



St Clement's & St John's Infant School Newsletter



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Thought for the fortnight



Facebook page

We will use it to share information and celebrate children's learning.

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~Empowering children with God's Hope for the future, Compassion for others and the Courage to act.~

Message from our Headteacher Mr Woodward



It's been a fantastic start to the term, and I'm delighted to share some of the wonderful things happening across our school community.

Early Years have been exploring 'Autumn', investigating the local area, making bird feeders and observing blocks of ice melting to release hidden acorns.

Year 1 have been creating self portraits using a range of media for different effects.

Year 2 visited pizza hut for a wonderfully fun and yummy school trip. They have since written informative instructions on how to make pizza.

I'm also thrilled to report that our school attendance has been excellent recently. It's so important for children to be in school every day, and your support in this is truly appreciated. Let's keep up the momentum and continue making attendance a top priority.

Looking ahead, we will now combine the St Clements and St John's Infant School and Bethany Junior School coffee mornings. These will be held at St Clement's. It's a wonderful opportunity for parents and carers from both schools to come together. We hope to see many of you there!



Diary Dates

Monday 10 th Nov	Anti-bullying work starts. Odd Socks Day.	Tuesday 25 th Nov	Year 1 Learn to ride sessions.
Wednesday 12 th Nov	Individual Photos taken. Each child will have their photo taken.	Thursday 27 th Nov	Family Worship at Church. 2.30pm
Thursday 13 th Nov	Family Worship at Church. 2.30pm	Thursday 11 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day (info to follow) Family Worship at Church. 2.30pm
Wednesday 19 th Nov	Parent & Carer Coffee Morning. 9am	Thursday 18 th Dec	End of Term Church Service at St Clement's Church. 2.15pm
Thursday 20 th Nov	Family Worship at Church. 2.30pm	Friday 19 th Dec	Christmas Class Parties. Children wear non-uniform. School finishes at 1.15pm

Term and Holiday Dates 2025 - 2026

Autumn Term 2025	
First day for children	Friday 5 th September 2025
Half Term Holiday Inset day	Monday 27 th October - Friday 31 st October 2025 Monday 3 rd November 2025
Last day for children	Friday 19 th December 2025
Spring Term 2026	
Inset day	Monday 5 th January 2026
First day for children	Tuesday 6 th January 2026
Half Term Holiday Inset day	Monday 16 th February - Friday 20 th February 2026 Monday 23 rd February 2026
Last day for children	Friday 27 th March 2026
Summer Term 2026	
Inset day	Monday 13 th April 2026
First day for children	Tuesday 14 th April 2026
Bank holiday	Monday 4 th May 2026
Half Term Holiday	Monday 25 th May - Friday 29 th May 2026
Last day for children	Wednesday 22 nd July 2026

As National Curriculum Assessments are taken during the months of May & June it is even more important that your child is in school during this time.

INSET Days 2025 - 2026

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| 1. Wednesday 3 rd September 2025 | 4. Monday 5 th January 2026 |
| 2. Thursday 4 th September 2025 | 5. Monday 23 rd February 2026 |
| 3. Monday 3 rd November 2025 | 6. Monday 13 th April 2026 |

As part of our ongoing commitment to improve attendance, and achieve the expected attendance of 96% and above for each child, children need to attend school regularly.

Parent / Carer Coffee Morning

Come along for a relaxed drink and chat on
Wednesday 19th November @ 9am

Meet other parents and chat to staff
All Welcome.



Individual Photographs

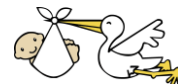
The children will have their individual photos taken on **Wednesday 12th November**.

Please make sure your child is wearing correct uniform that day and looks photo ready!

These photos will be available for you to buy, if you wish, at a later date. The company will provide you with all the details.

Welcome to the world

A huge congratulations to Mrs Crane and Mrs Freeman who have both had their beautiful babies.



Mrs Crane welcomed her baby girl on the 3rd of October and Mrs Freeman welcomed her son on 23rd of October.

Coats

Please make sure your child has a **NAMED COAT** at school each day. The weather is getting wetter and colder but the children do still go outside as much as possible.



Firework Safety

Over the coming weeks many families will be having celebrations which may include the use of fire in the form of candles, sparklers, bonfires or fireworks.

Please help keep everyone safe by:

- Keeping matches and lighters out of reach of children
- Keeping children away from candles, especially if wearing fancy dress which may not have the same fire safety standards
- Follow the fireworks code
- For a chance to win a VIP trip to a DWFRS Fire Station, a Blaze bear and a Lego or PlayMobil Emergency Services set enter the prize draw with your child.

Visit Dorset & Wiltshire Fire Service | Pumpkins, Bonfires and Fireworks (dwfire.org.uk) for further safety information and the prize draw.





Have you signed up for 'ClassDojo' yet?

Your child came home with a piece of paper containing a QR code to allow you to sign up to join your child's class Dojo account.

Teachers use this to share great learning, send information, web links and reminders about the wonderful things happening at school.

If you need a new sheet with the log in details, please speak to your child's class teacher.



As part of Anti-bullying week (10th-14th November), we invite children to come to school wearing **ODD SOCKS on MONDAY 10th NOVEMBER**. This helps children celebrate differences and uniqueness.

Map of wet homework collection points for each class



Octopus class & Seahorse class

Tiger class

Owl class

Little Oaks class & Leopard class down the side of the building



Eagle class & Kestrel class