

Dear Parents and Carers,

I think this week may have been the busiest week in school yet! Well done to all the children in Year R and KS1 for their wonderful Nativity. Thank you to Mrs Shinn all the staff in Reception and KS1 for all their time and hard work as well as all the parents who supported us with the event.



Thank you to Mr and Mrs Rusalen who provided the lights (and lots of their time) to the production. The donkeys and baby Felix were amazing special additions to what was a lovely event.

Thank you also to everyone who donated to Christmas Jumper Day



yesterday. The children all looked very festive in their attire and enjoyed the day and the money will all be going to such a good cause – Save the Children.

This week, we have also celebrated the competition winners for the art competition. The entries this year were amazing and we received the most entries we ever had (98!). Please see the picture for the winners and their prizes.



Next week, we are looking forward to the KS2 Carol Concert at the church and also the class Christmas Parties. **Please remember that school will be finishing at 1.30pm next Friday (19<sup>th</sup>).**

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  
15<sup>th</sup> December – The school choir will be on Salisbury Radio at **8.20am** and **4.20pm**!

16<sup>th</sup> December – 6pm Christmas Service at St Paul's Church

17<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch Day

19<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term. Collection at 1.30pm

## **Class Parties**

Each class will be having a festive party next week. Please see below for the day of the parties. Children can wear their own clothes/ Christmas accessories on that day.



Year Group	Day
Year R	Wednesday
Year 1	Thursday
Year 2	Thursday
Year 3	Thursday
Year 4	Friday
Year 5	Thursday
Year 6	Friday

### Forest Schools

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.

### School Uniform

Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform on every day for school. Being smart for school is important and shows pride.

Reminders:

- Shoes must be all black – no colour or logos. They can be trainers or traditional school shoes.
- PE kit must only be worn on PE days.
- Children should wear a jumper that is the school's blue colour.
- Hair accessories must be in the school colours.

### Threadworm

We have been made aware of a number of cases of threadworms across the school. This is a very common childhood condition and is nothing to be alarmed about, but it does spread easily, particularly through poor hand hygiene.

To help reduce the risk of further cases and reoccurrence, we will be doing additional work in school to reinforce effective handwashing, especially after using the toilet and before eating. We will also be encouraging the regular use of hand gel alongside thorough handwashing. Getting into the habit of keeping nails short and cleaning under nails is also helpful in preventing the spread of infection.

We kindly ask families to support this at home by reminding children about good hygiene routines and seeking advice from a pharmacist if you have any concerns. Working together, we can help keep everyone healthy.



### 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.

#### Medical evidence for appointments

If your child is attending a medical appointment in school time, please can you ensure that the office is provided with a copy of the appointment letter or photograph of the confirmation text. This can be shown in the office or emailed. If this is not provided then the absence will have to be unauthorised. If you are finding this difficult, please do come and speak to us at school.



**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 will begin again next term.

**More events to come in the new year** 😊