

Parent Communication 26/06/2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation during the recent hot weather. Your help in ensuring children came to school prepared has made a real difference.

I am pleased to say that the children have coped extremely well, showing resilience and a positive attitude throughout. Despite the heat, they have remained engaged and have continued to enjoy their time in school. We even managed to include some supervised water fights, which brought plenty of smiles, alongside lots of WOLT fun across the week.

Save the date - Parents/Carers Evening

We are pleased to invite you to our upcoming Parents/Carers Evening at SAIL Academy, taking place on Thursday 9th July. This will be a valuable opportunity to meet with teachers and tutors to celebrate your child's achievements, discuss their progress over the year, and look ahead to the next academic year. You should have received an email inviting you to contact reception to book your appointment. We very much look forward to welcoming you and working together to support your child's continued success.

Your feedback on Wellbeing, Home Support and Pastoral Care

At our school, we are deeply committed to supporting the wellbeing of every child and their family. We recognise that a child's wellbeing is shaped not only within the classroom but also through their home environment and the wider pastoral care they receive.

As part of our continued development, we would greatly value your feedback on any support that you or your child has experienced. This may include support from our Pastoral Team, Safeguarding Team, Thrive Team, or any other member of staff who has contributed to your or your child's overall wellbeing.

Your insights help us to reflect on and strengthen the care we provide across all aspects of school life. All responses will be treated with the utmost confidentiality and used to further enhance our provision.

Please click the link below to complete the form, alternatively you can scan the QR Code.

[Parent Feedback – Fill in form](#)





Safeguarding Update – Dumpling Squishy Toys

We would like to raise your awareness of a current trend we are seeing in school, with an increasing number of children bringing in “*dumpling squishy*” toys. These soft, squeezable toys are very popular at the moment, especially through social media platforms such as TikTok and YouTube.

While many of these toys are safe, there have been warnings from UK councils and Trading Standards about **unsafe or counterfeit versions** now on the market. These may not meet safety standards and could pose a risk to children.

Please be aware of the following advice:

- Avoid toys that have a **strong chemical smell** (e.g. petrol-like odour)
- Do not use items that are **leaking, damaged, or poorly made**
- Be cautious of products with **no clear labelling or safety information**
- Check for **CE or UKCA markings** and manufacturer/importer details
- Only purchase from **trusted retailers**

Some counterfeit versions have been found to contain chemicals that may cause **skin, eye, or respiratory irritation**.

To help ensure the safety of all pupils, we are asking that **dumpling squishies are not brought into school**. If a child already has one, please check it carefully using the guidance above.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our school community safe.

Careers

Following my attendance at the Swindon and Wiltshire Careers Conference, I wanted to share some useful labour market information—data that highlights local job trends, key industries, and the skills employers are looking for in the region.

This information is important for parents and carers as it provides insight into the types of jobs and careers that are growing locally, helping you to guide and support your child in making realistic and informed choices about their education, training, and future career pathways. It can also highlight which skills are most valued by employers, so these can be encouraged and developed early.

In demand skills in Wiltshire: Auditing, personal care, finance, continuous improvement process, mental health, working with children, food safety, warehousing, housekeeping.

Current Vocational Training Opportunities: Health and social care, early years and childcare, construction, hospitality, land based.

Top specialised skills – cooking, food safety and sanitation, personal care, food services, health and safety standards, key performance indicators, financial advising, marketing.

Top common skills – communication, customer service, English language, mathematics, willingness to learn, management, detail orientated, cleanliness, organisational skills, operational.

Careers Survey

We are always looking to improve the opportunities and guidance we provide for our students as they prepare for their future pathways.

To help us do this, we would be very grateful if secondary parents could take a few minutes to complete our survey about the school's Careers programme. Your feedback is extremely valuable and will help us ensure we are meeting the needs of all students and families. A big thank you if you have already done this!

Please use the link below to access the survey:

[Careers programme at SAIL – Fill in form](#)

Please visit the Careers section of the school website for further important information about careers at SAIL.

Hot weather next week

As we are expecting hot weather next week, please ensure you send your child in with a sunhat, suncream and a water bottle.

RRS winners this week

Angelfish – Noah

Turtle - Harry

Starfish – Shayne

Seahorse – Marley

Inspire A – Jack

Inspire B – Daniel

Inspire C – Lucas

7A – Brett

7C – Jack

8A – Mary-Lou

8B – Alex

8C – Alex

9A – Rosie

9B – Eljo

10A – Harry

10B – Luke

11A – Hunter

Key Dates, events and celebrations

We will be updating these further over the next couple of weeks – so please keep checking.

Term 6

June 2026

July 2026

- **Thursday 9th July** – Five Rivers Sports Centre workplace visit
- **Thursday 9th July**- Parents Evening
- **Friday 10th July** – INSET Day
- **Saturday 11th July**- PTA Jumble Sale
- **Wednesday 22nd July** – Last Day of term

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