# Sarum St Paul's

**Church of England Primary School (VA)**

*Rooted in Love, Growing Together*

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16th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our wonderful sense of community is one of the things that makes Sarum St Paul's so special, and this has really shone through this week.

A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to our Harvest food bank collection. We have been so touched by your generosity! Further donations are very welcome on Monday or Tuesday. Thank you also to those who have kindly donated books for our school library. Your support is greatly appreciated.

It was lovely to connect with so many of you during Parents' Evenings this week. Thank you to everyone who took the time to meet with their child's teacher. A special thank you to our Year 6 prefects, who did a fantastic job welcoming families and showing them to their appointments. We are very proud of them!

Well done to all of the children that have represented the school this week in Tri Golf (Year 5) and Football (Year 4). We are so proud of you all!

Our houses have worked incredibly hard this half term, demonstrating our school values and earning points. The competition has been close, but our winning house is... **ST PATRICK'S HOUSE!** Congratulations! Children in St Patrick's House are invited to **wear non-school uniform on Monday 19th October** as their reward. Well done to all four houses!

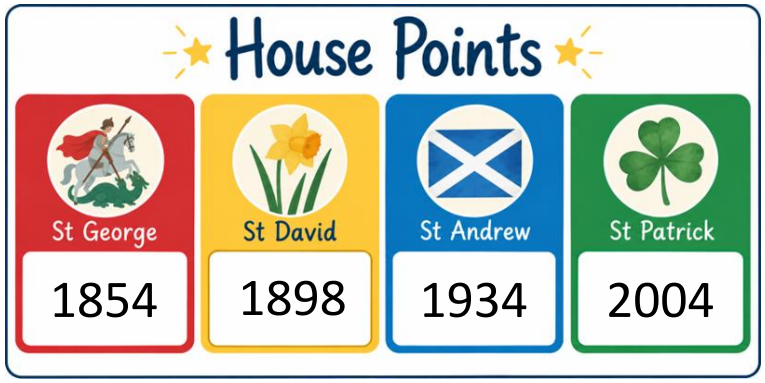
We also have some staff news to share. Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to **Mrs Yates at the end of December**, as she moves on to a new role with the Mental Health Support Team. Through her work as our ELSA and her support in classrooms, she has made such a difference to so many children and families. Her kindness, care and dedication will be greatly missed and she will be a real loss to our school community. Whilst we are sad to see her go, we wish her every success in this exciting next chapter.

We are really looking forward to our Harvest Festival on Tuesday 20th October. The children have been busy preparing and we can't wait to celebrate together at the church.

As we break up for half term on **Tuesday 20th October at 3.20pm**, there will be no newsletter next week. Thank you all for your support throughout our first half term. I hope you have a wonderful break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 2nd November**.

Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing many of you at Harvest next week!

Best wishes,
Hannah Easthope
Headteacher



## A Plea for Library Books!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS DONATED BOOKS THIS WEEK!!

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!

## Tri Golf Tournament

On Tuesday 13th October, a group of us from Year 5 went to Tri Golf at Salisbury Driving Range. We completed in a variety of events. I really enjoyed the day because there were lots of activities and the event staff were very kind. We managed to finished 5th place with 798 points.

Everyone tried their very best and enjoyed themselves. I am especially proud because I received a certificate for showing a high level of determiknation. Bodhi also received a certificate for honesty. I hope Sarum St Paul's gets the opportunity to do this again next year.

Olivia Shales – Year 5

## 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

**Safeguarding Reminder: Keeping Children Safe**

Following our reminder last week, we would like to continue to encourage families to remain vigilant when children are travelling to and from school. There have been reports from other local schools of children being approached by unknown adults, although we have not received any reports involving pupils from Sarum St Paul's.

We encourage all families to have regular conversations with their children about staying safe. Some useful reminders to discuss together include:

- **Stay on familiar routes:** Always follow the agreed route to and from school and avoid taking shortcuts.
- **Never go anywhere with someone you don't know:** Even if they seem friendly, offer something or say they need help.
- **Keep a safe distance:** If someone approaches you and makes you feel uncomfortable, move away and find somewhere safe.
- **Know where to get help:** Identify safe places along the route, such as shops or the school, where you could ask a trusted adult for help.
- **Walk with friends:** Where possible, walk with others rather than alone.
- **Trust your instincts:** If something doesn't feel right, it is OK to say no, walk away or shout for help.
- **Always tell an adult:** If anything happens that makes you feel worried or uncomfortable, tell a trusted adult straight away, even if you are unsure whether it is important.

As a reminder, **children in Year 4 and below should be accompanied to and from school by a responsible adult.** For children in Years 5 and 6 who walk independently, we encourage walking with friends where possible.

If you have previously given permission for your child to walk home independently but would now prefer them to be collected, please email the school office so that we can update our records.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our children safe. Please report any suspicious behaviour to the police on 101, or 999 in an emergency, and let the school know of any concerns.

**E-Scooters**

We have noticed an increasing number of electric scooters (e-scooters) being brought to school and would like to remind families of the rules surrounding their use.
Privately owned e-scooters are illegal to ride on public roads, pavements, cycle paths and other public spaces in England. They can only be used on private land with the landowner's permission.
As well as the legal restrictions, we are concerned about the potential risks to children and other members of our community, particularly during busy drop-off and collection times. E-scooters can travel at considerable speeds and may cause serious injuries if an accident occurs.
We therefore ask parents and carers to ensure that children do not ride e-scooters to or from school. Thank you for your support in helping us keep everyone safe.

**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.

**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:**

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

Thursday 26th November – Parent Coffee Afternoon (from 2.50pm)

Friday 27th November – Non-School Uniform Day to collect donations for Rainbow Hampers

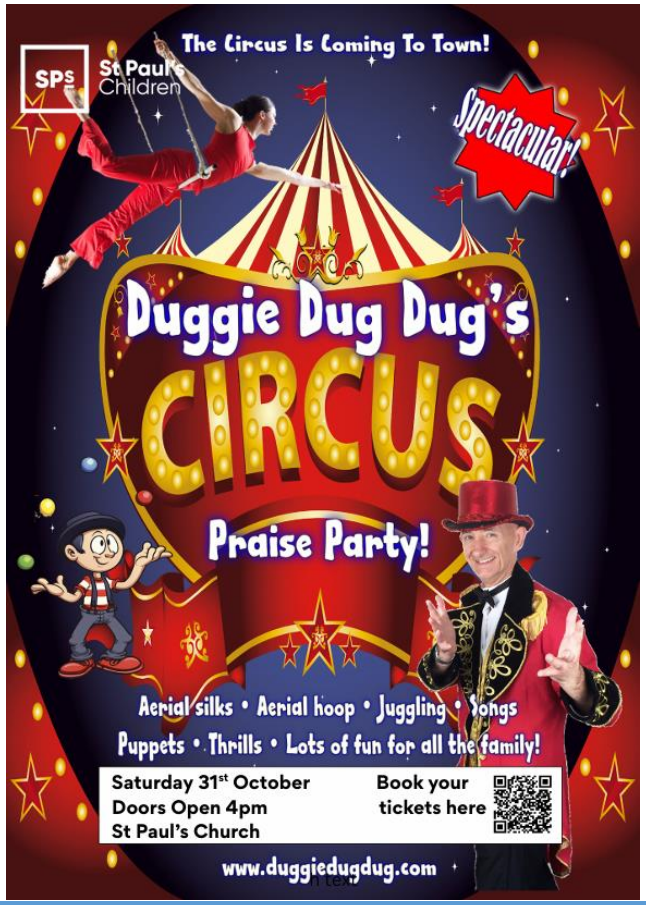
Monday 30th November – St Andrew's Day. All children in St Andrew's House to come dressed in something blue!

Thursday 3rd December – Stay and Share: Reading. Time tbc

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.

**Butterflies – Year 1**

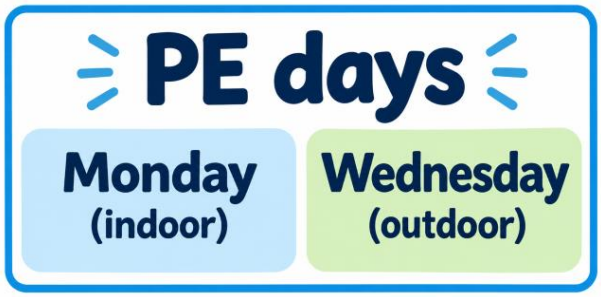
- **Donations -** Year 1 are looking for some donations of specific items to support with growing our continuous provision resources. If you have any of the following items please see someone from the Year 1 team to check they are suitable and discuss quantity before you bring them in.

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**

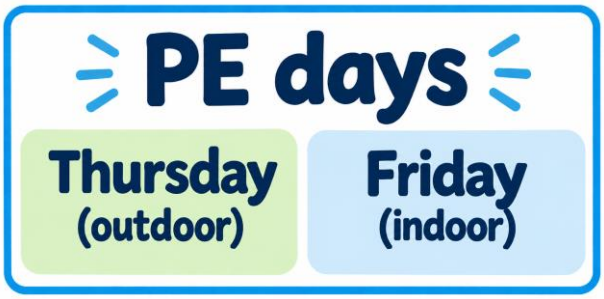
- Year 2 Class Reward on Monday afternoon. Children can bring in their own clothes and a teddy. We re going to be having a movie afternoon.
- **Harvest -** Harvest words have gone home to practice, please can you support your child with this. We will continue to practice at school too.




- **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.

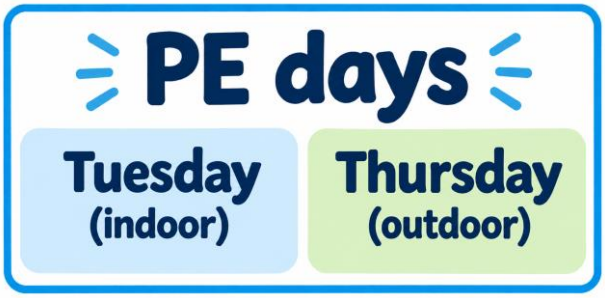
**Otters – Year 3**

- Updates coming soon!




**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**

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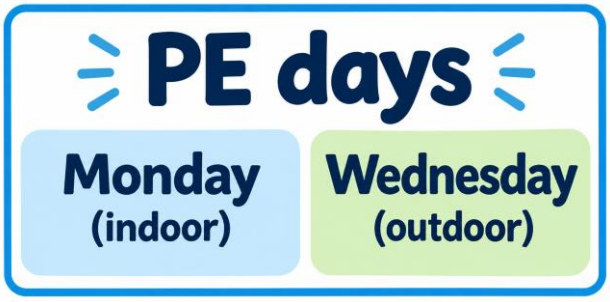
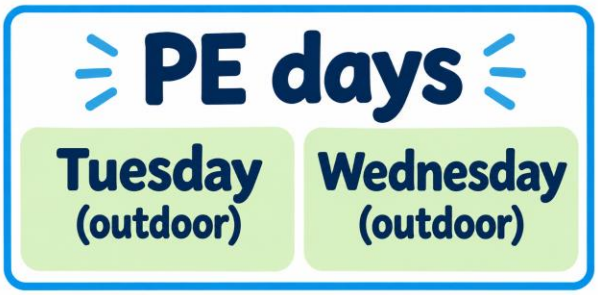



**Kingfishers – Year 6**

- On Tuesday, children can bring in their PJs or comfy clothes to get changed into for the afternoon!
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