

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year!

I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas break and have had a good start to the year.

We have had a great start to the week in school. It was great to have most staff together on Monday's INSET day and it was a brilliant way to kick off the new year, speaking about the school's vision for the next 3 -5 years. This is a discussion that I would like everyone to be part of and I will be sending a survey out to parents in a few weeks time to gather your views.



This week, we have changed the way KS2 children have lunch as well which has been a great success. After the covid lockdown's, children ate lunch in their classrooms and this continued as it had worked well. Over the past months, we have been reviewing this with both staff and children. From Tuesday, all children have been eating in the hall. This has been done over two sittings to keep the hall a calm environment and all the children (and adults supporting) have been brilliant at being flexible whilst we iron out little tweaks.

Next week, we have a special visitor in school working with children in KS2 around being safe online. We will be sharing information after the sessions about anything new that is important for parents to be aware of and ways you can support your children staying safe online as this is such an important subject.

Well done to **Donaldson House** (Red) who won the house point competition for last half term. They will have a **non-uniform day next Friday**.

Have a wonderful weekend (fingers crossed it stays dry!) and see you next week.

Best wishes  
Mrs Easthope

## Forest Schools

The next Forest School session will take place on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January with Year 6**.

This half term, Forest School sessions will look slightly different due to the weather. The children will still be spending some time outdoors but not going in the 'Wild Area'. Due to this, children need to come into school in their uniform and need a warm, waterproof coat and their wellies (which should be in school anyway). Some of the session will be classroom based.

## Times Tables Rock Stars

We are excited to relaunch TT Rockstars across the school and will be running regular inter-house competitions to help motivate the children. TT Rockstars is a fun and engaging way for pupils to practise their times tables, which play a vital role in all areas of maths learning. Just a few minutes of practice each week will help children build speed, confidence, and accuracy, and the competitions will give them an extra boost of motivation. A guide has been sent home explaining how the platform works, it can be accessed on a computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone through the website or free app.. We look forward to seeing everyone get involved and celebrating their hard work!



## Time Out for Parents – Support Programmes Run by the Family Hub

There are spaces left on our **TOFP (Time out for Parents) – programmes for January-March 2026**, starting in the next 2-4 weeks. Virtual sessions are delivered by using MS Teams. (Families will be offered support to join if needed). These are relaxed and non-judgmental workshops where we share tools and strategies for family life, and where parents and carers are encouraged to share their experiences and challenges. We also signpost and share information on other services and offer families 1:1 opportunities to discuss further support needs with our facilitators.

- **Early Years Programme** is for Parents/Carers of children aged 0-5 years
- **Primary Years programme** is for Parents/Carers of children aged 5-11 years
- **Dads Programme** is for Parents/Carers of children aged 3-16 years
- **Children with Additional Needs** is for Parents/Carers of children with additional needs aged 3-12 years, a diagnosis is not required
- **Teens** is for Parents/Carers for children and young people aged 12-18
- **Teens with Additional Needs** is for Parents/Carers of children and young people with additional needs aged 12+ years, a diagnosis is not required

If you would like to express an interest in any of these courses, please use the QR codes or links below and someone will be in contact with you. If you would prefer, please contact the school office and someone will support you with this.

<a href="#"><u>Time Out for Parents – Early Years</u></a>  <p>Time Out for Parents (Early Years) - Expression of interest</p> 	<a href="#"><u>Time Out for Parents – Children with Additional Needs</u></a>  <p>Time Out for Parents (children with additional needs) - Expression of interest</p> 	<a href="#"><u>Time Out for Parents - Dads</u></a>  <p>Time Out for Parents (Dads) - Expression of interest</p> 
<a href="#"><u>Time Out for Parents – Teen</u></a>  <p>Time Out for Parents (Teens) - Expression of interest</p> 	<a href="#"><u>Time Out for Parents - Teen with additional needs</u></a>  <p>Time Out for Parents (Teens with additional needs) - Expression of interest</p> 	<a href="#"><u>Time Out for Parents – Primary Years</u></a>  <p>Time Out for Parents (Primary Years) - Expression of interest</p> 

There is more information about these programmes at this website - [Parenting Group Programmes - Wiltshire Family Hubs](#)

## FOSSP – Friends of Sarum St Paul's - please join their FOSSP Facebook page.

We're looking for parents who can help out with organising school events! You can give as much or as little time as you're able; every bit of support makes a difference and is truly appreciated. If you'd like to get involved, please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Buckley in the office.

Our FOSSP team is wonderfully friendly and approachable, but as everyone has busy schedules, a few extra hands would make a huge difference. New faces and fresh ideas are always welcome! For Friends of Sarum St Paul's to keep going strong, we really do need your help.



**Used Uniform Sale** – this will be happening most Friday's. Please check the FOSSP Facebook page to check if it is on. For this to be possible, the gates will be open until 3.45pm. Uniform will be sold from the mobile classroom.

**Fairy Cake Friday** – Fairy Cake Friday starts today with Year 1 and will be Year R next week (Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January).

More events coming soon! 😊

## Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone that donated to our Poppy Appeal. As a school we raised £126.32.



**Poppy Appeal 2025**  
This certificate is awarded  
to staff and students at

**Sarum St Pauls Primary School  
for raising £126.32**

towards £84,637 achieved by  
Salisbury and District.



Thank you from the  
Poppy Appeal team for  
your brilliant effort. The  
money you have raised  
will help to support the  
welfare and well-being  
of serving members of  
our Armed Forces,  
veterans and their  
families.

Dr Helen Smith  
Poppy Appeal Volunteer, Salisbury RBL Branch

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