

'Do Everything In Love' - 1 Corinthians 16 v14



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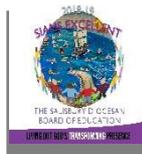
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Dear Parents,

Welcome back after what I hope was a lovely summer break. We had such nice weather, but the weather seems to be turning quite autumnal now we're all back at school! Your child will need a coat in school as we usually go outside at break and lunch even when it's wet.

We have had a lovely start to the term. The children are settled and there is a calm, positive atmosphere in school. The children are enjoying spending time with their friends and lots of them have been keen to share their experiences from over the summer.

New Starters

We warmly welcome all of our new children who are joining Reception. This year we welcome Alice, Ayla, Barney, Curtis, Daisy, Darcey, Erynn, Esme, Freya C, Freya O, Harry, Jasmeen, Jude, Lawrence, Luca, Luna, Maisie, Marleigh, Marley, Maxwell, Oliver, Otto, Owen, Renee, Ronnie, Rory, Thea, Thomas and Tommy. We also welcome also Remy, Felicity, Wendy, Elsie and Elijah who are joining other year groups.

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 £2.70 per day or £13.50 per week (£99.90 up to the end of term 1). 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

Please book on the App for this term's parents to lunch dates:-

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| • Wednesday 17 September | Year 5/6 parents | 12.30pm |
| • Wednesday 24 September | Year 4 parents | 12.30pm |
| • Wednesday 1 October | Year 3 parents | 12.15pm |
| • Wednesday 8 October | Year 2 parents | 12noon |
| • Wednesday 15 October | Year 1 parents | 12noon |

We can only accept 15 bookings so places are allocated on a first come, first served basis. If you are unable to book, please contact the admin team to be placed on the waiting list. Please note that if you book a place, you are expected to have a school meal (main meal, jacket potato or salad). Thank you.

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**

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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.

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 break time. If children are bringing packed lunches, please do not include sweets and chocolate in their meals. To ensure that we are 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.

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.

Water Bottles

All children should bring a water bottle to school filled with water (not squash). This can be re-filled from the water cooler during the day. Squash/juice is only allowed with lunch and can be purchased from the kitchen for 10p per cup (max. of one cup per day).

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 £20 per term (£60 annually).

Class 4 continue to access whole class recorder lessons weekly with Mrs Maguire on Monday afternoons (there is no charge to parents for these lessons).

Class Cooking

During the school year, all classes will have the opportunity to cook. This is an important skill and something that the children really enjoy doing. They will be able to bring home their food to share with you. To cover the cost of ingredients we ask for a one-off voluntary contribution of £3, which can be paid on our App.

Attendance

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).

As you may have seen in the news recently, the Government are launching new strategies to help school leaders improve attendance levels at school as we know that school attendance has a direct link to outcomes and life chances. This startling statistic was shared on the BBC last week:

"It comes as data first seen by the BBC reveals more than half of pupils who missed some of the first week went on to become "persistently absent" in 2024, compared with just 14% of pupils who fully attended the first week." ([link to article](#)).

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We frequently communicate the importance of attendance at school and the impact low attendance has on learning and outcomes. It's important that we do all we can to work in partnership to give the children the best start in life.

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

Thank you for your support.

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 through the school office.

Uniform

Please ensure that all uniform is named (especially sweatshirts) as this helps us to return any stray items. Also, I would like to add a gentle reminder that only stud earrings should be worn school, and while the children are welcome to wear a watch, this should be a simple watch ie not a fitness or smart watch. The school will take no responsibility for lost or damaged items. Thank you.

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 with plasters for PE lessons. On Wednesdays, children may have PE lessons with our Sports Coach.

Parking

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. Please park considerately and be mindful of the 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. 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. Thank you.

Diary Dates

A calendar of events is available on our school website under Parents – Term Dates. Please note that we have yet to finalise our last Teacher Development Day for this academic year.

Sincerely,

Mrs J Fernie

Headteacher

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Diary Dates – St. Andrew's Primary School

Tuesday 2 September	First Day of Term 1
Tuesday 16 September	EYFS Phonics Meeting – 5pm
Wednesday 17 September	Parents to lunch – Yr5/6 – 12.30
Wednesday 24 September	Individual school photos
Wednesday 24 September	Parents to lunch – Yr4 – 12.30
Monday 29 September	Hawk Conservancy Trip – Yr5
Wednesday 1 October	Parents to lunch – Yr3 – 12.15
Thursday 2 October	EYFS Maths Meeting – 5pm
Monday 6 October	Flu Vaccinations – Letter to follow
Tuesday 7 October	Parent Consultations - details to follow
Wednesday 8 October	Parents to lunch – Yr2 – 12.00
Wednesday 8 October	Parent Consultations - details to follow
Thursday 9 October	Parent Consultations - details to follow
Wednesday 15 October	Parents to lunch – Yr1 – 12.00
Wednesday 22 October	Last day of term 1
Monday 3 November	First day of term 2
Thursday 11 December	Christmas treat
Friday 19 December	Last day of term 2 (No After School Club)
Monday 5 January	TD Day – school is closed to all pupils
Tuesday 6 January	First day of term 3
Friday 23 January	Young Voices (Y5/6 choir)
Thursday 12 February	Last day of term 3
Friday 13 February	TD Day – school is closed to all pupils
Monday 23 February	First day of term 4
Friday 27 March	Last day of term 4
Monday 13 April	First day of term 5
11-14 May	Year 6 SATs week
Thursday 21 May	Last day of term 5
Friday 22 May	TD Day – school is closed to all pupils
Monday 1 June	First day of term 6
Wednesday 22 July	Last day of term 6 (No After School Club)