

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week in school - hasn't the weather turned chilly!

Our children in the Resource Base have been developing their life skills by visiting the local shop, where they put their learning into practice and impressed everyone with their confidence and independence. Earlier this week, Year 1 hosted a live phonics lesson, with 14 parents joining us to watch Mrs Peter teach. We have received such positive feedback from families, and it was fantastic to share how phonics is taught in the classroom. We look forward to holding more events like this in the future.

A special well done also goes to our school choir, who gave a wonderful performance at the Salisbury City Hall Christmas Music Festival. The children sang beautifully and represented our school so brilliantly. Huge thanks to Mrs Peter, who prepared them so well, and to all the adults who supported the event. It was a real pleasure for Mrs Chitty and me to go along – we were incredibly proud of them and loved seeing them shine.



This is a packed newsletter with lots of information. We really look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Events that are coming up.

Have a wonderful weekend – wrap up warm!

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

27th November – Wear your own clothes in exchange for a hamper prize (see below)
5th

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

11th December – 5.00pm EYFS and KS1 Nativity Play (more details to follow)

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 27th November with Year R.** Please dress for the weather. Your child **MUST** wear long trousers, layers/warm clothes and wellies.

School Reading Expectations

Reading at home is a vital part of every child's learning journey, and we ask that all pupils read **at least four times each week**. Regular reading helps build confidence, strengthens vocabulary and supports success across all subjects. A good reading session only needs 10–15 minutes and might include:

- Listening to your child read aloud and offering gentle encouragement
- Asking questions about the story to build understanding
- Talking together about new or tricky words and practising them
- Re-reading favourite pages to build fluency and confidence
- Depending on age and stage, reading some of the book to your child for enjoyment



Most importantly, keep the experience positive and celebratory—small, regular moments of shared reading make a big difference!

Books need to be in school every day as there are adults that come in to school to do extra reads with the children

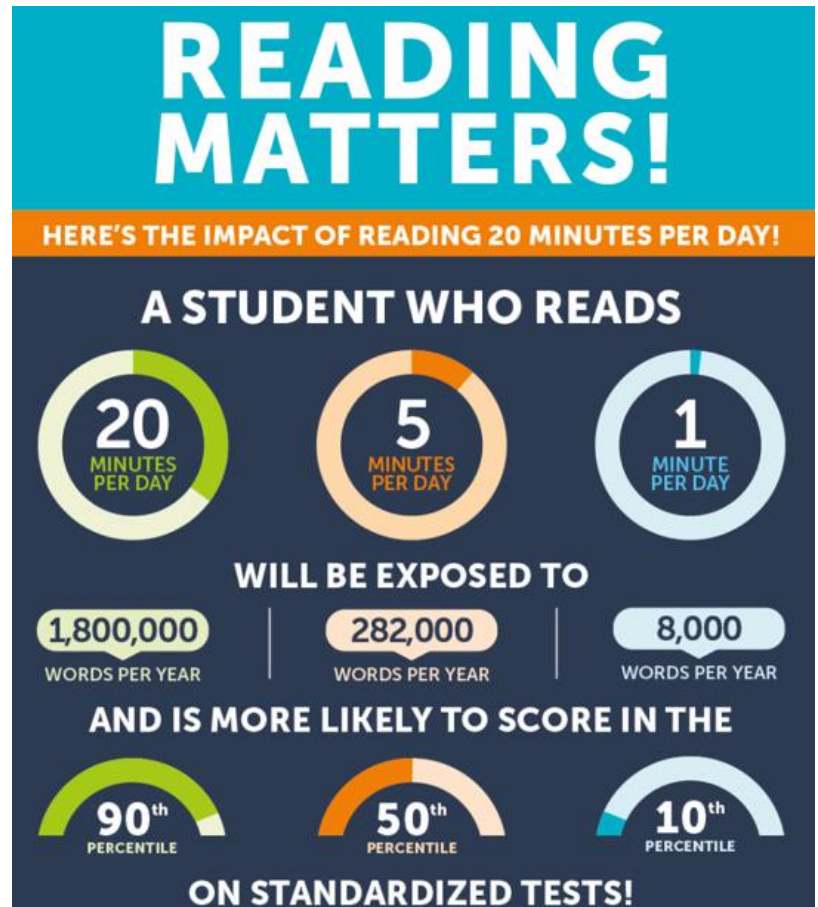
Changing books:

Reception and Key Stage 1: Books are changed once a week because it is highly beneficial for children to read the same book several times—this helps develop fluency, understanding, and enjoyment. Please ensure each book is read a number of times.

Key Stage 2:

Books are changed once a week on a dedicated day for the same reasons as above. All children in KS2 have a library slot where they have an opportunity to change their library book on a weekly basis as well.

Please do encourage children to read books from your bookshelves at home as well as their school books.



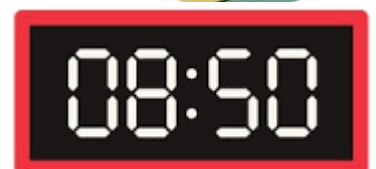
Morning Drop Off

Reception and Key Stage 1:

We kindly ask that parents and carers leave the school site promptly at the start of the day and avoid stopping by classroom windows to wave or interact with children. While these moments are always meant with love, they can sometimes make it harder for pupils to settle and begin their learning calmly. By heading off promptly, you're helping us create a smooth, positive start to the day for all children, and we truly appreciate your support.

Key Stage 2:

We've noticed that many Key Stage 2 children are arriving at school very early and gathering in the playground. While it's lovely to see them enjoying time together, we want to ensure all pupils have a safe and calm start to their day. If possible, please encourage your child to arrive just before the doors open, when staff are ready to welcome them. This helps everyone begin the morning in a settled, positive way, and we really appreciate your help in making this happen.



Children's Phone Use

A reminder for families of Year 5 and 6 pupils: If your child brings a mobile phone to school, it must be kept out of sight as soon as they enter the school grounds. Once inside, phones should be handed straight to the class teacher and will be returned at the end of the day. Please only send a phone if it is absolutely necessary, and note that children in Year 4 and below should not bring phones to school at all. The Year 5 and 6 pupils have already been reminded of this in school, but we would be grateful if you could reinforce the message at home. We have also spoken to them about the importance of not taking photos of one another, especially without consent, to ensure that everyone feels safe and respected.



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.



Winter Disco – We are very excited to be hosting a disco on **Thursday 27th November**. Tickets are for sale on the SHOP section on school money. Sweets will be available to buy on the night.

EYFS and KS1 – 5.30pm – 6.30pm

KS2: 6.45pm – 8pm

No tickets will be issued. If you've paid, your child will be checked in on the door. You can also pay by cash on the night.

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 28th November** – **Y3**. 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.

Exciting Opportunity from Salisbury FC

Thank you to everyone that has entered this competition. The closing date is TODAY and the draw will be made on MONDAY.

We're thrilled to share that Salisbury FC is generously offering 50 complimentary tickets to their upcoming home match against Hemel Hempstead Town on Saturday, 6th December, kick-off at 3:00 PM. Each ticket admits one child and one accompanying adult, making it a fantastic opportunity for families to enjoy a live football match together. As an added bonus, 10 lucky children will have the chance to take part in a special guard of honour, waving flags to welcome the players onto the pitch — a memorable experience for any young football fan! Tickets will be allocated via a raffle draw. If you'd like to enter for a chance to win, please complete the Google Form below.



Closing date for entries – Friday 21st November

Draw will be made on Monday 24th November

If you have been successful, you will be notified you by email.

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Win a Christmas Hamper



But we need your help...

Wear your own clothes on Thursday 27th November in exchange for a hamper prize.

You can buy tickets at the KS1 performance and the KS2 carol concert. We will draw the raffle after the performance on the 16th December.

Each class has been assigned a colour and are as follows:

Year R – Rainbow

Year 1 – Red

Year 2 – Blue

Year 3 – Silver

Year 4 – Gold

Year 5 – Purple

Year 6 – Green



You can donate a wide range of items from wine to juice, snacks to bubble bath, books to pencils, toiletries, biscuits, decorations, chocolate and more.

Thank you for your support.