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Newsletter 10 – 13th November 2026

Class News

Nursery	- have been enjoying Goldilocks and the Three Bears this week
YR	- have been learning about Remembrance Day and creating our own poppy art
Y1	- had a wonderful computing lesson creating digital art
Y2	- have enjoyed learning about the importance of Armistice Day and singing Remembrance songs
Y3	- have had fun in Science exploring light sources and reflection
Y4	- have loved creating pieces of art work inspired by Pablo Picasso
Y5	- have enjoyed learning how to find percentages of numbers and how to fill their buckets! (ask us!)
Y6	- have enjoyed reading the book 'Skellig' during their Literacy lessons

Dear Parents,

Another fantastic week! Y6 were excellent ambassadors during our Open Evening this week and shared their journey through the school. Thank you and well done!

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

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

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.

Christmas Lunch Order Reminder

Please note that the cut-off for Christmas lunch orders is **midnight on Monday 7th December**.

Online Safety

WhatsApp is one of the world's best-known messaging apps, allowing users to chat, make calls and share content with friends and family. With new parental controls announced in September 2026, families have more options for managing teenagers' online experiences. However, risks including group chat pressures, scams, unwanted contact and hidden conversations remain important considerations.

This week's guide explores WhatsApp's latest safety features, including controls for group chats, Channels, privacy settings and Meta AI. It also highlights the limitations of these protections, from potentially misleading AI-generated content to the challenges of monitoring private conversations. With practical advice for parents and educators, the guide explains how to encourage safer habits while maintaining trust and open communication.

Reception Starters 2027- Closing date 15th January 2027

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Dates for Diary

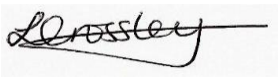
November

WC 16th	Wellbeing Week
16th	Odd Socks Day
17th	Y2 Dodgeball Tournament
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,



Mrs L Crossley

Headteacher