

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas is definitely in the air in school this week. The children have learnt about advent being a time of HOPE (which is the value we are learning about this half term) and waiting.

Christmas trees are appearing in classrooms and the children singing Christmas songs is ramping up as we head towards our performances over the next couple of weeks.

The Christmas Art Competition has been a great success and we have received more entries than ever before. We now have the tricky job of judging them and will let the winners know very soon.

We are looking forward to welcoming parents from Reception and KS1 for the Nativity on Thursday. We are praying for dry weather. As we move closer to Thursday, if it looks like the weather will be very wet we will let you know the plan and how things may look different.

Have a wonderful weekend and see you next week.

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

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

11th December – 5.00pm EYFS and KS1 Nativity Play

15th December – *The school choir will be on Salisbury Radio at some point between 8.20am and 4.20pm!*

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

Forest Schools

There will be no Forest School session next week. The next Forest School session will take place on **Thursday 18th December with Year R**. Please come dressed for Forest School and take the weather into account. Your child **MUST** wear long trousers, layers/warm clothes and wellies.

Christmas Jumper Day – 11th December

On Thursday 11 December, our school will be taking part in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. This is a fundraising event where children wear a jumper or other festive outfit and donate money to help children in the UK and all around the world.

Save the Children are encouraging people not to buy new jumpers for the day. You could upcycle an old jumper, get crafty or head to your local charity shop to buy a pre-loved festive knit.

This year, donating £2 could buy a packet of seeds for a family in Kenya to grow their own food, after drought has killed their crops, or a combined donation of £160 from our whole school could help train a psychological first aider to help children in Ukraine recover from their traumatic experiences.

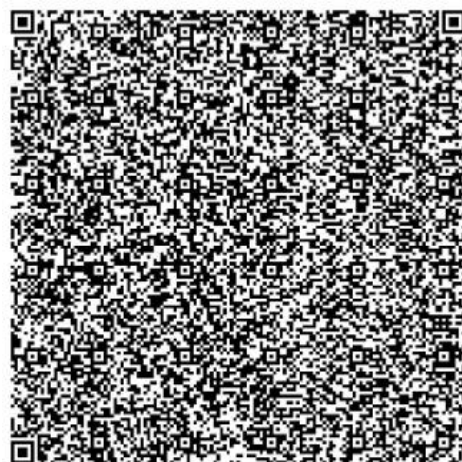
We'd appreciate your support to make Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day a success. Together, we can make the world better with a sweater. Thank you for your support.

Please click on this link or scan the QR code if you would like to donate straight to our Just Giving Page.

[Sarum St Paul's CE Primary School - Christmas Jumper Day is raising money for Save The Children!](#)



**Christmas
Jumper
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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.

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.

Our current whole school attendance is **93.8%**. Attendance this low is a concern so will be a focus for us for the following months. Our whole school target is over **96%** - please support us by sending your child to school if they are well enough.



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.



Thank you to FOSSP who organised and ran the disco for the children! It was a great success. 🎉

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 12th December – Y1. 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.

More events to come in the new year 😊



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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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