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Dear Parents and Carers,

I trust your child has settled into the new school year? We are so impressed with all the children and the school is a calm and purposeful space for everyone involved. With any school year, the wheels are beginning to turn with increasing speed and activities and events will start to come thick and fast! Here's just a few...

Parent Share Events

Last year, Hedgehog's class pioneered Parent Share events. These were a wonderful opportunity for the parents and carers to come and engage in the learning of their children in school. We have rolled out this concept for the whole school and would love you to join your children in their learning throughout the year. We have been ambitious in setting our dates for the whole year, but understand that many of you will make adjustments to your working week to be at these events. The overview below let's you know when and where events will be taking place. We would love for you to be able to join us at these events.



[2024 – 2025 Parent Share Overview](#)

Harvest Festival

In our worship this week we have focussed on the key theme of 'Love is Kind'. We want all our children to grow in their love for each other but also think about how we can demonstrate love to those further afield. As we approach this harvest season, we want to encourage our children to be generous, understanding that our community will be a better place when we give freely. On the 15th October, the whole school will gather at Holtwood Methodist church for our harvest festival. 'Nick the Vic' will lead us in a time of collective worship, celebrating all that we have and how to demonstrate generosity. **We would love you to join us for this service, which will begin at 09.30am.**

On Arbor, please navigate to the 'Trips' section where you will see a new trip – all parents need to give consent for the trip. There is an option to give financially towards the cost of the coach – this is voluntary contribution which just goes towards offsetting the cost of the coach for the whole school (£220 each time we go to the church). The deadline for completing consent is 11th October at 9am.

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We are partnering with [Wimborne Food Bank](#) who serve the local community in a number of ways. If you are able, we would love your child to contribute food which we can give to the foodbank to serve those struggling in our community. Last year, Wimborne Food Bank donated close to 2,000 food parcels and the need this year is even greater. The volunteer team have asked that you check the date of any items donated. They have also provided a list of items they are currently running low on.

- Tinned potatoes
- Tinned rice pudding
- Squash
- Shampoo
- Tinned carrots
- Packets of rice
- Washing up liquid
- Shower gel
- Corned beef
- Porridge
- Washing pods
- Tinned custard
- Long life fruit juice
- Deodorants

We are not asking for any financial donations, but if you wish to give financially, cheques should be written to Wimborne Food Bank or A/C Name: Wimborne Food Bank, S/C: 405240, A/C No. 00034963 for direct bank transfers.

We also want to serve you as the family of St James'. If you are struggling, please reach out to us and we can connect you with organisations like the food bank for help.

Scholastic Book Fair

The scholastic book fair is here next week and is a wonderful opportunity for your child to buy a new book (or two). The money raised enables us to further enhance our in-school provision by purchasing class sets of readers for use throughout the school. The book fair will be open as follows.

Thursday 26th from 08.15 – 08.45 and 15.00 – 15.30

Friday 27th from 08.15 – 08.45 and 15.00 – 15.30

Monday 30th from 08.15 – 08.45

Open Evening

Finally, our Open evening is next Wednesday (17.30 – 19.00) for any parents who have children due to start school for the first time in September. If you already have children at the school, please can I encourage you to still come along to the evening as your voice is so helpful talking to new parents from outside of our community. You can also share the event on [Facebook](#). We managed to fill our reception class with 25 wonderful school starters this year and we hope to be able to do the same again.

Kind regards,



Mr Lawford

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