

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had another fantastic week in school, including the school discos, which were great fun for everyone involved. A huge thank you to FOSSP, our fantastic parent volunteers for all their hard work in making the event such a success. We would also like to thank everyone who kindly donated items for our Christmas hampers - your generosity is truly appreciated.

Our choir has been busy too, proudly recording their Christmas song, which we are hoping will be played on Salisbury Radio on 14th December. As we move into this special season of Advent, we are looking forward to the build-up to Christmas in school, with nativity practices and lots of joyful preparations already underway.

Our governors have also spent time in school this week and were incredibly impressed by how confidently and thoughtfully the children spoke about the Christian values that are important to them. The children were articulate, reflective, and a real credit to our school community.

We are looking forward to receiving lots of Christmas jumpers and accessories to sell in school next week. Please send them in on Monday to be sold on Friday in the school hall.

Have a wonderful weekend, especially if you are putting up your decorations!

Best wishes,
Mrs Easthope

Dates for this term: *new dates in italics*

Parent Tours for Reception Intake September 2026 – ask office for dates/times or see 'joining our school' on the website

1st December – Bring in any Christmas jumpers and accessories for the sale on Friday

2nd December – Flu Vaccinations

5th December – Christmas Jumper Sale (and used school uniform) in the hall, after school

11th December – Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save The Children

11th December – 5.00pm EYFS and KS1 Nativity Play

16th December – 6pm Christmas Service at St Paul's Church (more details to follow)

17th December – Christmas Lunch Day

19th December – Last day of term. Collection at 1.30pm

Christmas Art Competition

This week, the annual Christmas Art competition has begun. It is £1 to enter via School Money and is listed as a shop item. All entries need to be in by the 2nd December for judging. As always there is a fantastic prize to be won so we look forward to as many entries as possible. Many thanks, Mrs Shinn.

Forest Schools

The next Forest School session will take place on **Thursday 4th December**. This session is being split and therefore can all **Year 4 and Year 5 children** come dressed for Forest School. Please take the weather into account. Your child **MUST** wear long trousers, layers/warm clothes and wellies.

Safeguarding

We have been made aware of a pop-up that is appearing on Roblox encouraging children to download an app called Pollybuzz (or Pollyfuzz in some spelling cases). The app seems quite simple where children are asked questions, and it generates an Artificial Intelligence 'friend' - this starts off quite innocently but then begins to show extreme content (including suicide, self-harm and pornography).

If your child plays this game, it may be helpful to remind them about not clicking on pop-ups and to report anything that is worrying or inappropriate to you or us in school.

Roblox does have parental controls and instructions of how to put these on can be found via this link - [Parental Controls Overview – Roblox Support](#)

Please note parental controls will stop some pop ups, but not all, so appropriate supervision is needed at all times.



Attendance – the importance of coming to school

Attendance Matters



Regular school attendance is essential for every child's learning, progress, and confidence. When children are in school consistently, they build strong routines, stay connected with their classmates, and make the most of every learning opportunity.

Over the next week, I will be sending out letters to families where attendance needs to improve so we can work together to support every child in achieving their best. Thank you for your continued partnership in helping our pupils thrive.

We also kindly remind families of the importance of punctuality. Arriving late can disrupt a child's start to the day, affect their confidence, and cause them to miss key learning and social time with their peers. Establishing a prompt morning routine helps set children up for success, and we appreciate your support in ensuring everyone arrives on time and ready to learn.



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 – **Friday 5th December** – **Y2**. If cakes are homemade, they must be labelled with ingredients. We are a **no nut school**. Cakes are available to purchase by anyone and will be sold by the Key Stage 2 doors.

Christmas Jumper Sale - This year, we are supporting Save the Children by wearing Christmas Jumpers on 11th December. The week before this, on **Friday 5th December**, there will be a Christmas Jumper/ outfit sale in the school hall. We will also be selling Christmas themed cakes and school uniform as well. **We will be asking for donations of adult/children's Christmas jumpers on Monday 1st December**. We are hoping that this sale will support families to get new Christmas clothes to wear without having to buy new where possible.



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Time Out For Parents - Children with Additional Needs

Are you a parent/carer for a child (or children) with additional needs? This course was written for you!

Come and meet other parents/carers to support, help and encourage each other to share feelings and experiences about your child with additional needs.

Discuss and share ideas that support you to come up with solutions to problems and behaviours that challenge on the basis of what works – not what's meant to work!

(No formal diagnosis required)

There are three date/ time options available:

Join us virtually
via Microsoft Teams
Thursday 15th January to
Thursday 12th March
Excluding
Thursday 19th February
18:00-20:00

Join us virtually
via Microsoft Teams
Friday 23rd January to
Friday 20th March
Excluding
Friday 20th February
10:00-12:00

Join us virtually
via Microsoft Teams
Tuesday 13th January to
Tuesday 10th March
Excluding
Tuesday 17th February
12:30-14:30



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