

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been full of positive moments across school, and it has been lovely to see the children so settled and engaged in their learning. Our value for this half term is courage, and in worship and in class we have been thinking about doing the right thing, not the easy thing. It has been a real pleasure to hear the children share excellent examples of how they have shown this this week — from being honest, to making better choices, to standing up for others and putting things right.

We also visited St Paul's Church to celebrate Christingle, and the children's prayers were incredibly powerful — thoughtful, sincere, and a real reflection of the compassion in our community — with Craig's inflatable orange Christingle outfit bringing plenty of smiles too.

Reminder: If your child has something they would like to celebrate during Friday's worship, they need to take it into the office to put in the new 'worship box'. Any items need to be there by lunchtime on a Friday. Please make sure anything they bring in is labelled.

As I continue to get to know the school and our community, please know that I am always happy to listen, and I genuinely welcome feedback, whether it is appreciative or raises something we can improve, as my focus is on making our school the best it can be for the children. To support this, we will be holding a coffee morning as an informal chance to get to know me, and other members of the leadership team. It will be a chance to meet us, ask questions, and share any thoughts.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes

Mrs Easthope

Dates For Your Diary:

Thursday 5th February: 9.05am – 9.35am Time to Talk morning (see details below)

Tuesday 10th February: 9 – 9.30am Coffee Morning with Mrs Easthope



Forest Schools

The next Forest School session will take place on **Thursday 29th January with Year 3.**

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.

Tuck Shop Reminder

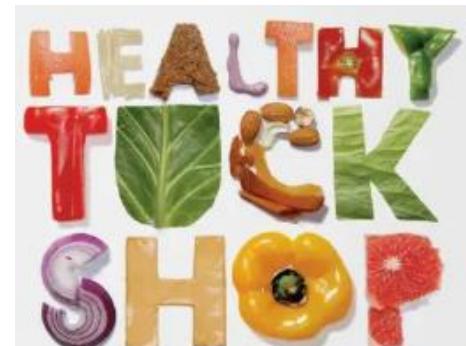
Day: Friday

Time: Morning break

Year Groups: Year 1 to Year 6

Price per item: 40p (children are limited to one item)

The tuck shop will be run by Mrs Browne and some of the children from our Hearing Impairment Resource Base. The tuck shop will consist of healthy, grazing snacks such as babybel, breadsticks, cheese straws etc.



Money in School

Currently, children bring in money for Tuck Shop and Fairy Cake Friday each week. In order to ensure that the money they bring in is safe, this will be being collected in by adults in the classroom and kept in a locked box.

In order for this to be possible, please send your child's money into school in a named envelope or purse/ wallet. Where possible, please give them the correct change (40p for tuck and 50p for a cake). If you do not have an envelope to put the money in, the class teacher will have some spare envelopes that can be used.

Please remind your child that all money needs to be handed in to the teacher or teaching assistant.



Netball Match Against Chilmark Primary School

It was a hard fought, competitive, exciting game. All the children showed great teamwork and sportsmanship. Sadly we narrowly lost 6-7 but all the children had a great time and represented the school brilliantly. We're already looking forward to planning another fixture.



Theatre Production – Dr Dolittle

On Thursday 6th February, we are delighted to be welcoming a live performance of **Doctor Dolittle** into school as part of the show's national tour.

The visit will follow the usual format of a 30-minute audience rehearsal followed by a brand new one-hour musical production, complete with a beautiful set, a wonderful cast of actors and magical puppetry.

During the rehearsal, the company will teach the whole school five chorus songs with actions, and ten children will also be chosen to wear costume and take on a small acting part in the show. This is then followed by the full production, with our ten children joining the cast and the whole school singing along.

To help cover the cost of bringing the production into school, we are asking for a **voluntary contribution of £2.50**, which will be set up for payment on School Money.



Time to Talk

We are pleased to invite you to join us for our '**Time 2 Talk**' morning in school, taking place on **Thursday 5th February 2026**, as part of **Time to Talk Day**.

Time to Talk Day is the UK's biggest mental health conversation. It is an annual event led by Mind and Rethink Mental Illness, in partnership with Co-op. The day encourages people of all ages to talk, listen, and support one another, helping to reduce stigma and remind us that we all have mental health.

At primary age, this is **not about heavy or worrying discussions**. Instead, we focus on:

- Feeling comfortable talking about emotions
- Knowing it's okay to say how we feel
- Helping children feel listened to, supported, and valued

What will happen during the morning?

Parents and carers are warmly invited into school to spend time with their child and their class in a **relaxed and informal way**. Activities will include:

- Playing simple games
- Reading together
- Chatting and spending time as a family
- Joining in with calm, enjoyable classroom activities

There is **no pressure**, no formal discussions, and no expectation to share anything personal. The aim is simply to enjoy time together, strengthen connections, and model the importance of checking in with one another.

Why this matters:

Many people will experience challenges with their mental health at some point in their lives. By encouraging open, everyday conversations from a young age, we help children learn that:

- They are not alone
- Talking can help
- Asking for support is a positive thing

We hope you can join us for this special morning and help us create a warm, supportive school community where talking and listening are part of everyday life.

If you wish to join us, please arrive at the school office at **9:05 am**. Classrooms will be open for half an hour, and you are very welcome to move between classes if you have siblings.



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 – if you are in Year 5, please bring in cakes next week (30th January).

More events coming soon! 😊

Safeguarding – Online Safety

Parenting in the Digital World

On Monday 16th March, Richard Pomfrett, who did the Online Safety presentations for KS2, is going to be holding a parent workshop on zoom.

Below are the details. There will be a letter sent out next week with more info.

Richard is very keen for parent to know that there is NO requirement to have cameras on during the session and that it is designed to provide you with as much information and advice as possible to help you make informed decisions and choices about your children's digital lives.

He is a parent himself and fully understands the pressure on parents to keep up with this ever changing digital world.

Parenting in the Digital World - Sarum St Paul's CE Primary School

Date/Time: 16.03.26 - 7 PM

Richard Pomfrett is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88442411255?pwd=y9YVRc21JCdRRVGv72vC6oiPc7Fatu.1>

Meeting ID: 884 4241 1255

Passcode: 619492



St Paul's Church Toddler Group

Please see the image below for details of a fantastic toddler group run by St Paul's Church. It's a brilliant way to build connections and enjoy something fun with any little ones not yet at school.

Ark Toddler Group

St Paul's Church, Fisherton Street

Wednesday's (term time)

10:30-11:45am

£2 a session

Come along for community, a cuppa and fun.



SAYM Music Making on Saturday Mornings

Wyvern St Edmund's School, Laverstock, SP1 1RD

Blow, bow, strum or sing - making music with others is one of the best things about playing a musical instrument. Come along and see all the fantastic music making opportunities we have on offer at our Saturday Music Sessions. Join us for a free taster session, bring your instrument/voice and play/sing with us or just come along and listen.

The SAYM team look forward to meeting you!

Visit – saym.org.uk Contact – admin@saym.org.uk / 07838 189040

Violin Viola Cello and Bass

Beginner Strings: up to Grade 1	10.10 – 10:55
Junior Strings: Grade 1-2+	10.15 - 11.15
Intermediate Strings Grade 3 +	09:00 – 10:15

Woodwind and Brass

Junior Band: Grade 2+ - 4	10.00 - 11.00
Training Band Grade 1-2	11.00 - 12.00

Flute and Clarinet Sessions

Year 3 upwards for beginners	09:00 – 09:45
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Choirs

Junior Choir: Year 2-6	09:00 – 10:00
Youth Choir: Year 7 and above	11.00 - 12.00

Guitars

Guitar Sessions for Junior: Year 3 - 6	10:00 – 11.00
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For Younger Musicians

Start the Music – singing fun, musical games and more for age 4+	09:00 – 09:45
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