

'Do Everything In Love' - 1 Corinthians 16 v14



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Dear Parents,

We've had a positive start to term 2 with some great learning taking place as well as a visit from a photographer who works in Africa, Odd Socks Day and Children in Need. Year 6 have focused on their writing about Shackleton while Reception have enjoyed creating firework pictures using the shapes that they have been learning about.

New Starters

We warmly welcome our new students, Brittanique and Logan to our school.

Lunches

Universal Free School Meals continue to be available for all Reception and Key Stage 1 pupils daily. For all Key Stage 2 pupils, hot lunches can be ordered at a cost of £2.60 per day or £13.00 per week. All meals must be ordered on the App and paid for in advance. Please can ALL parents book their child's meals for the half term on Reach More Parents even if they are eligible for a free meal.

Christmas Dinner will be on Wednesday 18 December – please order by 2 December at the latest.



Pupil Premium/Free School Meals

Extra funding is available for school to support the education of children from families in receipt of certain benefits (including funding for Free School Meals at all Key Stages). If you think that you might be eligible, please apply online at <https://parentportal.wiltshire.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/home> or ask for a form in confidence from the School Office. **It is important that parents complete this form even if your child is in Reception/Key Stage 1 pupil**, as it means that we will receive additional funding to spend on supporting your child throughout his/her school career, and to subsidise additional school expenses such as swimming, trips and music lessons. Pupil premium children are also entitled to free milk, even after their 5th birthdays.

Tuck

Tuck is available for all children in years 1 – 6 to buy on Tuesday mornings at playtime. Please send your child in with 20p if they wish to buy a homemade cake/biscuit from the school kitchen.

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Healthy Eating and Nut Allergies

We promote healthy eating and encourage the children to make healthy food choices. Children in Years R – 2 receive a free fruit snack each day. Children in other year groups may bring in fruit to eat at breaktime. If children are bringing packed lunches, please do not include sweets and chocolate in their meals. To ensure that our Healthy Eating Policy is inclusive, please do not bring in sweets or cakes to give out on birthdays.

As we have some children in school who are allergic to nuts, please do not send in nuts or nut products in lunchboxes. We do not use nuts or nut products in school meals, and a list of allergens is provided on the school meal planner. Please speak to Mrs Carpenter, our Catering Manager, if you have any queries or special dietary requests.

Thank you for your support.

Music Lessons

These will be held as follows for the children who have signed up for peripatetic lessons: -

- Woodwind (Rachel Maguire) Monday pm
- Brass (Laurie Truluck) Friday am

Music lessons are billed directly via the Salisbury Music Co-operative. If you hire a St Andrew’s school instrument, we will be in touch about paying the hire charge of £15 per term (£45 annually).

Classes 3 and 4 are having whole class recorder lessons weekly with Mrs Maguire on Monday afternoons (there is no charge to parents for these lessons).

Classes 5 and 6 will continue to access weekly ukulele lessons for the rest of the autumn term. Again, there is no cost to parents.

Class Cooking

During the school year, all classes will have the opportunity to cook, which is an important skill and something that the children really enjoy doing. They will be able to bring home their products to share with you. To cover the cost of ingredients we ask for a one-off voluntary contribution of £3. If you have not already paid, please do so via the school app.

Thursday 21st November – Class 2

Friday 22nd November – Class 4

Thursday 28th November – Class 1

Friday 6th December – Class 5

Friday 13th December – Class 3

Class 6 will have a bake day to get ready for the Christmas Bazaar, Class R will be cooking in smaller groups.

Attendance

We would like to remind all parents that the regulations governing term-time holidays do not now permit Headteachers to authorise any term-time leave for pupils unless there are exceptional circumstances”.

Regular, punctual attendance at school is important for your child’s progress. Please help us by ensuring that your child is in school punctually (school starts at 8.30am) and that children are not taken out of school during term-time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Every child’s attendance is monitored each half-term and we may contact the parents of those children whose attendance is below 97%, or otherwise giving cause for concern, so that we can discuss their attendance further.

Our new attendance policy is available on the school website.

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Parent Helpers

We are delighted to welcome parent helpers at our school. If you would like to support with reading, cooking, gardening or any other activities then please let us know. All helpers must have a DBS check prior to volunteering which can be arranged with the school office.

Primary Applications for Reception September 2025 Admissions

Applications for Primary Admissions for September 2025 should be made online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk. The primary deadline is **15 January 2025**.

Uniform

Please ensure that all uniform is named (especially sweatshirts) as this helps us to return stray items.

PE Kits

All children need to have a PE kit in school every day, including trainers suitable for outdoor activity. PE kits can be brought into school in a bag which can be hung on the children's pegs. If your child has earrings, they should remove these for PE and sporting activities. If they are unable to do this, then the earrings need to be covered by plasters for PE lessons. On Wednesdays, children may have PE lessons **outside** with our Sports Coach, so in colder weather they may need tracksuit bottoms.

Travel to and from school

We would like to remind all parents that for safety reasons, you should not park or drive along the lane at the side of school before or after school. Parents must not use the staff car park for parking or turning, and under no circumstances should children be allowed to walk across the staff car park.

We are working with the other local schools and the Council to try to promote sustainable journeys and would like to encourage as many families as possible to walk or cycle to school. There are scooter racks and a bike rack in school for our children's use, and you can sign up to the HomeRunApp www.homerun-app.com/stava2930 to try to organise lift shares if you live outside the village.

Please park considerately and be mindful of the new parking restrictions.

Mobile Phones

If your child must bring a mobile phone to school, it must be handed into the office first thing in the morning and collected at the end of the day. Children are not allowed phones during the day, in line with our Online Safety Policy. The telephone in the school office is always available for children to contact their parents or for you to phone if you need to get a message to your child. Unless it is absolutely necessary, we would discourage children from bringing phones to school in the first place. The school can accept no responsibility for any loss or damage to phones.

Changes of Details

Please let us know straight away if you have a change of personal details (especially phone numbers) or if you wish to change any of the contacts that we have for your child/ren. It is also important that we are notified of any changes to medical/dietary information, or any of the consents that we hold for your child/ren. We have published forms on our school app (click on the 'Forms' globe) so that you can notify us of any changes as soon as they occur. Thank you.

Staffing Update

Mrs Usherwood will be leaving us (temporarily) on Thursday 21 November to start her maternity leave. We wish her well and will welcome Miss Knapman to the team on Monday 25 November.

We would also like to congratulate Miss Willetts who is expecting her second child at the end of February.

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Estimated costs for this academic year

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Rec		Church visit - free			Langford Lakes - £13	
Y1	Laverstock Downs - free			Visitor from Salisbury Museum - free	Riverbourne Farm - free	Salisbury Library - free
Y2				Marwell Zoo - £17		Visit by Wiltshire Creative - £5
Y3	WWT workshop - £3	Salisbury Museum - £4	Pizza Express - free Stonehenge - £10		Visiting artist - £2	
Y4	Wessex Water workshop - free		Living Rainforest - £22		Visitor from Salisbury Museum - £4	
Y5		Visit from ShelterBox - free	Young Voices – £20		Salisbury Cathedral - £7	Residential Visit - £350
Y6		Carol singing - free	Young Voices – £20 Boscombe Down Aviation Centre -£4			Residential Visit - £350 Salisbury Museum - free
Whole School	Cooking - £3/yr	Christmas gift - £2 Theatre Group visit - free				

Costs are approximate, but they will give an idea of the planned expense.

Year 6 visits are subject to change.

Diary Dates

Reception/Key Stage 1 Performances – 11 December

The Key Stage 1 and Reception performances will take place on Wednesday 11 December at **1.30pm** and **5pm**. All are welcome.

Key Stage 2 Carol Service – 17 December

Instead of a Key Stage 2 performance this Christmas, the children in Years 3-6 will all take part in a Carol Service at St. Andrew’s Church on Tuesday 17 December at **9.15am**. Friends and family are welcome to join us.

Christmas Dinner – 18 December

Christmas Dinner will be served on Wednesday 18 December – please order by **2 December** at the latest.

Christmas Parties and Disco – 20 December

The Christmas disco and party day will be on the last day of term 2 (20 December). This will be a non-uniform day, but please be mindful that the children will be outside at break and lunchtime so clothing needs to be warm.

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A complete list of Term Dates for 2024/5 is available on our school website under Key Dates – Term Dates. Please note, our final TD Day has been booked for Monday 9 June so the school will be closed to all children on this date.

Sincerely

Mrs J Fernie

Headteacher

Diary Dates – St Andrew's Primary School

Monday 4 November	First Day of Term 2
Tuesday 12 November	Odd Socks Day
Friday 15 November	Children in Need
Thursday 21 November	Year 3 Salisbury Museum Trip
Monday 25 November	Bag2School
Friday 29 November	Year 6 Bake day
Saturday 30 November	FOSA Christmas Bazaar
Wed 11 December	Reception/KS1 Performances 1.30pm & 5pm
Thursday 12 December	Theatre group – The Jungle Book
Tuesday 17 December	KS2 Carol Service
Wed 18 December	Christmas Dinner day
Thurs 19 December	Y5/6 Ukulele performance tbc. Information to follow
Friday 20 December	Class party day/School disco
Friday 20 December	Last Day of Term 2
Monday 6 January	TD Day
Tuesday 7 January	First Day of Term 3
Thursday 13 February	Last Day of Term 3
Friday 14 February	TD Day
Monday 24 February	First Day of Term 4
Friday 4 April	Last Day of Term 4
Tuesday 22 April	First Day of Term 5
Monday 5 May	Bank Holiday
Friday 23 May	Last Day of Term 5
Monday 2 June	First Day of Term 6
Monday 9 June	TD Day
Thursday 24 July	Last Day of Term 6