

The Jottings - 5th June 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's Families,

Welcome back to the Summer 2 half term. We hope you all enjoyed a restful May break. The term has got off to a positive, if rather soggy start, and we are hopeful the sunshine will return soon. As the weather improves, please remember to send your child to school with sun cream already applied and a sun hat each day.

This week, our Year 4 children have begun their statutory Multiplication Tables Check. We are incredibly proud of them; they have worked so hard on their times tables and on applying this knowledge confidently in their maths learning.

Next week, our Year 1 children will begin their statutory Phonics Screening Check. Again, we are so proud of their determination and the progress they have made in using their phonics to support their reading.

Thank you to all parents and carers for the support you give at home - it truly makes a difference.

All statutory assessment outcomes (Phonics, MTC and SATs) will be shared with you in your child's annual report, which will be sent home in July.

As we will be reporting on your child's progress through the annual report this term, we invite you to join us for our final Learning in Action sessions of the year, taking place during our Arts Week:

- **Learning in Action – Years R, 1 & 2:** Tuesday 16th June
- **Learning in Action – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6:** Wednesday 17th June

We look forward to welcoming many of you into school as we celebrate the children's learning and creativity.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Rebecca Livings

Headteacher

Spotlight on Year 5

Year 5 have had another busy and productive week of learning. In English, the children have been working hard to improve their sentence structures, using a variety of sentence types accurately and effectively in their writing. It has been wonderful to see their growing confidence and creativity as they apply these skills.

In Maths, the class have continued their learning on fractions, focusing specifically on multiplying fractions by an integer. They have shown great determination and resilience when tackling increasingly challenging problems.

In Art, the children have begun their exciting new unit on Ancient Greece. They carefully created detailed double-page spreads in their sketchbooks, exploring many of the distinctive patterns and designs that were popular during this historic period. Their creativity, attention to detail, and presentation skills have been impressive.

Well done to all of Year 5 for their hard work and enthusiasm throughout the week.

Water Safety

As the weather warmed up over the break, many of you will have seen the tragic news stories of young people getting into difficulty in open water. We speak with the children about keeping themselves safe, and this includes water safety — understanding the risks and knowing what to do if something goes wrong.

This week, we are reminding everyone of the importance of staying safe around water, including the simple but life-saving message: **“Float to Live.”** We encourage you to revisit this at home. You may find some of the excellent resources available here [Water Safety Toolkit](#) helpful.

WATER SAFETY
Stay safe. Have fun. Enjoy the water.

DROWNING IS ONE OF THE LEADING CAUSES OF ACCIDENTAL DEATH IN CHILDREN IN THE UK.
MOST INCIDENTS ARE PREVENTABLE.

As the weather warms up, children and young people spend more time around water – at home, on days out or on holiday. Let's keep them safe.

Almost half of drownings occur during the summer months when temperatures are higher – especially when 25°C or above.

THE HSCP WATER SAFETY TOOLKIT FOR PARENTS & CARERS INCLUDES:

- EVERYDAY RISKS AT HOME**
Including bath time safety and garden hazards.
- STAYING SAFE OUTDOORS**
Such as the beach, around rivers and in open water.
- PRACTICAL SAFETY ADVICE**
Including the Water Safety Code and how to “Float to Live”.
- AGE-SPECIFIC GUIDANCE**
For babies, young children, older children and teenagers.
- WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY**
Including simple first aid steps and where to find further support.

Small actions, big difference

- ✓ Keep children within arm's reach of water.
- ✓ Choose safe places to swim.
- ✓ Talk to your children about water safety.

Together, we can help prevent tragedies and keep our children safe this summer.

For practical advice and resources, download the Water Safety Toolkit:
www.hampshirescp.org.uk/parents-and-carers/water-safety/

Enjoy the water
Stay safe
Look out for each other

HSCP
Hampshire Safeguarding Children Partnership
Safeguarding children together

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On Monday 15th June we will be launching this year's Arts Week. Our theme this year is **Joy**, and we have planned a joyful week filled with visits, visitors and creative experiences, all delivered alongside our usual curriculum.

As part of Arts Week, we will be creating a Community Gallery in the Copse, which you will be able to visit during our Bounce Bonanza on Friday 3rd July.

We would like to invite you to join us for a special Learning in Action session, where you and your child will create portraits of each other to contribute to the Gallery. Please see the details below for your child's session time.

Learning in Action Years R, 1 & 2 Tuesday 16th June

Learning in Action Years 3,4,5 & 6 Wednesday 17th June

If you are unable to attend, please do not worry your child will still take part in the project and will create a portrait of a friend to include in the Gallery.

Attendance Matters

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

This Week:

Whole school attendance average: **95.7%** Our target is **97%** - please come and chat with us regarding any attendance issues.

Best Attendance - KS1: Ducks 95.9% KS2: Kingfishers 95.4%

Best Timekeepers: KS1: Frogs 0 late minutes KS2: Otters 5 late minutes

Did you know?

Being on time for school really matters. When a child arrives late, it can be unsettling for them and disruptive for the rest of the class. Even a few minutes can mean they miss the start of a lesson, key instructions or the calm, settled routines that help children feel ready to learn.

Good time-keeping helps children develop important habits around organisation and responsibility, and supports a positive start to their day.

We understand there may be times when getting to school on time or attending regularly becomes difficult. If this is the case, please talk to us as soon as possible. **We are here to help** and will always work with you to support your child.

Donations Station

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our donation station. With the basket now full, we have taken the proceeds to **Meon Valley Food Bank**

We are now refilling the basket again. If you are able to spare a packet, please drop it into the basket in the foyer.

Thank you for your kindness and support.



Still a month to go - Please shop at Tesco's and support our school

Every little helps.

It's open, and the containers for the blue tokens are now in place and ready to use. The Tesco stores supporting our fundraising bid are:

- Warsash Locks Heath Express, SO31 9NZ
 - Whiteley Superstore, PO15 7LL
- Thank you for your support — every token really does make a difference, so please spread the word.

PAFS

PAFS News

PAFS will be holding the next meeting on Tuesday 9th June 7pm at school, should anyone wish to come along please email before hand at pafswalthamchase@gmail.com. Just so we are aware of numbers

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.

If anyone would like to volunteer to help, please contact pafswalthamchase@gmail.com.

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

Dates for your diary

This term important dates:

- 3rd June - 8th July Year 5 Swimming every Wednesday
- 10th June - SEND Parent coffee afternoon 2pm - 3pm - Focus on ADHD
- 16th June - Year 5 Trip to Ford Purbrook
- 16th June - Forest Fun New Entrants 3.30pm - 4.30pm
- 19th June - INSET DAY
- 24th June - Year R Library trip
- 30th June - Year 6 Primary Proms
- 2nd July - Shuffle up day. Swanmore Induction Year 6 Induction
- 3rd July - Year 6 Leavers at Portsmouth Cathedral
- 14th & 15th July - Year 6 Production Performance
- 16th July - New Yr R intake Stay & Play

17th July - Community Hub 9am - 10.30am (MHST attending)

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:

19th June 2026

INSET dates 2026-2027:

- Tuesday 1st September 2026
- Wednesday 2nd September 2026
- Friday 23rd October 2026
- Friday 12th February 2027
- Friday 25th June 2027

Items you may be interested in

Free Online Courses for Parents

Learning in Libraries
Shared/Resource Account

Hampshire
County Council
Library Service



Stepping Into School Online course

Tuesdays 2 - 23 June 7pm - 8:30pm

FREE

This is an online course using Microsoft Teams. Participants will be required to use Microsoft Teams.

Booking is essential, please visit <https://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/library-courses> to book your place. If you have issues booking online please contact branch staff or call 02392 232957



Hampshire
County Council
Library Service



Positive Parenting Online course

Mondays 8 June - 6 July 7:30pm - 9pm

FREE

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- Confidential sessions not recorded.
- Peer support, talking to others experiencing a similar journey.
- A dedicated session with an experienced support worker

2 JUNE
12:00

Alternative Provision
What constitutes as a suitable education in relation to section 19 of the education act

8 JUNE
12:00

Appeals to SEND Tribunal
A step-by-step guide through the appeals process

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12:00

Responding to a draft EHCP
If you are in that critical time frame having received your draft

11 JUNE
13:30

Considering an EHC Plan?
Independent and impartial information to guide you through the process

17 JUNE
12:00

Ordinarily Available Provision and SEN Support

27 JUNE
13:00

Looking at support available for those who do not have an EHCP

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Additional Support Courses for Parents

Three new courses offered by Face, separate from the school membership.
Full access to all three courses for £6.99/month
Complete at your own pace, cancel anytime.



Building Emotional Resilience

Work through six stages of directed exercises to help your child (and yourself) improve emotional resilience.



Facing Defiance

A specific strategy aimed at supporting parents of children aged 5 to 12 with ADHD, ODD or just very challenging behaviour.



You & Your Teen

A skills building course for one parent and one teen (12 years old and above) to learn how they can both improve their communication with each other.

www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk
Online Courses for Parents page
info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk



Helping an ADHD Child with Homework



FREE one hour online session for parents
Thursday 25th June 7pm - 8pm

Join us online to get some advice on how to help your ADHD child start and complete their homework.

Book on the PARENTS - Live Talks page
facefamilyadvice.co.uk

*Have a good weekend.
Courage - Compassion – Creativity*