

# The Jottings - 12th 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,

It has been another busy and purposeful week here at St John's. Our Year 4 children have completed their Multiplication Tables Check, and Year 1 have finished their Phonics Screening Check - both statutory assessments. Results for these will be shared with you in your child's school report next month. The children approached these assessments with great determination and resilience, and we are incredibly proud of them.

Next week is our Arts Week, and we have many exciting opportunities planned to develop children's understanding, creativity and inspiration. We hope you are able to join us for our Learning in Action sessions (dates and times are listed below).

This week we also officially opened our outdoor classroom, *The Copse*. Children have already been working together to build dens and explore the space creatively. Our lunchtime offer continues to evolve, with the aim of providing valuable 'down time' while also helping children develop their skills in working collaboratively. Whether they are playing a game with a playleader or lunchtime staff member, making dens, creating natural art, or identifying insects, animals or plants, the thread that runs through all of this is teamwork.

(As The Copse can get muddy, and we will continue to use it regularly, you are very welcome to send in a pair of old shoes or wellies for your child to wear on their allocated day.)

We have further developments planned for our playground to continue supporting children in learning and practising these important skills as they grow.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Rebecca Livings

**Headteacher**

### Spotlight on Year 4

Even with the rainy weather, Otter class has continued to be enthusiastic about their learning. On Monday, we were the first class to go down to the copse area on the field and try out the new den building equipment. They worked together as a team and created some very unique dens. We are looking forward to being down there every Monday and seeing what else we can build!

In music this half term, the children have been dusting off their recorders and have been recapping playing A, B and G. They even played a piece of music together which combined all three notes and had to change to each one. I have been very impressed with their support of one another with how to hold the recorder and what music notes to play.

Also in the afternoons, in P.E, we have been learning and developing our fielding and batting skills with rounders. Children were developing their understanding of running between posts when the ball is in play whilst also being strategic of who and where to throw the ball to in order to 'stump' someone out.

Finally, I would like to say how proud I am of the Year 4s with their determination and resilience with their times tables this week. They have all completed their Multiplication Times Table Check and have all completed it to the best of their

ability. As their teacher, I am beyond proud of every single one of them and what they achieved, not just on the day, but during this year with their learning.



## A REMINDER - Art's week 15th June - 18th June

### Arts Week 15th June - 18th June

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 9am - 9.45am**

**Learning in Action Years 3,4,5 & 6 Wednesday 17th June 9am - 9.45am**

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 98.8% (**two weeks in a row Ducks!!**) KS2: Dragonflies 97.6%

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

## Non-school Uniform Day

### *Non school uniform day*

will take place on **Friday 3rd July**. Children are welcome to wear their own clothes, and in exchange we kindly ask for a bottle donation from each child to support the tombola at our Bounce Bonanza.

We are collecting good condition soft toys for a teddy tombola. These can be dropped into the office before Friday 3rd July. Thank you for your ongoing support.

## Tesco's Fundraising

**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](mailto: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](mailto:pafswalthamchase@gmail.com).

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

## Clean Air Day – NEXT WEEK

### Hampshire Clean Air Day – Join Our Active Travel Breakfast!



We are excited to be taking part in **Hampshire Clean Air Day on Thursday 18th June** and encouraging our school community to think about how we travel to school.

To celebrate, we will be holding an **Active Travel Breakfast** for pupils who walk, cycle, scoot, or travel actively to school on Clean Air Day. This is a great opportunity to promote healthy lifestyles, reduce traffic congestion, and help improve air quality around our school.

By choosing active travel, even for just one day, we can all play a part in creating cleaner, healthier air for our children and our local community.

We look forward to seeing lots of pupils travelling actively and joining us for breakfast. Together, let's make a positive difference for Hampshire's Clean Air Day!

## Art Week Author Visit Year R, 1, 2, & 3

### Morning Author Visit **Gina Rees** Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Years R, 1, 2 and 3 will have the fantastic opportunity to spend time with author Gina Rees during Arts Week. Her books are delightful and can be purchased as a reminder of the day.

Books can be ordered online or on the day a limited number of signed copies will be available from the school office at £10 each.

<https://ginarees.co.uk/>



## Helpful Websites

We wanted to share three helpful websites that offer support for families.

**Togetherness** provides free online courses with practical tips to build confidence, understand children's feelings and behaviour, and support your own wellbeing.

<https://togetherness.co.uk/>

The **Centre for Emotional Health** offers nurturing, relationship-focused parenting programmes from pregnancy to age 18, helping families understand behaviour through connection and emotional development.

<https://www.centreforemotionalehealth.org.uk/>

**BRAAIN** supports parents and carers of children with ADHD, ASC or additional needs, offering information, signposting and a welcoming community.

[www.Braain.co.uk](http://www.Braain.co.uk)

## Photo Competition



**Shedfield Parish Council**

*Shirrell Heath • Shedfield • Waltham Chase*

## Parish Photo Competition, We Need Your Pictures

Help us showcase the beauty of Waltham Chase, Shedfield and Shirrell Heath on our new Parish Council website.

We're looking for stunning landscape and panoramic photographs that capture the character of our parish, from rolling countryside, village life and seasonal scenes to wildlife and favourite local places.

### What we're looking for

Landscape or panoramic photographs (suitable for website banners), High-resolution images, Photos taken within the parish

### Competition Details

Open to residents and visitors, submit up to 3 photographs, Selected images will feature on the new Parish Council website, Photographers will be credited where images are used, Entrants under 16 must have parental permission

### How to Enter

Email your photographs to: [admin@shedfield-pc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@shedfield-pc.gov.uk)

Please include: Your name, Location where the photo was taken, A short description

By entering, you agree that the Parish Council may use your images for website and parish publicity purposes, with credit given.

Let's celebrate our parish together, we can't wait to see your photos!

## Dates for your diary

### This term important dates:

3rd June - 15th July Year 5 Swimming every Wednesday

16th June - Year 5 Trip to Ford Purbrook & Morning Author Visit **Gina Rees** for Years R, 1, 2 and 3

16th June - KS1 Learning in Action 9am -9.45am & Forest Fun New Entrants 3.30pm - 4.30pm

17th June - KS1 Learning in Action 9am -9.45am

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 **(School Uniform to be worn)** & Non School Uniform Day in exchange for a bottle donation from each child to support the tombola at our Bounce Bonanza. PAFS Bounce Bonanza

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

**UK Health Security Agency** **NHS**

# Meningitis and septicaemia

**Don't ignore the signs**

**Severe headache**

**Dislike of bright light**

**Stiff neck**

**Confusion and/or irritability**

**Rapid breathing**

**Vomiting/diarrhoea**

**Seizures/fits**

**Stomach cramps**

**High temperature**

**Rash/bruising rash**

**Drowsy or difficult to wake**

**Pale blotchy skin**

**Cold hands and feet**

**Joint or muscle pain**

**Meningitis can kill in hours**

These are just some of the warning signs. If you are worried for yourself or someone else get medical help immediately. Call NHS 111.

**Find out more:**

Find out about the **MenACWY vaccine**  
[www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/men-acwy-vaccine/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/men-acwy-vaccine/)

**Signs and symptoms of meningitis and septicaemia**  
[www.nhs.uk/conditions/meningitis/symptoms/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/meningitis/symptoms/)

**Immunisation**  
The safest way to protect your health.

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Product code: M2020P1. To order more copies of this guide please visit [www.healthpublications.gov.uk](http://www.healthpublications.gov.uk) or call 0300 120 1162.

# Free Online Courses for Parents

Learning in Libraries  
Shared/Resource Account



## 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

## Positive Parenting

### Online course

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

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 SENDIASS Online Workshops

- Free impartial advice relating to SEND for 0-25 years.
- Confidential sessions not recorded.
- Peer support, talking to others experiencing a similar journey.
- A dedicated session with an experienced support worker

<b>2 JUNE</b> 12:00	Alternative Provision What constitutes a suitable education in relation to section 19 of the education act	<b>8 JUNE</b> 12:00	Appeals to SEND Tribunal A step-by-step guide through the appeals process
<b>9 JUNE</b> 12:00	Responding to a draft EHCP If you are in that critical time frame having received your draft	<b>11 JUNE</b> 13:30	Considering an EHC Plan? Independent and impartial information to guide you through the process
<b>17 JUNE</b> 12:00	Ordinarily Available Provision and SEN Support Looking at support available for those who do not have an EHCP	<b>24 JUNE</b> 13:00	Responding to a draft EHCP If you are in that critical time frame having received your draft

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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](http://www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk)  
**Online Courses for Parents** page  
[info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk](mailto:info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk)



## Helping an ADHD Child with Homework



**FREE** one hour online session for parents  
**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

## Community Public Health Nursing

### SAFE FOR SUMMER

June 2026

**NHS**  
Hampshire and  
Isle of Wight Healthcare  
NHS Foundation Trust



#### Protecting your skin

Spending too much time in the sun can damage your skin and getting sunburnt significantly increases your risk of skin cancer:

[Sun Safety: Just the facts](#)



#### Festivals

The ultimate guide to staying safe at festivals this summer:

[How to stay safe at festivals](#)

[Ultimate festival kit](#)

[Clinic Finder: Sexual Health](#)



#### Drink your water

Staying hydrated is important for a healthy body and mind and even more so, to keep topped up in the summer when you're more likely to sweat more.

[Seven reasons to stay hydrated](#)

#### Respect the Water

Spending time in the pool or sea is great way to cool off and keep fit during the summer but remember to respect the water, know your limits, and how to keep safe.

[Water Safety | Health For Teens](#)

[Float To Live – What To Do In An Emergency – RNLI](#)

#### Teens Talk Health Podcast

*Made for young people, by young people*



[Listen now!](#)

School's nearly out and the summer fun begins! But how do you enjoy your well earned break safely? Join our group of teens and nurses who run down topics like alcohol awareness, water safety, and protecting your skin from the sun. Chathealth is open all summer too so drop our nurses a text if you have a question on 07507 332160. Open Monday - Friday (except bank holidays) 8.30am-4.30pm.

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# SUMMER OF SUPERPOWERS

UNCOVER THEIR SUPERPOWERS THIS SUMMER!

**FREE MULTI-ACTIVITY HAF HOLIDAY CAMPS**

Give them a summer of super-powered adventure, with epic days packed full of sport, fun & activities

**FREE**  
\*For children eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals or deemed vulnerable.

**WHEN:** Summer 2026 - Dates vary by venue  
**WHO:** For children aged 4 - 12  
**WHERE:** Across Hampshire (see below)  
**COST:** FREE for eligible children\*

**VENUES:**

- Gosport/Fareham:**
  - Alver Valley School
  - Leesland Junior School
  - Orchard Lea Junior School
  - Grange Infant & Junior Sch.
- Basingstoke & Deane:**
  - Chalk Ridge Primary School
  - Manor Field Junior School
  - Oakley Infant School
- Eastleigh:**
  - Colden Common Primary Sch.
  - Toynbee School
  - Stoke Park Junior School
  - Barton Peveril Sixth Form
- New Forest:**
  - Applemore College
- Havant & Waterlooville:**
  - Morelands Primary School
  - Padnell Junior School
- Winchester:**
  - Stanmore Primary School
  - Sun Hill Infant
  - Swanmore College

**Book today!**



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# SUMMER OF SUPERPOWERS!

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**FOOTBALL CAMP**  
Hero-level skills, coaching and small-sided matches for kids who live for the pitch.

**MULTI-SPORTS CAMP**  
Epic mix of sports, games & activities, every day is a new adventure!

**DANCE CAMP**  
High-energy routines & moves that let them shine like dance heroes with a fab new theme every week!

**WHO:** For children aged 4 - 13 (Mini Campers go free!)  
**WHEN:** 23 July - 28 August 2026 - 9am - 4pm (Early and late options available)  
**WHERE:** Swanmore College  
**COST:** £26.25 per day

**MINI CAMPER GO FREE!**  
Mini Campers must be aged 4 and in Yr R!

**ACTIVE SAVER DISCOUNT**  
Use code SUMMERASIS to get 15% off. Code exp Feb 29 2026

**Book today!**



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**NHS**  
Hampshire and Isle of Wight Healthcare  
NHS Foundation Trust

## CHILD HEALTH CLINICS\*

The Community Public Health Advisors from the Andover & Winchester Public Health Nursing Team(5-19y) are offering support with your primary aged child's health

Scan the QR code to book a 30-minute slot at Cromwell House, Winchester



How do I manage challenging behaviour?

Why does my child wet the bed?

Where can I access support for my child's anxiety?

How do I encourage healthy eating?

\* These slots should not be used as a place to seek advice regarding specific medical conditions