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Dear Parents and Carers,

On the Wednesday 1st 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.**

If you have not done so already, please navigate to the 'Trips' section on Arbor 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 30th October at 9am (tomorrow).

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.

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

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.

Kind regards,

Mr Lawford

Believe & Achieve "I will show you my faith by my deeds" James 2:18

Love | Hope | Truth