

The Jottings - 3rd July 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's been a busy and exciting week at St John's. Year 6 enjoyed two wonderful enrichment visits to the Primary Proms and their Leavers' Service at Portsmouth Cathedral, creating special memories as they near the end of their primary journey. Across the school, pupils took part in Transition Day, embracing new classes and new beginnings with great positivity.

We finished the week with the brilliant PAFS Bounce event, and I want to thank the whole PAFS team for their fantastic support and fundraising this year, every child has benefited from their efforts.

Finally, with the England World Cup match falling late on Sunday night/early Monday morning, we encourage families to avoid late bedtimes for primary-aged children. If they would like to watch the game, setting an early alarm on Monday to catch up on the match or highlights is a much better option to support a successful school day. An early night on Monday will help everyone recover — adults included.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Rebecca Livings

Headteacher

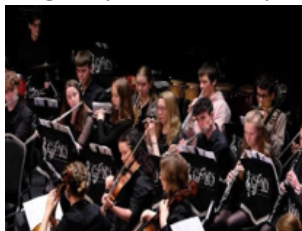
Spotlight on Year

Year Six have enjoyed an action-packed and memorable week, filled with excitement, courage and celebration. Rehearsals for our upcoming show *Mary Poppins* have been in full swing, and the hall has been buzzing with creativity as the children bring their characters to life with growing confidence and flair.

On Tuesday, we travelled to Fareham Live for the Primary Proms, where we were treated to an incredible mix of jazz, classical pieces and even a few pop favourites. The musicians were inspiring, and our pupils represented St John's beautifully. Their behaviour was exemplary, and organisers praised them for their maturity and enthusiasm. When it was our turn to sing, Year Six performed with real energy and pride.

Thursday took us to Swanmore College for an important transition day. Meeting new tutor groups and exploring a new environment required bravery and resilience, and the children rose to the challenge with positivity and determination.

Today, we joined the leavers' celebration service at Portsmouth Cathedral. It was a reflective and meaningful experience, giving us time to think about our achievements, our growth and the journey we have shared this year. Year Six should feel incredibly proud of everything they have accomplished.



Attendance Matters

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

This Week:

Whole school attendance average: **95.2%** Our target is **97%** - please come and chat with us regarding any attendance issues.

Best Attendance - KS1: Tadpoles 80.7% KS2: Dragonflies 77.3%

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

Thank you for supporting good attendance.

Uniform Reminder

As we approach the end of term, we appreciate that some children's uniform may be getting a little snug or well-worn. However, please ensure your child continues to come to school in the **appropriate P.E. kit**. Football shirts are not part of our school uniform and should not be worn for P.E.

Many thanks for your support.

A reminder that all **P.E. competition kit** should be washed and sent back to school as soon as possible, so it is always available when needed.

Summer 2026 HAF schemes are available to view now and book from Monday 22 June 2026

The [Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\) programme](#) provides fully funded fun and educational activity sessions throughout the Easter, summer, and winter school holidays. Hampshire children and young people who receive benefit-related free school meals (FSM) can register, book, and attend HAF sessions for free. These fully funded fun and educational activity sessions are to support low-income families across Hampshire.

Step 1 – Search for and book a place

Visit the [Hampshire County Council Eegu page](#) to browse schemes in your area. Listings can be filtered by area, age, and scheme type. Once you have found a HAF provider that you and your child find interesting, you can register your interest, and you will be sent a reminder to complete your booking once they become available to book.

Step 2 – Get ready and be sure to attend

Check the provider information for any items your child is requested to bring along. Please attend your booked session as an unattended session could have been used by another family who would have benefitted.



Dates for your diary

This term important dates:

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 - 10am (MHST attending)
22nd - YR Slide Into Summer & Last Day of Term

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

LEGO LUNCH CLUB

Tuesday 28th July
St John the Baptist,
Shedfield

Aimed at 4 – 11 year olds

Children need to be
accompanied by a responsible
adult

For more information please
contact

Chris on 07906 436391



LEGO LUNCH CLUB DATES

28 th July included	11am – 1pm	lunch
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25 th August play	2pm – 4pm	Free
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27 th October included	11am – 1pm	lunch
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29 th December play	2pm – 4pm	Free
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ADULT Learning
IN LIBRARIES



Hampshire County Council
Library Service



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





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

8 JULY 13:00	Appeals to SEND Tribunal A step-by-step guide through the appeals process	9 JULY 13:30	Responding to a draft EHCP If you are in that critical time frame having received your draft
10 JULY 11:00	Considering an EHC Plan? Independent and impartial information to guide you through the process	14 JULY 13:00	Ordinarily Available Provision and SEN Support Looking at support available for those who do not have an EHC
15 JULY 10:00	Alternative Provision What constitutes as a suitable education in relation to section 19 of the education act	22 JULY 12:00	Responding to a draft EHCP If you are in that critical time frame having received your draft

www.hampshiresendiass.co.uk/workshops

Community Public Health Nursing

SAFE FOR SUMMER

June 2026



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.



July 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

Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	6 July 10am
Anxiety Explained	6 July 7pm
Introduction to OCD	7 July 10am
What is ACT?	7 July 7pm
Decreasing Depression	13 July 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	13 July 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	14 July 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	14 July 7pm
FREE - Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 July 7-8pm
Autism-Improving Communication	20 July 10am
Improving Family Communication	20 July 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	21 July 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	21 July 7pm
Understanding Anger	27 July 10am
School Anxiety	27 July 7pm
Facing Defiance	28 July 10am
Supporting Health Screen Use	28 July 7pm

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SUMMER OF SUPERPOWERS!

UNCOVER THEIR SUPERPOWER THIS SUMMER

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

ACTIVE SAVER DISCOUNT
 Use code SUMMERAS15 to get 15% off!
 Code ends 29 June

Book today!

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

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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 FUNDED ACTIVITY CLUB

Fareham Academy

St Anne's Grove, PO14 1JJ

8:30AM - 4:30PM

JULY
 WEEK 1 23RD & 24TH
 WEEK 2 27TH - 13TH

AUGUST
 WEEK 3 3RD - 7TH
 WEEK 4 10TH - 14TH
 WEEK 5 17TH - 21ST
 WEEK 6 24TH - 28TH

Our holiday courses give children from Year R to Year 9 the ideal blend of play and structure. With safety and enjoyment always in mind, every day is designed to keep children active and engaged.

AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN ENTITLED TO BENEFIT RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS

NEW NEW BOOKING PROCESS FOR HAF BOOKINGS

SCAN THE QR CODE TO BOOK

- ✓ CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED
- ✓ QUALIFIED PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID
- ✓ DBS CERTIFICATED
- ✓ REGISTERED BY OFSTED
- ✓ CHILD PROTECTION TRAINED

www.cm-sports.co.uk

COLOUR RUN!

SUNDAY 12th JULY 2026

McCarthy's Fruit & Veg Shop
Winchester Road, Wickham, PO17 5HE



A COLOUR RUN is a fun-filled 3K where participants of all ages run, walk, or dance through vibrant clouds of coloured powder!

The fun run starts from 10am

For more details and to book your place, visit Eventbrite online or scan the QR code below

£2 from every ticket purchased will go to The Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance

£12pp (£1.70 booking fee)

Finishers Medal and Sunglasses included



HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT AIR AMBULANCE

GIVE IT A GO THIS SUMMER

EASTLEIGH ACTIVE

AGES 5-16 YEARS

Monday 27 July – Friday 21 August

Activities include:

Badminton, Big Sister Sessions, CrossFit, Fishing, Football, Weightlifting, Pickelball, Reformer Pilates, Rugby, Sailing, Basketball, Tennis, Swimming, AquaRun, Skatejams and much more...

BOOK NOW: EASTLEIGH.GOV.UK/EASTLEIGHACTIVE



EASTLEIGH BOROUGH COUNCIL **SportWorks**

*£1 concessions available to residents receiving qualifying benefits
Activities may be subject to change

BE INSPIRED THIS SUMMER

EASTLEIGH ACTIVE

BUILD STRENGTH, SKILLS AND FRIENDSHIPS THIS SUMMER

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GIRLS ONLY SESSIONS

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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

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