Sarum St Paul's

Church of England Primary School (VA)

Rooted in Love, Growing Together

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy week at Sarum St Paul's and one that has given us plenty to think about! This week, we have been marking **Dyslexia Awareness Week**, celebrating the different ways we all learn and the unique strengths that each of us brings.

On Monday, we were fortunate to hear from members of staff who shared their own experiences of growing up and living with dyslexia. Their stories were truly inspiring, helping the children to understand that everyone learns differently and that dyslexia can bring many strengths, including creativity, resilience and problem-solving. Throughout the week, children have continued to explore dyslexia in their classrooms, developing their understanding of the different ways our brains work and the importance of supporting and celebrating one another. A huge thank you to the staff who were willing to share their personal experiences with us.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to remind families that **2026 is the National Year of Reading**, with the theme **'Go All In'**. The message is simple: *Whatever you're into, read into it!* Whether your child loves football, animals, gaming, cooking or something completely different, there is reading material out there to capture their interest. The Go All In website has some fantastic reading recommendations based on children's interests and is well worth exploring together at home.

Finally, a big well done to all our children who have been earning house points this week. It is lovely to see so many examples of our school values being lived out each day. **St Patrick's House are back in the lead this week, but it is incredibly close!** With just one week to go until we announce our winning house for the half term, there is still everything to play for!

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,
Hannah Easthope
Headteacher

Parents' Evenings – Next Week

A reminder that our Parents' Evenings are taking place next week on Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th October, with Reception holding their appointments on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th October.
For **Reception to Year 4**, appointments will mainly take place in person at school, unless you have specifically requested a telephone appointment.
For **Years 5 and 6**, teachers are offering one evening of face-to-face appointments and one evening of telephone appointments.
If you are attending in person, please come to the school office, where one of our wonderful Year 6 prefects will welcome you and show you to your child's classroom.

Parent Governor Election Results

We are delighted to announce that **Steve Willets and Samantha Barratt** have been elected as our new Parent Governors. Thank you to everyone who put themselves forward and to all parents and carers who took the time to vote. We look forward to welcoming Steve and Samantha to our Governing Body and working with them to support our school community.

Maths Stay and Share

On Wednesday 23rd, we held our first Stay and Share of the term with a maths focus. It was wonderful to see so many families join us and see the children in action, enjoying maths games and sharing their learning and books. Thank you to everyone who came along.

A Plea for Library Books!

We would love to refresh our Key Stage 2 library and are looking for donations of fiction books suitable for children in Years 3 to 6. If you have any books at home that your children have outgrown and are still in good condition, we would be very grateful for them. We want to offer our children a wide range of exciting and engaging books to help develop their love of reading. Please bring any donations to the school office. Thank you for your support!

FOSSP – Friends of Sarum St Paul's - please join their FOSSP Facebook page.

FOSSP AGM – Thursday 5th November

Please join us for our first FOSSP meeting of the year! We'll be sharing ideas for the year ahead and looking at some of the exciting dates coming up in the FOSSP calendar, including discos and other events.

We have arranged the meeting for **2.30pm, towards the end of the school day**, in the hope that this will make it easier for more people to join us before afternoon pick-up.

It would be lovely to see as many people there as possible. Coming along doesn't mean you'll be expected to take on a role or make a big commitment – it's simply a chance to meet others, share ideas and find out more about how you can get involved in supporting our wonderful school.

Remember, **FOSSP is for everyone connected with SSP** and you are very welcome!

Used Uniform Sale – This will now be happening on a Thursday. The sale will continue to happen most weeks. Please check the FOSSP Facebook page to check if it is on. Uniform will be sold from the mobile classroom.

Easyfundraising – FOSSP are using a great website called easyfundraising to help raise money simply by shopping online.

easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into FREE donations when you use them to shop with over 8,000 retailers such as eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, Tesco's and Booking.com.
Retailers then make a small donation to say 'thank you' and easyfundraising gives those free funds to the cause, there is absolutely no extra charge to you as the consumer you just need to tap to donate when it prompts you.

Please register using this link – just click sign up - https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?invite=nxel0x&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_campaign=web-referral&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=email&char=376327

Support us through easyfundraising

Plus, once you've raised your first £5, easyfundraising will double it!
There's no catch or hidden charges and Friends of Sarum St Paul's, Salisbury will be really grateful for your donations.

Safeguarding Reminder: Keeping Children Safe

We have been made aware of further reports from other local schools of children being approached by unknown adults in the area. We have not received any reports involving children from Sarum St Paul's but wanted to share a reminder about keeping safe when travelling to and from school.

Please take time to talk to your children about staying safe, including not going anywhere with strangers, sticking to familiar routes and knowing where to seek help if they feel worried or unsafe.

Children in Year 4 and below should be accompanied to and from school by a parent or responsible adult. We also ask that parents remain with younger children until they enter the school building in the morning.

For older children who walk independently, we encourage them to walk with friends where possible and ensure they know what to do if they feel uncomfortable or concerned. If you have previously given permission for your child to walk home independently but would now like to withdraw this permission, please email the school office so that we can update our records.

Please remain vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour to the police on 101, or 999 in an emergency. We would also appreciate you letting the school know about any concerns.

Our Safeguarding Team

Safeguarding is at the heart of everything we do in school. Our Safeguarding Team is responsible for making sure every child feels safe, supported and listened to. We work closely with staff, families and outside agencies to promote children's wellbeing, respond to any worries or concerns and ensure the right help is in place when it is needed.

If you ever have a concern about a child's safety or wellbeing, no matter how small it may seem, please speak to a member of the safeguarding team or contact us via our dedicated safeguarding email at safeguarding@sarum-st-pauls.wilts.sch.uk. We are always here to listen and to work with you to keep our children safe.

Mrs Easthope
Headteacher

Miss Martindale
Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Field
Business Manager

Mrs Beales
SENDCo

Mrs Newman
Family Link Worker

Secondary School Applications – Deadline Reminder

A reminder to all Year 6 parents and carers that the deadline for applying for a secondary school place for September 2027 is Saturday 31st October 2026.

Applications must be made through Wiltshire Council, even if your child is applying for a school outside Wiltshire. We strongly encourage families to submit their applications in good time to avoid missing the deadline.

You can apply online through the Wiltshire Council website.

Dates For Your Diary:

Week beginning 12th October – Parents' Evening. Details have been sent out via email.

Tuesday 20th October – Harvest Festival at St Paul's Church + last day of term 1 for pupils

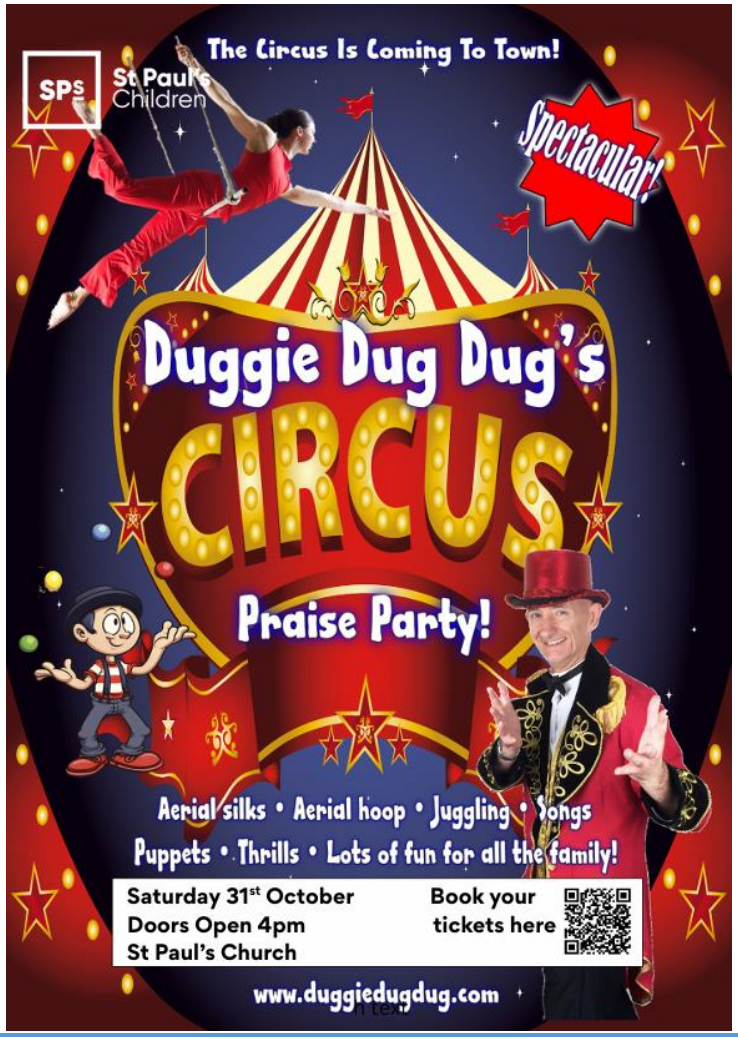
Wednesday 21st October – INSET Day

Monday 2nd November – Back to School

Monday 7th December – Nativity at St Paul's Church (evening – time tbc) – Year R, 1 and 2

Tuesday 15th December – KS2 Carol Concert at St Paul's Church

News from St Paul's Church



Family Hub Updates

Year Group Updates

Hedgehogs – Reception Class

- **Spare socks** - as we move into more wet and colder weather we will continue to use our outside learning area. Sometimes the rain gets into our wellies despite our best attempts to stay dry! Could all children have a couple of pairs of spare socks or tights in their PE bags. If anyone has a surfeit of socks we could always use some to add to our class supply too!
- **Wellies** - all children need a pair of wellies that can remain at school, please let me know if you are unable to provide this.
- **Visit to St Paul's church 12th October** - thank you to all volunteers, please take this as an acceptance of your offers of help. The more adults we have the safer and happier we will be! We will be leaving school at about 9:20 am and returning by 11:30 am.

Butterflies – Year 1

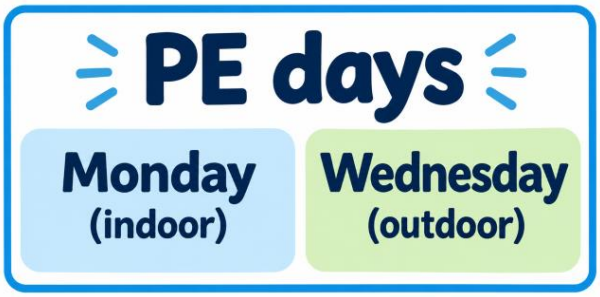
- **Waterproofs -**Please can all children bring in a waterproof top and bottoms or a splash suit that they can keep in school. If they are not able to keep one in school, please ensure it comes in with them everyday so we can continue to use the outdoor provision, whatever the weather!

- **Donations -** Year 1 are looking for some donations of specific items to support with growing our continuous provision resources. If you have any of the following items please see someone from the Year 1 team to check they are suitable and discuss quantity before you bring them in.

  We are looking for:
  - old tyres
  - half guttering pipes for water play
  - scrap fabric for our art/DT area
  - good quality wild/zoo animal figures.

Bumblebees – Year 2

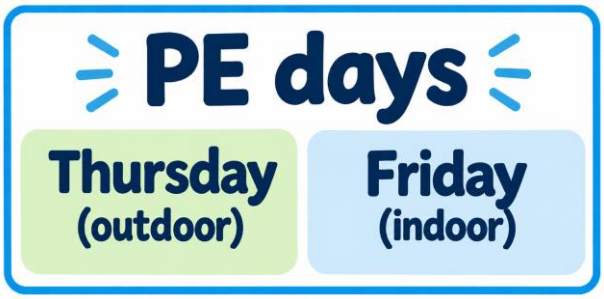
- **Harvest -** Harvest words have gone home to practice, please can you support your child with this. We will continue to practice at school too.
- **Water Bottles -** Please send a water bottle every day.
- **Coats -** Now the weather is changing can you make sure your child brings a coat to school.



- **Can you help?** As we look towards the next term (nativity!) we are hunting for a hale bale. Does anyone have any connections to a farmer? Please let us know.
- **Reading -** Please continue to read a minimum of 4 reads a week, it really does make a difference.
- **Seesaw -** We try to upload daily to seesaw so you can have meaningful conversations about the learning that has taken place in class. Please make sure you are checking the app.

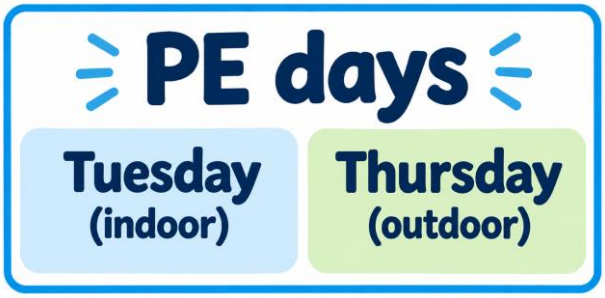
Otters – Year 3

- **Plea for black socks -** please could each child bring in a black sock to use with our whiteboards for our handwriting sessions.
- **Parent walkers needed -** We would be very grateful for a few parent volunteers to support us in Year 3 with walking to and from the church for the Harvest Festival on Tuesday 20th. If you are able to help, please let us know.



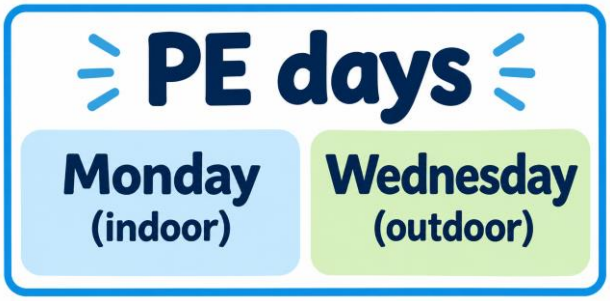
Dragonflies – Year 4

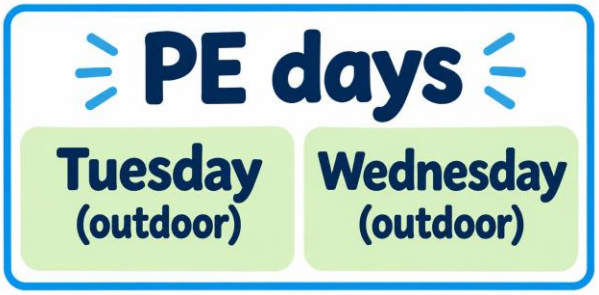
- **5th November – Forest School**. The children are most likely to be using the woodland area. Please ensure your child is dressed for the weather. Your child MUST wear long trousers and wellies.



Swans – Year 5

- **Friday 16th October** – Class Treat. If your child would like to bring in their own clothes to change into they can. We will be having a football coach join us. There will also be a movie alternative inside and they can bring a cuddly toy.
- **10th November – Forest School.** The children are most likely to be using the woodland area. Please ensure your child is dressed for the weather. Your child MUST wear long trousers and wellies.



Kingfishers – Year 6

- **Winnie the Pooh** – We are having a Winnie the Pooh day on Thursday next week to celebrate the 100th Anniversary. If your child would like to, they can bring in a teddy to have on their desk (or they can borrow one from Miss Jones).
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