

The Jottings - 10th 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,

As we come to the end of another warm and lively week, there has been a wonderful buzz across the school — especially around all things Year 6. Their production preparations have brought such energy and excitement, and we are very much looking forward to sharing their hard work with you soon.

We also enjoyed our final Rock Steady concert of the year, with children performing so confidently and celebrating the progress they have made. It was a joyful way to round off the term's musical learning.

Children across the school have continued to show great enthusiasm despite the heat, and we are proud of how they have supported one another and stayed focused. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Last week, we shared our teaching staffing changes for next year, but we also have some updates regarding our support staff. At the end of next week, we will be saying goodbye to **Mrs Greenwell** in the school office, who is leaving following a house move. We thank her sincerely for all she has contributed to St John's and wish her every happiness in her new chapter. We also say farewell to **Mrs Salter**, a valued member of our lunchtime team, and send her our very best wishes for the future.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend.

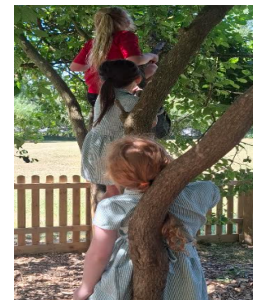
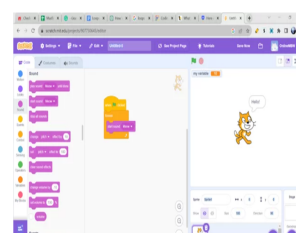
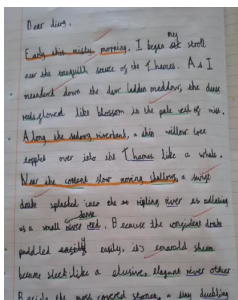
Rebecca Livings

Headteacher

Spotlight on Year

Year 3 have enjoyed a warm, but productive week of learning. We have balanced hard work with enjoying the outdoor spaces our school is so fortunate to have. Our copse has been a particularly popular spot, providing a peaceful place for children to explore, play and spend time in nature while keeping comfortable in the warm conditions.

This week, Swans began applying their writing skills by planning and drafting their own diary entries. They focused on using fronted adverbials to sequence events, varied noun phrases to create vivid descriptions, and technical vocabulary linked to the topic to enhance their writing. Throughout the lesson, pupils assessed their own work through colour coding, helping them identify where they had successfully met the learning objectives and where they could make improvements.



In maths, we began exploring formal written methods for multiplication. Before introducing the formal method, they consolidated their understanding of partitioning numbers to multiply, ensuring they had a secure grasp of place value and the strategies needed to support their calculations.

We have continued to make good progress with the recorder. Learning to read stave music involving more complex rhythms and note changes.

In computing, we have learnt how to include a loop in our programming so that our sprite can repeat an action.

Finally, congratulations and well done to those children who represented us at the district sports event- well done!

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: Frog 96.3% KS2: Dragonflies 97.9%

Best Timekeepers: KS1: Tadpoles 5 late minutes KS2: Kingfishers 0 late minutes

Thank you for supporting good attendance.

Gold School Games Mark

We are delighted to share that St Johns has been awarded the Gold School Games Mark this academic year. This achievement recognises our commitment to PE, inclusive sport, and providing every child with opportunities to be active, confident and engaged. Thank you for your continued support, we are incredibly proud of everybody involved who helped us to achieve this.



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**Welcome to our Community
Hub**

**Friday 17th July
9am - 10am**

We welcome all families to come along to our Community Hub.

Everyone is invited to join our Under 5s Stay and Play, access free advice, or simply enjoy a warm space, a chat over tea and cake with a member of school staff and the Church.

Stay and Play:

We've created a welcoming space where little ones can enjoy playtime, have a snack, and listen to a story.

Advice from the Mental Health Support Team

The Mental Health Support Team works with St John's to help children feel confident, calm and supported in school. They offer early help so that small worries don't become bigger ones.

Save the date:

Where: This session will be held in school

When: Friday 17th July - 9am - 10am

Courage, Compassion, Creativity.

W: www.stjohnthebaptistprimary.co.uk | E: office@stjohnthebaptistprimary.co.uk | T: 01329 800670



Library

Library update: From next week the library will be closed to complete our stocktake and set up for next year. Please ensure your child returns their books as normal so I can include them in the stocktake.

Children will have an opportunity to have a forever book to keep instead, these will say removed over the internal barcode.

PAFS

PAFS would like to say a **MASSIVE THANK YOU** to everyone that attended and supported our Bounce Bonanza Take 2 last Friday- we were truly blessed with the weather and hope that everyone had a great time!

As always we put on these events to raise much needed funds for the school and are proud to announce that at present the bounce raised **£2100**, hopefully raising a further £500 shortly with match funding.

We would like to extend our thanks to the following companies/people for generously donating to PAFS for the event – BCL MOT CENTRE, Skoolkit and Danny Duboius

Break the Rules Day

The popular Break the Rules day returns on Wednesday 22nd July! There are 10 rules to be broken and cost 50p per rule, cash to be handed to teachers on the door or via PTA Events (Cash preferred please)

Posters will be up around school and on social media shortly so keep your eyes peeled for the list of rules!!

Dates for your diary

This term important dates:

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

Tuesday 1st September 2026 - INSET DAY

Wednesday 2nd September 2026 - INSET DAY

14th & 15th Sept - Year 6 Bikeability

17th Sept - Year R Teddy Bears Picnic 3.15pm - 4.15pm

INSET dates 2026-2027:

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



A vibrant, hand-drawn poster for 'PAFS Presents Break the Rules Day'. The background is a mix of blue and white with splatter effects. At the top left is the PAFS logo, which features a tree with colorful leaves and the text 'PAFS Parents and Teachers Association of St John's C.E. (VC) School'. The main title 'BREAK the RULES DAY' is written in large, bold, white letters with a blue outline. To the right, a pink speech bubble says 'END OF TERM FUN!'. A cartoon boy with black hair, wearing a pink shirt and blue pants, is riding a large yellow pencil. He is holding a ruler in his right hand and a brown satchel in his left. A paper airplane is flying above him, and a blue baseball cap is flying to the right. A single sneaker is shown at the bottom left. A yellow box on the right lists 'Rules to be broken include:' followed by ten numbered rules. A pink speech bubble at the bottom center says 'Here's how it works:'. A green box at the bottom left says 'When?' followed by the date '22nd July 2026 (last day of term)'. A pink box at the bottom right explains the payment system: 'Pay 50p for every rule you would like to break. This can be paid by card on our website:-' followed by the website address 'www.pta-events.co.uk/pafs' and 'or cash to teachers on the day.' A small yellow heart is at the bottom right corner.

PAFS PRESENTS

BREAK the RULES DAY

END OF TERM FUN!

Rules to be broken include:

1. Football kits and other sportswear is not permitted.
2. School uniform must be worn.
3. Tattoos (temporary!) and glitter must be hidden under clothing.
4. Hair must be natural colours and tied back if longer than shoulder length.
5. Games from home must not be brought in to school.
6. Sandwiches must be eaten first.
7. Chocolate bars and sweets are not allowed in packed lunches.
8. Children are not allowed to choose music played in class.
9. Telling jokes in class is never permitted.
10. Children must never have an extra playtime in the afternoon.

Here's how it works:

When?

22nd July 2026
(last day of term)

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www.pta-events.co.uk/pafs

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TOGETHERNESS



An update on

WELLBEING FOR EVERY SCHOOL PARENT

Your NHS learning space created by psychologists

June 2026

We're delighted to share some helpful resources for parents experiencing all the big emotions of growing children.

Togetherness the NHS emotional health digital learning hub funded in your area. Your family has **free access** to expert learning about childhood development, wellbeing, brain changes, and much more to help you to connect with your children.

Here's a quick round up of what we think is great on Togetherness to help your children thrive.

Transitions and SEND



Moving up to secondary school for parents of children with additional needs

A digital hub of resources all about 'moving up'. Plus tailored online learning to support parents of children with additional needs to navigate the transition to secondary

[\(digital watch hub and bitesize e-learning\)](#)

Time to check back in?



Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing

A short learning pathway to help you connect feelings and behaviour with mental health

[\(bitesize e-learning\)](#)

Baby on the way?



NHS safe sleep guidance: Understanding your baby

Postnatal learning that includes NHS guidance on safe sleep

[\(bitesize e-learning\)](#)

Let's talk toileting



Toilet training and confident toileting with Togetherness

Emotionally aware approaches to understanding and supporting
positive toileting throughout childhood

[\(5 minute read\)](#)

Myth busting parenting



Why being an imperfect parent works

Clinical Psychologist shares and explains the biggest parenting
myths

[short video watch\)](#)

Learn on WhatsApp



Understanding your child: from toddler to teenager

Coming soon: Watch out for the new WhatsApp icon for your
learning in June: An even easier way to access learning about child
development and emotional health from NHS experts

[\(bitesize e-learning online\)](#)

FREE ACCESS

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

28th July 11am – 1pm lunch
included

25th August 2pm – 4pm Free
play

27th October 11am – 1pm lunch
included

29th December 2pm – 4pm Free
play

For more information please
contact

Chris on 07906 436391



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

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

**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 EHCP

**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

August 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

School Anxiety	3 Aug 10am
Anxiety Explained	3 Aug 7pm
Facing Defiance	4 Aug 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	4 Aug 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	10 Aug 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	10 Aug 7pm
Introduction to OCD	11 Aug 10am
Decreasing Depression	11 Aug 7pm
What is ACT?	17 Aug 10am
Improving Family Communication	17 Aug 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	18 Aug 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	18 Aug 7pm
FREE - Raising Self-Esteem	20 Aug 7-8pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 Aug 10am
Understanding Anger	24 Aug 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	25 Aug 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	25 Aug 10am

September 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

Facing Defiance	1 Sep 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	1 Sep 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	7 Sep 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	7 Sep 7pm
Introduction to OCD	8 Sep 10am
Decreasing Depression	8 Sep 7pm
What is ACT?	14 Sep 10am
Improving Family Communication	14 Sep 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	15 Sep 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	15 Sep 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	21 Sep 10am
Understanding Anger	21 Sep 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	22 Sep 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	22 Sep 7pm
FREE - Masking Awareness	24 Sep 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	28 Sep 10am
School Anxiety	28 Sep 7pm



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*

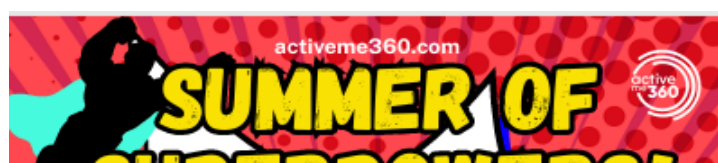
VENUES:

- 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:
 - Stannmore Primary School
 - Sun Hill Infant
 - Swanmore College

Book today!



www.activeme360.com/hafp



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

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Use code SUMMERAS15 to get 15% off. Code ends Fri 29 June

Book today!



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

www.activeme360.com/holidays/summer-holidays

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

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

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- ✓ REGISTERED BY OFSTED
- ✓ CHILD PROTECTION TRAINED

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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

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GIRLS ONLY SESSIONS

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ROCK STEADY

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- Fun and inclusive in-school band lessons. No music theory involved.
- Follow their musical journey in your Backstage account.
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- Instruments provided and no experience necessary.

BOOK TO START LESSONS IN SEPTEMBER!



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Much more than music

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Progress at their own pace

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98% of parents say their child loves or enjoys their Rocksteady lessons
(Survey Nov 2022)

"Rocksteady has given Campbell a true love of music. It has improved his life dramatically."
Georgia

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(Survey Nov 2022)



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(Mon-Thurs 8am-9pm, Fri 8am-6pm, local rate)
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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

*Have a good weekend.
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