

The Jottings - 27th 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,

The end of our spring term is a wonderful moment to celebrate how much our school community has achieved together. The school continues to grow, change, and evolve, and the impact of this can be seen in classrooms, in the confidence of our children, and in the strength of our wider provision. Many of you will have seen these developments first-hand during Parents' Meetings or through parent events we have hosted this term. Teaching and learning have continued to strengthen, with staff working with real commitment to refine practice and ensure every child is supported and challenged.

Our community offer has also expanded, with new SEND Coffee Mornings providing a supportive space for information sharing and connection. Alongside this, our Community Hub and Stay & Play sessions continue to thrive, helping families feel welcomed and involved. We are also proud that our ongoing development work has been recognised by the county this term, reflecting the dedication of our staff, the engagement of our families, and the enthusiasm of our children.

As we look ahead to the summer term, we do so with a strong sense of purpose and optimism. Thank you for your continued support, partnership, and trust. It makes an enormous difference to what we can achieve together. We would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete our Spring Parent Survey, which helps us continue to improve and respond to our community's needs:

Parent Survey: <https://forms.gle/JQis5NRAkYCPpgwF8>

Wishing all our families a restful and enjoyable break.

Rebecca Livings

Headteacher

Spotlight on Year 5

Year 5 has had an exciting final week to the Spring term. St John's was lucky enough to have the author of The Secret Lake series, Karen Inglis, visit us. Year 5 enjoyed asking lots of questions and getting an insider look at an author's process for writing. They learned about the importance of a plan, and how it can make a huge, positive difference to the writing process. During RE, they explored the stations of the cross for our Christianity topic on Salvation. The class engaged thoughtfully with the concepts during class discussions and developed their understanding of the story through drama and freeze frame.



Attendance Matters



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

This Week:

Whole school attendance average: **95.6%** Our target is **97%** - please come and chat with us regarding any attendance issues.

Best Attendance: KS1: Tadpoles 97.9% KS2: Otters 100% (Go Otters!)

Best Timekeepers: KS1: Ducks 0 late minutes KS2: Kingfishers 0 late minutes

PAFS

PAFS News

THANK YOU! A massive thank you to everyone that supported the bingo night and the raffle - it was a real success with raising a phenomenal amount of money to support the school with upcoming projects. In total we raised £1250!!

BOUNCE BONANZA TAKE 2! – 03/07

Back by popular demand – Bounce Bonanza!!

Tickets are going fast and we only have a limited amount so get them fast to avoid disappointment!

Lots of inflatables and games available on the day to enjoy.

There will be food and a bar available at the event.

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

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/pafs/index.cfm>

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>

Dates for your diary

This term important dates:

W/B 13th April - After school clubs start. **Please Note Active - Me KS2 Multi Sports will start the second week back 20th April.**

15th April - Seacity Museum Year 2 Trip

28th April - Contemporary Class Photo & Year 6 Leavers

29th April - Fishbourne Roman Palace Year 3 Trip

5th May - Bank Holiday

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

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

11th - 14th May - Year 6 SATS

21st May - Community Hub - School Nurse 2 - 3pm

25th May - Bank Holiday

26th May - 29th May - Half Term

3rd June - 8th July Year 5 Swimming every Wednesday

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

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

2nd July - Swanmore Induction Year 6 Induction

3rd July - Year 6 Leavers at Portsmouth Cathedral

14th & 15th July - Year 6 Production Performance

17th July - Community Hub 9am - 10am

22nd - Last Day of Term

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

Club List

Please ensure you book early as the clubs get filled up quickly. Closes on Arbor 12th April 2026

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After School Extra-Curricular Activities 2025-2026

Summer 1



Club	Teacher	Day & Time	Term	Year Group	Contribution	Location
Active-me KS2 Multi Sports	Active-me coach	Monday 15.10 – 16.10 (Pickup from reception)	Summer 1 20/04/26 – 18/05/26	KS2	Funded by school	Playground/Field
Playground Games	Miss Mace	Monday 15.10 – 16.10 (Pickup from reception)	Summer 1 13/04/26 – 18/05/26	Year 1 & 2	Free	Playground
Dance	Belinda Langford-Butler	Tuesday 15.10 – 16.00 (Pickup from reception)	Summer 1 14/04/26 – 19/05/26	Years R, 1, 2 & 3	Book directly with Dance Kidz	Hall
Y6 Booster	Mrs Livings, Mrs Reilly, Mrs Sheppard & Miss Young	Tuesday 15.10 – 16.10 (Pickup from reception)	Summer 1 14/04/26 – 19/05/26	Year 6 (Invite only) This will not appear on Arbor	Free	Year 6 Classroom (Kingfishers)
Rock Steady	Rock Steady coach	Wednesday afternoons, during the school day	All year round	All year groups	Book directly with Rock Steady	Music and Drama Room
Board Game Club	Miss Mathews	Thursday 15.10 – 16.10 (Pickup from reception)	Summer 1 16/04/26 – 21/05/26	Years 1,2,3,4,5 & 6 (First come, first served)	Free	Year 1 Classroom (Frogs)
Times Tables Club	Mrs Morgan	Thursday 15.10 – 16.10 (Pickup from reception)	Summer 1 16/04/26 – 21/05/26	Year 4	Free	Otter Classroom

Contact details for externally run clubs:

Dance – 07889 419 681 or Belinda@pazzazz.me

Rock Steady – 08450 941 259 or contact@rocksteadymusicschool.com

Some clubs are run by outside agencies, please book with the companies directly using the information above.



BBC iPlayer for Kids

Children under the age of 13 can have their own iPlayer profile, which includes content from CBBC, CBeebies and other suitable BBC programmes.

You can download the iPlayer app and then find out how to create a profile here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/help/questions/about-the-childrens-experience/iplayer-child-experience>

Going on a long journey? The BBC have also compiled a list of shows and films as well as games and quizzes to make the journey go quicker:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/watch/best-films-games-and-quizzes-to-keep-kids-entertained-on-long-journeys>



Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language? You can use the translate tool on our web version: <https://www.knowsleycitylearningcentres.org.uk/april-2026-primary/>

Age ratings in games

Age ratings exist to help protect your child as they show whether content is suitable for your child's age. Make sure you check the age rating of any game your child is playing.

Why should I check?

Not all games will be appropriate for your child. Some may appear child friendly due to fun or cartoon style graphics but still include unsuitable content. Age ratings consider factors such as violence, frightening content, bad language and/or in app purchases.



How can I check?

Most games are rated by PEGI (Pan European Game Information), who not only state the age you should be to play the game but also provide further content descriptors to give you an indication of the type of content that your child might encounter. Apps are rated by the App store/Google Play.

How can I stop my child from accessing a game they are not old enough to play?

You can set up **parental controls** to restrict access to games or apps that your child is not old enough to play and set restrictions so any downloads/purchases must be approved by you. For example:

- Nintendo – restrict software by age so if you restrict to 10+, games with that rating or above cannot be played by your child.
- Xbox / PlayStation – set an age limit so anything that exceeds that age rating must be approved.
- Apple / Google (Family Link) – restrict your child from installing apps, allowing you to review before approving all purchases.

What else do I need to do?

- Review any additional content descriptors, read reviews and check if the game includes any form of communication or in app purchases. This will help inform your decision as to whether the game is suitable for your child.
- For any game your child plays, set up appropriate parental controls.
- If you decide a game is not appropriate, explain to your child why. We know your child might feel peer pressure to play certain games, but explaining your reasoning will help them understand your decision.

Further information

- <https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming/>

Fake or Real? Know the Deal

Essex Police have launched a groundbreaking AI Safety Campaign in partnership with BT and EE to tackle the growing risks posed by artificial intelligence (AI) misuse and deepfake technology. This is the first time a UK police force is working directly with a global technology firm to provide practical advice to parents, guardians and young people.

AI technology offers incredible opportunities, but it also introduces serious risks when misused. Deepfake content – highly convincing, fabricated images or videos – can be used to exploit young people, sometimes without their knowledge. Artificially generated Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM) is one of the fastest-emerging crimes Essex Police is actively investigating.

The campaign is designed to help you understand:

- What deepfakes are and why they matter
- How to protect children from online harm
- What to do if an image is misused

Further information

Find out more here, including advice on how to protect your child:

<https://eephonesmart.co.uk/fake-or-real>

What is the Manosphere?

Have you seen the new Netflix documentary 'Louis Theroux: Inside the Manosphere' in which Louis Theroux interviews several 'influencers' that promote extreme / disturbing ideologies online. It is a shocking watch but prompts the importance of ensuring our children are protected from this content. In essence, the manosphere is against the empowerment of women and certain people promote these views and other harmful misinformation online via social media etc.

What should I do?

We need to develop critical thinking in our children and have age-appropriate conversations with them as explained in these two articles:

- <https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/feelings-behaviour/talking-about-feelings/talk-to-your-child-gender-equality/>
- <https://www.brook.org.uk/blog/4-ways-to-tackle-misogyny-among-young-people/>

Further information

- <https://www.unwomen.org/en/articles/explainer/what-is-the-manosphere-and-why-should-we-care>

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How to set up parental controls on ChatGPT

Internet Matters have published an article detailing how you can link your own account to your child's account (they must be logged in) to set parental controls on ChatGPT:

You can read the article here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/entertainment-search-engines/chatgpt-parental-controls/>

WhatsApp update: Parent-Managed Accounts

WhatsApp have announced that they are rolling out the option of Parent-Managed accounts for those under the age of 13. The settings will include allowing you to choose who can contact your child and ensuring only you can add them to groups. Find out more here:

<https://faq.whatsapp.com/894871699629864>

Whilst, these features could be useful, it is important to emphasise that just because the option now exists, WhatsApp may still not be an appropriate platform for your child to be on. We often receive reports of issues, particularly with group chats on WhatsApp. Wayne Denner (online safety trainer) explains more here: <https://www.waynedenner.com/whatsapp-parent-managed-accounts-what-parents-need-to-know/>

AI and homework

AI can be a useful tool for helping children with homework both in understanding a topic and for research. However, please remember that it should not be used to complete tasks as this would constitute plagiarism.

Spring/Summer Menu starting after Easter break

SPRING/SUMMER 2026 MENU		WEEK 1				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges 🍷	Beef Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta 🍷🍷	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🍷	Pork Sausage Bites with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Battered Pollock with Chips
	OPTION 2	Arrabbiata Pasta Bake 🍷🍷🍷	Vegetarian Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta 🍷🍷🍷	Bean and Cheese Pastry Turnover with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🍷	Macaroni Cheese 🍷🍷	Quorn Dippers with Chips 🍷
	OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🍷🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🍷🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🍷🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🍷🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🍷🍷
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD						
DELI	OPTION 4	Jacket Potato with Choice of Toppings	Jacket Potato with Choice of Toppings	Jacket Potato with Choice of Toppings	Jacket Potato with Choice of Toppings	Jacket Potato with Choice of Toppings
	DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD					
DESSERT		Carrot, Orange and Sultana Slice 🍷🍷	Oat Cookie 🍷	Strawberry Shortcake Mousse	Apple Crumble with Custard 🍷	Chocolate Ice Cream

AVAILABLE DAILY
Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water

🍷 Vegetarian 🍷 Vegan 🍷 Oily Fish 🍷 Fruity! 🍷 Wholegrain 🍷 Nutritionist's Choice

Our menu is subject to change. Please be assured that all notified medical diets and allergy requirements will be safely catered for.

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SPRING/SUMMER 2026 MENU		WEEK 2				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges 🍷	Beef Burger with Potato Wedges	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Vegetable Korma with Wholegrain Rice 🍷🍷	Fish Fingers with Chips
	OPTION 2	Vegetarian Cottage Pie with Gravy 🍷🍷	Beany Vegetable Burger with Potato Wedges 🍷🍷	Roast Quorn with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Macaroni Cheese 🍷🍷	Spanish Omelette with Chips 🍷
	OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🍷🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🍷🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🍷🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🍷🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🍷🍷
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	DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD					
DESSERT		Apple and Golden Syrup Sponge with Custard 🍷	Sticky Oat Slice	Caramel Mousse	Chocolate Brownie 🍷	Strawberry Ice Cream

AVAILABLE DAILY
Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water

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SPRING/SUMMER 2026 MENU

WEEK 3

W/C: 27/04/2026, 18/05/2026, 08/06/2026, 29/06/2026, 20/07/2026, 31/08/2026, 21/09/2026, 12/10/2026

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges 🍕	Beef Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Wholewheat Pasta 🍝	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🍗	Lasagne with Garlic Bread 🍝	Battered Pollock with Chips 🍷
	OPTION 2	Veggie Meat Feast Pizza with Potato Wedges 🍕	Cheesy Bean Burrito with Wholegrain Rice 🌯	Vegetarian Cottage Pie with Gravy 🥧	Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread 🍝	Veggie Fingers with Chips 🍷
	OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🍝	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🍝	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🍝	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🍝	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🍝
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DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD						
DESSERT		Custard Shortbread with Melon Wedges 🍰	Orange Glazed Sticky Sponge Cake with Custard 🍰	Chocolate Mousse 🍰	Vanilla Ice Cream 🍦	Berry Blondie 🍰



AVAILABLE DAILY
Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water



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April 2026 Timetable

All regular 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

Understanding Anger	6 April 10am
School Anxiety	6 April 7pm
Facing Defiance	7 April 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	7 April 7pm
Anxiety Explained	13 April 10am
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	13 April 7pm
Introduction to OCD	14 April 10am
What is ACT?	14 April 7pm
Decreasing Depression	20 April 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	20 April 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	21 April 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	21 April 7pm
FREE Decreasing Depression	23 April 7-8pm
Improving Family Communication	27 April 10am
Autism: Improving Communication	27 April 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	28 April 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	28 April 7pm

Messy Good Friday

St John the Baptist Church, Shedfield &
St Nicholas Church, Wickham

at

Waltham Chase Village Hall
Winchester Road
Waltham Chase
SO32 2LX

(parking available in front of the hall)

Friday 3rd April
10-11:30am

Crafts & activities around the story of Easter
with refreshments & hot cross buns

For children aged 4-12 with a parent, carer or
family member



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FREE online talk by
Jane Keyworth

FACE family Advice Lead Facilitator

Decreasing Depression

23rd April 7-8pm



Book online

www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Parents - Live Talks page

LEGO LUNCH

31st March
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



Come and enjoy -

YOLO

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FREE Easter
- Activity Day

For
Primary School
Children

**Tuesday 31st
March
9.30 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

Book on

<https://forms.gle/gkkEysiDUTu198Jh9>

Stories
Drama
Games
Craft
Cooking
Pizza Lunch

Easter Holiday Activities

 Hampshire
County Council
Library Service

Saturday 28 March

Construction Club 10.00 - 1.00pm
Craft Club

Craft Club



Tuesday 31 March

Rhyme Time 1.45pm - 2.15pm
New Parent Group 2.15 - 3.15pm
Craft Club

Wednesday 1 April

Stay and Play 10am - 11am
Craft Club

Friday 3 April

LIBRARY CLOSED



**Craft Club
Activities are £1
per child.**



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hants.gov.uk/library

Easter Holiday Activities

 Hampshire
County Council
Library Service

Saturday 4 April

Construction Club 10.00 - 1.00pm
Craft Club

Craft Club



Tuesday 7 April

Rhyme Time 1.45pm - 2.15pm
New Parent Group 2.15 - 3.15pm
Craft Club

Wednesday 8 April

Stay and Play 10am - 11am
Craft Club

Friday 10 April

Family Board Game Fun 3.30 - 4.30
Craft Club



**Craft Club
Activities are £1
per child.**



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Hampshire County Youth Choir

Open Rehearsal

Friday 17 April 2026

The United Church, Jewry St, Winchester

- 5-7pm - Show Choir (Y7 to Y13)
- 5:15-6:30pm - Junior Choir (Y2 to Y6)
- 7:30-8:45pm - Training Choir (Y7 to Y10)
- 7:30-9pm - Youth Choir (Y10 to Y13)

For more info and to
sign up, please
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Have a good weekend.

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