

The Jottings - 22nd October 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,

As we reach the end of our first autumn term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a long, busy and incredibly successful term.

Over the past few months, our children have enjoyed a wealth of learning opportunities, both inside and outside the classroom. From exciting enrichment experiences and educational visits to inspiring lessons, special events and memorable experiences, it has been wonderful to see our pupils embracing opportunity with enthusiasm, curiosity and determination. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved.

One of the highlights of this term has been welcoming so many of you into school. It has been lovely to share our learning through events such as **Learning in Action**, our **SEND Coffee Mornings** and our growing **Community Hub**. These opportunities help strengthen the partnership between home and school and allow us to celebrate together the fantastic experiences our children enjoy and work together to meet their needs.

At St John's, we are committed to ensuring that what we offer meets the needs of our whole community. We greatly value the positive relationships we have with our families and our open-door approach to communication. Whilst these opportunities for discussion will continue, we are always looking for ways to strengthen parental engagement and ensure every voice is heard.

With this in mind, after the half-term break, we will be launching the **St John's Parent Forum**. We will be inviting parent representatives in, who will act as the voice of their class. Parent Representatives will meet with me on a termly basis to discuss school developments, provide feedback, share ideas and help shape the future direction of our school. What this space for more information on this.

Thank you to our families for your continued support and partnership, and to our staff for their unwavering dedication and commitment to our children every day.

Wishing you all a restful and happy break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another exciting half term of learning, growth and opportunity. We can't wait to see what the next half term brings.

Rebecca Livings

Headteacher

Year 4 in the Spotlight

Otters have had a wonderful half term and they have ended it in so many positive ways. The last few weeks, the children have been focusing on their non-chronological reports about the Anglo Saxons, focusing on writing about their home life, clothing, warriors and battles and farming techniques. We can't wait to share with you what we have achieved!

The children have also been working hard during DT and focusing on our sewing skills to create ragdolls inspired by the Anglo-Saxons. They have been incredibly resilient and I am very proud of their successes and how they helped each other, especially when trying to thread the needles.

Furthermore, we have taken some of our learning outside and have planted some bulbs in our garden area in the Copse. We spoke about what plants needed to survive, recapping our Year 3 Science knowledge, and how we can help them to thrive and grow. We look forward to seeing what they grow into soon.



Parents Evenings

Parents evening is now **open** and **bookable** on Arbor
9th and 12th November 3.30-6.30pm

Attendance Matters!

Regular attendance helps children make the most of every learning opportunity and build positive routines. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring children arrive on time and ready to learn.



Whole school attendance: 94.9% (We aim for 97%)

Attendance Champions

Congratulations to Swans (year 3) who achieved the highest attendance this week with **98%!**

Thank you to all pupils and families for making attendance a priority. Let's see who takes the top spot after half term.

Dates for your diary - details can also be found on the school website calendar

This half term:

23 October - INSET Day, school closed to children for staff training

26 - 30 October - HALF TERM, school closed

27 - 29 Road Works on Solomons Lane

31 October - DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR A YEAR 7 PLACE

1 November - APPLICATION PROCESS FOR STARTING YEAR R IN SEPTEMBER 2027 OPEN

5 November - 9am Stay and Play for Pre-schoolers and Toddlers

5 November - Special Let's Rocket lunch to celebrate Bonfire Night

10 November - AGM 7pm

11 November - Open session (9.30 - 10.30)

23 November - Open session (5 - 6pm)

30 November - Whole School immunisations

3 December - 9am Stay and Play for Pre-schoolers and Toddlers

3 December - Christmas Disco

4 December - Christmas shop

9 December - Rock Steady Concert to parents (2.00 - 3.00)

15 December - School Carol Service at St John's church (5.00 - 6.00)

6 January - Open sessions (9.30 - 10.30)

7 January - 9am Stay and Play for Pre-schoolers and Toddlers

15 January - closing date for Year R September 2027 applications

4 February - 9am Stay and Play for Pre-schoolers and Toddlers

11 February - None school Uniform (to raise money for the colour run)

22 February - 5 March - Coin wars

4 March - 9am Stay and Play for Pre-schoolers and Toddlers

19 March - Easter Trail

23 April - Games Night (Adults only)

6 May - 9am Stay and Play for Pre-schoolers and Toddlers

2 July - Colour Run

INSET dates 2026-2027

- Friday 23rd October 2026
- Friday 12th February 2027
- Friday 25th June 2027



AGM 10th November 7pm - Please let PAFS know if you would like to attend
pafswalthamchase@gmail.com

Please order your Christmas card designs by
2nd November



Volunteers needed! In order to make these wonderful events happen **WE NEED YOU!** If you would like to volunteer for any of the events, please email

pafswalthamchase@gmail.com



Keep your eyes peeled for events landing on PTA
EVENTS <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/pafs/index.cfm>





EASTLEIGH FC IN THE COMMUNITY AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PRIMARY SCHOOL
EVERY WEDNESDAY, 15:10-16:10PM

OPEN TO:

- YEAR 2
- YEAR 3
- YEAR 4

FUN FILLED AFTER SCHOOL FOOTBALL CLUB
PACKED WITH FOOTBALL, FITNESS AND FRIENDSHIP FOR KIDS OF ALL ABILITIES
JUST £6 A SESSION!

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE
CONTACT JOSH NAGE AT JNAGE@EASTLEIGHFC.COM



LIGHTHOUSE CLUB
LIGHT PARTY

Thursday 29th October 09:30-12:30
WALTHAM CHASE METHODIST CHURCH

GET READY FOR A FUN-FILLED SESSION
PACKED WITH GAMES, COOKING, CRAFT
AND MORE

£3.00 PER CHILD AGED 5-11 YEARS
TO BOOK A SPACE
CONTACT: ANOUSKA@CHASEMETHODIST.ORG
TEL: 07875218141



Aged 4 & In Yr R? **IT'S FREE!!** £28 per day 9am-4pm extended hours available For ages 4-13

THIS HALF TERM, 26-30 OCT

COLOURBURST
SPORTS CARNIVAL

ColourBurst Multi-Sports, Football & Dance Carnival holiday camps.

FIVE DAYS OF SPORT, FUN, ACTIVITY, FRIENDSHIP & TEAMWORK.
At Swanmore College

Multi Sports
Try a range of fun sports & activities every day

Dance
5 days of Street Dance, K-POP, Hip-Hop, Pop Party & graffiti art!

Mini Campers
Our free Multi-sports camps, for little ones!

Football
Play Like A Pro with our FIFA qualified coaches, learning techniques, ball skills & game strategy

See over for more details about our dance and football camps.

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EMOTION REGULATION WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS



Aims

Aimed at helping parents and carers in supporting their child's emotional regulation. It aims to understand what makes emotional regulation challenging and recognising what happens when children experience big emotions. This workshop covers what emotional regulation is and why it matters, the role of the nervous system, and simple practical strategies parents/carers can use daily to support children to regulate their emotions.



90 minute in person workshop

DATE: Tuesday 3rd
November
TIME: 09:00-10:30
LOCATION: St John
the Baptist Primary
School

We are the Winchester Mental Health Support Team (MHST), and we work closely with children, parents, and school staff to support emotional wellbeing across our partner schools. Alongside offering 1:1 support through school referrals, we also deliver a range of workshops designed to build confidence, understanding, and practical skills around children's mental health.

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