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Newsletter 9 – 6th November 2026

Class News

Nursery	- have been celebrating Diwali and Fireworks night.
YR	- have been exploring ice and testing how to make it melt quicker
Y1	- had a fantastic first rugby lesson of the year working on perfecting their throwing and catching skills
Y2	- enjoyed exploring special people in our lives during PSHE
Y3	- have enjoyed researching the Indus Valley Civilisation in History
Y4	- have had an incredible time at Leeson House this week!
Y5	- have enjoyed learning all about Sir David Attenborough and Jane Goodall in Science this week
Y6	- have been learning the scientific symbols for part of the circuit

Dear Parents,

Y4 have had an amazing time at Leeson House and have represented the school impeccably. There are some very tired Y4s (and staff!). Well done Y4, you are amazing! Thank you to the staff for enabling our children to have such a wonderful time.

RSHE Policy

We would like to inform parents and carers that our RSHE (Relationships, Sex and Health Education) Policy has recently been reviewed and updated. The updated policy is now available to view on the school website. We encourage parents and carers to take the opportunity to read the document to understand the curriculum content and how RSHE is delivered across the school.



Wellbeing Week

Week commencing Monday 16th November is Wellbeing Week here at St Ives. Please see below what activities are happening for the children;

Monday	– S'mores with Forest School
Tuesday	– Pyjama Day! Children to come to school wearing their pyjamas!
Wednesday	– Yoga
Thursday	– Movie afternoon
Friday	– Art with Heidi

School Council Christmas Wrapping Design Competition

We are delighted to launch our Christmas Wrapping Design Competition! Children are invited to create a festive pretend present for the chance to be crowned one of our competition winners. There will be one winner from Key Stage 1 and one winner from Key Stage 2, with the winning designs selected by our School Council. All presents will be used to decorate our school for Christmas time!

Competition Details:

- **Entry fee: £1 per design**
- **Maximum size: One shoebox size**

- **Closing date for entries: 1st December 2026 (entries should be handed to your child's class teacher by the closing date).**

All money raised through the competition will be donated to our chosen 2026 charity, **Waggy Tails**. We look forward to seeing all of the fantastic festive designs.

PE Kit days for November 2026

YR- Wednesday & Thursday
Y1- Wednesday & Thursday
Y2- Wednesday & Thursday
Y3- Monday & Wednesday
Y4- Monday & Thursday
Y5- Monday & Wednesday
Y6- Monday & Thursday

Online Safety

From sponsored posts and influencer promotions to adverts hidden within games and videos, children encounter online advertising almost everywhere. But can they always tell when they're being sold something? With young people particularly susceptible to persuasive marketing, it's important to understand how adverts can influence their choices, expectations and spending habits – often without them even realising.

This week's guide explores the risks of advertising aimed at children, including misleading claims, unrealistic beauty standards, inappropriate promotions and pressure to make purchases. It also offers practical advice for parents and educators on helping young people recognise sponsored content, think critically about marketing messages, avoid unintended spending and develop healthier relationships with online advertising.

Reception Starters 2027- Closing date 15th January 2027

Apply online: www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/apply-school-place

Dates for Diary

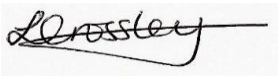
November

11th	Reception Starters 2027 Open Evening 4.30-6pm
WC 16th	Wellbeing Week
16th	Odd Socks Day
19th	Y4 Class Assembly 9am
24th	Y1 Trip to Wimborne Victorian Museum
30th	Christmas Rocksteady Concert

December

1st	SISA Non-Uniform Day (Hampers)
2nd	Y4 Samba Performance
4th	SISA Christmas Fair
14th	KS2 Christmas Performance @ Layard Theatre
15th	KS1 Nativity (PM)
16th	KS1 Nativity (AM)

Yours sincerely,



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