and it was lovely to see our pupils so inspired by stories.

Alongside this, we held another successful SEND Coffee Session, giving families the opportunity to connect, share experiences, and explore the support available. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to such a positive and supportive atmosphere.

Behind the scenes, we also welcomed visitors for an inspection of the provision we offer to teachers early in their careers. I am delighted to share that the review went incredibly well and recognised the strength of our mentoring, training, and professional development culture.

All of this together has made it another hugely successful week at St John's, and I am so proud of our pupils, staff, and community.

Thank you for your continued support- your children and yourselves make this a wonderful place to work.

Now let's hope the weather holds for the weekend.

Rebecca Livings

Headteacher

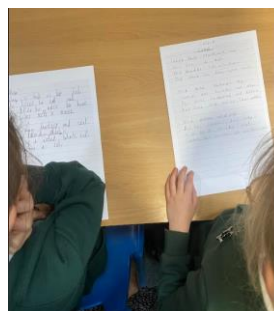
Spotlight on Year 2

In Maths, the children have been looking at ten more, ten less and thinking about the written number.

In English, the children have been creatively writing their own Slinky Malinki poems to share with Year R next week.

Ducks class really enjoyed dressing up for World Book Day and guessing each other's characters and books.

The children have been showing amazing courage with their sewing in DT, they have been resilient in trying to thread their own needles and tie their own knots.



Discretionary Support – Can We Help You?

Thank you to families who completed the form.

We will be in touch soon.

Going-Home Arrangements

As we move through the term, please can we remind all parents and carers to contact the school office if your child's usual going-home arrangements change.

For safeguarding reasons, this notification must come from someone with parental responsibility, not from the adult who is collecting your child.

Please also ensure that you tell the office and not the adult in class in the morning as there can often be different adults in class in the afternoon.

Thank you for helping us keep all children safe at the end of the school day.

The Boardwalk - closure will continue.

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

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

Attendance Matters



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

This Week:

Whole school attendance average: **94.6%** Our target is **97%** - please come and chat with us regarding any attendance issues.

Best Attendance: KS1: Ducks 97.7% KS2: Otters 96.8%

Best Timekeepers: KS1: Ducks 4 late minutes KS2: Otters 0 late minutes

Malicious website – please check your books

We have been advised of the presence of a malicious website in books by Rick Riordan printed in 2010 and earlier. The website, which is visible in the attached, we would like to advise you to double check any titles you have by Rick Riordan and black out the web address if it appears.



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 – Hopefully everyone has received their raffle tickets now after being sent home in school bags – if you would like anymore please go to the school office who have some spare and more will be on sale at the Bingo Event.

Prizes include:

4 x Tickets to Victorious Festival

30 Day pass to 365 Gym

Back neck and shoulder massages at Amelias Therapies Plus many more!

Green Cross Code

Green Cross Code Poster Competition – Now Open!

We are excited to launch our **Green Cross Code Poster Competition** as part of our work to promote road safety during the spring term.

Pupils are invited to design a bright, eye-catching A4 poster that encourages safe road crossing and highlights the key messages of the **Green Cross Code**. This is a great opportunity for children to be creative while also learning important safety skills.

Posters should include clear road safety messages such as:

- **Stop, Look, Listen, Think**
- Finding a **safe place to cross**
- **Staying focused and avoiding distractions** when near roads

The winning design will be entered into the Hampshire Road Safety competition, where it could be featured on wall planners, parent letters, certificates, social media and presentations shared with schools across Hampshire.

How to take part:

- Pupils should create a colourful poster promoting the Green Cross Code and safe road crossing.
- Posters can be drawn, coloured or painted and should clearly show the road safety message.

Please return completed entries to Miss Young by Thursday 19th March.

We look forward to seeing all of the fantastic and creative designs!

Dates for your diary

This term important dates:

9th March - Parents evening opens on Arbor at 15.00

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

19th March - Parents evening closes on Arbor at 15.00

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" 2.15pm

doors open at 2pm

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 TBC

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

7th May - Stay & Play 9am - 10am

4th June - Stay & Play 9am - 10am

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:

1st May 2026

19th June 2026

Advertisement for Benefice Administrator

The United Benefice of St John the Baptist Shedfield and St Nicholas, Wickham

The Rector of the United Benefice of Shedfield and Wickham is seeking a Benefice Administrator. The job will involve supporting and assisting the Rector and leaders of the two parishes including: key office/church functions and co-ordinating voluntary help/administration. Applicants should have appropriate qualifications and experience in assisting/managing with some administration ability. They should be a practising Christian as their role will include listening and talking with those who have pastoral/faith needs. In summary, the role is to help grow the discipleship and witness of the church. The job is initially expected to be for 15 hours per week, but this may increase. Flexible working arrangements will be considered.

Salary: £10,140 - £11,700 per annum (£13 - £15 per hour)

Hours of work: 15 hours per week Monday to Friday mornings, based in the Parish Office at St John the Baptist, Shedfield. Exact days/hours to be agreed and flexible working arrangements will be considered e.g. holiday/term time.

Holiday: 4 weeks per annum, pro rata plus statutory holidays

Pension: Enrolment into a Work Place Pension Scheme at contribution level to be agreed subject to a maximum of 6% of gross salary.

The appointment will require a DBS. This is a post with a genuine occupational requirement under regulation 7 of the Employment Equality (Religion or Belief) Regulations 2003.

Job Description and Person Specification provided on request – please email admin@stjohnthebaptistshedfield.org.uk

Application letter with CV should reach Adrian Jordan (Warden) at the church office by Sunday 15th March 2026
St John the Baptist Church, Church Road, Shedfield, Southampton SO32 2HY 01329 832162
admin@stjohnthebaptistshedfield.org.uk

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Items you may be interested in

FACE	
March 2026 Timetable	
All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 30 minutes long	
£24 each or FREE with School Membership	
Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk	
Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)	
Improving Family Communication	2 Mar 10am
Autism - Improving Communication	2 Mar 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	3 Mar 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 Mar 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	9 Mar 10am
Understanding Anger	9 Mar 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	10 Mar 10am
Facing Defiance	10 Mar 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	16 Mar 10am
Anxiety Explained	16 Mar 7pm
Introduction to OCD	17 Mar 10am
What is ACT	17 Mar 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	23 Mar 10am
Decreasing Depression	23 Mar 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 Mar 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 Mar 7pm
FREE Anxiety Based School Avoidance	26 Mar 7-8pm

Come and enjoy -

YOLO ?

FREE Easter Activity Day

For Primary School Children

Tuesday 31st March

9.30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Stories
Drama
Games
Craft
Cooking
Pizza Lunch

Book on

<https://forms.gle/gkktEysiDUTu198Jh9>



Free Easter holiday activities now open for bookings

 Fisher, Mike
Programme Manager

Hampshire County Council's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme is back for Easter and **open for bookings!**

Funded by the Department for Education, the HAF programme enables local authorities to offer **healthy food and enriching activities for free** to children who receive benefit-related FSM during term time. Local authorities also have discretion to use a percentage of their funding to provide free or subsidised HAF places for children who are not in receipt of benefits-related FSM but who the local authority believe could benefit from HAF provision.

More than 160 HAF schemes will be running across Hampshire this Easter - these will be hosted by a variety of venues, including schools, childcare settings, community organisations, and sports providers - each offering a **variety of engaging activities**.

We kindly ask for your support in **sharing the information above and the attached district-specific flyers** with families of children in your school communities who receive benefit-related FSM, and other vulnerable families who may benefit from attending HAF schemes.












Parents and carers can **search for local schemes and book directly** with providers via the Family Information and Services Hub:

[Holiday Activities and Food Programme \(HAF\)](#) | Hampshire CTSH

The HAF team can be contacted with any queries by emailing connect4communities@hants.gov.uk, with the subject line **FAO HAF**.

Thank you for helping us ensure as many children as possible can take part in the HAF programme this Easter.

Easter 2026 HAF Flyers by District

-  [Easter 2026 HAF District Flyer - Basingstoke](#)
-  [Easter 2026 HAF District Flyer - East-Hants](#)
-  [Easter 2026 HAF District Flyer - Eastleigh](#)
-  [Easter 2026 HAF District Flyer - Fareham](#)
-  [Easter 2026 HAF District Flyer - Gosport](#)
-  [Easter 2026 HAF District Flyer - Hart](#)
-  [Easter 2026 HAF District Flyer - Havant](#)
-  [Easter 2026 HAF District Flyer - New Forest](#)
-  [Easter 2026 HAF District Flyer - Rushmoor](#)
-  [Easter 2026 HAF District Flyer - Test Valley](#)
-  [Easter 2026 HAF District Flyer - Winchester](#)

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- Children learn to play an instrument in their very own band.
- Fun and inclusive in-school band lessons. No music theory involved.
- Follow their musical journey in your Backstage account.
- Exam-free. Ofqual-regulated Trinity music qualification.
- Instruments provided and no experience necessary.

BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE ONLINE!

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ROCK STEADY

LEARN TO PLAY MUSIC IN A BAND THAT'S FOR EVERYONE.

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- Have fun and learn by playing!** Children work their way through a curriculum of up to 300 musical skills.
- Taught by professional musicians!** Rocksteady band leaders are highly trained musicians who make learning music fun.
- Much more than music!** Improves wellbeing, confidence, social skills and academic achievement.
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TRINITY MUSIC SCHOOL

Active Holiday Camps active me 360

Spring Into Action

Easter Activity Camps

Swanmore College
Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April 2026
9am - 4pm (extended hours available)

£26.25 per day*

Multi-Sports Camp
High-energy games that build skills, confidence & teamwork

Football Camp
Skills, drills and match play for football fans of all abilities

Performing Arts Camp
Creative movement, dance and performance fun

Scan now to book!

Early booking offer
15% off with code **APRAS15**
Ends Sunday 15 March

For ages 4-12 years

*Children must be aged 4 and in Year R!

For more information to book, visit www.activeme360.com

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Holiday Activities and Food Programme

Spring Into Action

Easter Activity Camps

Swanmore College
Monday 30th March - Thursday 2nd April 2026
9am - 4pm - extended hours available (cost applies)

HAF Camp

Our fun, active holiday camp with games, sports and creative activities, with nutritious food included. For children eligible for free school meals.

Free

Scan now to book!

For ages 4*-12 years (Children aged 4 must also be in Year R)

For more information to book, visit www.activeme360.com

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