

'Do Everything In Love' - 1 Corinthians 16 v14



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Dear Parents,

A big welcome back after the Christmas holidays, we hope everyone has had a lovely rest.

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 (£72.80 up to Feb half term). 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, or having a packed lunch from home.

Parents to Lunch

The dates for this term's Parents to Lunch events are below. Please can parents arrive 5 minutes before lunch starts to sign in. All events can be booked on the App in the usual way.

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| • Wednesday 8 January | Year 5/6 parents | 12.30pm |
| • Wednesday 15 January | Year 4 parents | 12.30pm |
| • Wednesday 22 January | Year 3 parents | 12.15pm |
| • Wednesday 29 January | Year 2 parents | 12noon |
| • Wednesday 5 February | Year 1 parents | 12noon |
| • Wednesday 12 February | Year R parents | 12noon |

Polite reminder - if booking onto Parents to Lunch, please order a school lunch. Dietary requirements can be catered for so please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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.

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

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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).

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.

Volunteers

We are delighted to welcome volunteers to our school. If you are able to support with reading, cooking, gardening or any other activities then please let us know. All volunteers must have a DBS check prior to starting 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 any 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 with our Sports Coach; this term they are practising gymnastic skills so will need to be able to work in bare feet. Tights make this difficult for some pupils so please ensure that they are wearing socks or have plimsolls in school.

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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.

Swimming

Swimming in Terms 3 & 4 is for children in Year 4 and some Year 6 pupils and it take place on Tuesday mornings. Please ensure that your child has their kit with them each week. We are requesting a contribution of £13.75 for Terms 3 & 4 (£1.50 per session) to help towards transport costs. This can be paid on Reach More Parents in the usual way.

Osmington Bay – Residential Trip

This is a gentle reminder about making payments towards Osmington bay 2025. Final payments are due 31 March 2025.

Diary Dates

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

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Diary Dates – St. Andrew's Primary School

Monday 6 January	TD Day
Tuesday 7 January	First Day of Term 3
Tuesday 14 January	Swimming starts 4 & selected Yr6 students
Wednesday 22 January	Y5 STEM Challenge
Thursday 23 January	Yr3 visit to Stonehenge
Friday 24 January	Y5 & 6 Choir – Young Voices
Tuesday 4 February	Discovery 3 Computing workshops (Y1-6)
Wednesday 5 February	Yr3 Pizza Express trip
Saturday 8 February	FOSA Barn Dance
Tuesday 11 February	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 13 February	Last Day of Term 3
Friday 14 February	TD Day

Monday 24 February	First Day of Term 4
Friday 7 March	Celebrate World Book Day
Friday 21 March	Red Nose Day
Thursday 27 March	Yr4 Living Rainforest trip – letter to follow
Thursday 27 March	Yr2 Marwell Zoo Trip – letter to follow
Friday 28 March	FOSA Easter Bingo
Friday 4 April	FOSA Tuck and Uniform Sale
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