

Parent Communication 23.05.25

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Thank you for all your support in what has been another great term at SAIL. With only one term left until the end of the year – there's still lots to do until the summer break, so I hope you all have a positive and restful half term break, and your children come back ready for term 6.

End of term celebration assembly

Thank you to everyone who has shared our end of term celebration with us today. As always it is great to share the celebrations and achievements of the term and recognise what has been achieved!

SAIL Academy Football Team – First Fixture Success!

We are proud to share that our SAIL Academy football team recently played their very first match against Coxlease School in the New Forest. Although the final score was a 3–1 loss, the performance from our six Key Stage 3 students was truly commendable. They demonstrated outstanding courage, teamwork, and determination from start to finish. The match was played in a fantastic spirit, with clear respect and sportsmanship shown by both sides – values we are proud to promote. For many of our students, this was their first experience representing the school in a competitive fixture, and it offered a valuable opportunity to build confidence, develop communication skills, and enjoy working as part of a team. We're now looking forward to organising further matches for different year groups during the summer term and continuing to give students the chance to engage in sport, develop resilience, and represent SAIL with pride.

Careers at SAIL – Preparing Students for the Future

At SAIL Academy, we are passionate about ensuring all our students are informed, inspired, and well-prepared for their next steps beyond school. Whether moving on to college, training, or employment, our careers programme plays a vital role in helping students understand the world of work and the opportunities available to them. We believe that real-world connections make a big difference, and we're always looking to strengthen links with the local community. If you or someone you know runs or works for a local business and would be interested in supporting our careers programme—whether through talks, workplace visits, or mentoring—please contact Andrew Fulker

for an initial conversation at **andrew.fulker@sail-academy.org**. Your involvement could make a real difference in shaping our students' futures.

Communications with school

Can we please ask, as per school and trust policy that all parents ensure that if they are worried about any issues related to SAIL or feel that they need to address anything with the school, that in the first instance they discuss with the school education team and where needed the headteacher.

Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation in this matter.

WAVES PTA

Thanks to everyone's donations and fundraising, the school have been able to order a new electric drum kit for our developing music room.

Our next meeting will be Thursday 5th June at 6:30pm in school or online. We are making arrangements for the SAIL Fun Day we are hoping to organise. We would love to have new members join us 😊

Donations of Bikes

If anyone has any unwanted bikes – or could get any from online sites/friends/family - we would be very grateful. Caroline Morland – Ast Head for Personal Development – is hoping to introduce Bikeability road safety lessons as soon as we have enough bikes to support the programme. Thank you to Mr Gulwell who is kindly going to help service the school bikes this holiday.

DONATIONS for bike parts – if you would like to donate funds, parts or time to the bike refurbishment project please contact **caroline.morland@sail-academy.org**

Ready, Respectful, Safe Teacher/Tutor Nominees

This week's Ready, Respectful, Safe Teacher and Tutor Nominees are:

Angelfish – Abdou

Turtle – Harrison, Tyler

Starfish – Noah, Shayne

Penguin – Adam, Jack

Dolphin – Daniel

Shark - Mark

7A - Declan

8A - Hiero

9A - Arthur

9B - Jamie

9C - Steven

10/11A – Benji






Well done to all those students who have made it another great week at the end of term 5, particularly those students identified above.

Introduction of a merit system after half term

We are excited to introduce a new **Merit system** at SAIL to further encourage and reward our pupils for their hard work, participation, and positive behaviour in lessons and around the school. This initiative will run alongside our existing **Ready, Respectful, Safe (RRS) points system** and will allow pupils to earn merits that can be exchanged for activities on a Friday afternoon and rewards in our **Merit Shop** on a weekly basis. We have already stocked our shop in collaboration with the pupil council. Items include sensory toys, footballs, basketballs and cinema tickets.

However, we thought we would reach out to see if anyone would like to make donations of small, new items that could be used as rewards in our shop. Additionally, if you know of any local businesses they may want to contribute please let us know.

Examples include:

-  Stationery (pens, pencils, notebooks, stickers)
-  Small toys or games
-  Books
-  Craft supplies
-  Other fun, age-appropriate items

We are planning to hold **fundraisers** in the near future to help keep our Merits well-stocked with exciting rewards. If you have any ideas or are interested in supporting these efforts, we would love to hear from you!

Thank you for your ongoing support in making SAIL a positive and rewarding place for all our pupils. If you have any questions or would like to donate, please feel free to contact Charlotte Pullinger at charlotte.pullinger@sail-academy.org.

Safeguarding update

As we approach the half-term break, we wanted to take a moment to share some important reminders and guidance to help support the wellbeing of our pupils during the holidays.

School holidays are a valuable opportunity for rest and family time, but they can also present challenges when it comes to maintaining the routines that support children's mental, emotional, and physical health.

Maintaining a Healthy Routine

While some flexibility is natural during the holidays, keeping a consistent routine where possible can help children feel secure and better prepared for the return to school. This includes:

- **Regular Sleep Patterns:** Aim to maintain a consistent bedtime and wake-up time. Adequate sleep is crucial for mood regulation, concentration, and overall health.
- **Balanced Meals:** Encourage regular, nutritious meals and snacks. A healthy diet supports energy levels, mood, and development.
- **Physical Activity:** Include time each day for exercise, whether through a walk, bike ride, playing outdoors, or other activities your child enjoys.

Looking After Mental and Emotional Wellbeing

Half term can be a good time to check in with your child about how they're feeling. Open conversations, shared activities, and quality time together can go a long way in supporting their emotional health. Please also keep an eye out for signs that your child may be struggling—such as changes in mood, sleep, appetite, or social engagement—and don't hesitate to reach out if you have concerns.

Staying Safe Online and Offline

During breaks from school, children often have more time online. Please continue to monitor online activity and ensure they are staying safe, just as you would with their offline activities.

Please don't hesitate to contact us during the first week back if your child has experienced any struggles or if you have concerns following the break.

We are here to support you and your child in any way we can.

Thank you for your ongoing support in promoting the health and wellbeing of our pupils. We wish you and your family a safe, restful, and enjoyable half term.

Key dates

9th June – Shark, Turtle, Starfish trip to Dorchester Museum/Art Gallery & Tutankhamun exhibition.

12th June – Fire and Rescue careers presentation

18th – 20th June – Silver DoE expedition

20th June – Fire and Rescue station visit (WEX)

25th June – Army Elite Skills and Careers Presentation

27th June – Year 11 Leavers Day

3rd and 4th July – Sports Days (further information to follow)

w/b: 14th July - Transition days for new students

18th July - End of term celebration assembly

23rd July - Last day of term