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Parent Communication 28.11.25

Dear Parents/ Carers,

There has been lots going on this week and with only three weeks to go of this term – there is lots to squeeze in!

You should be receiving your child's report today, if you have not for any reason please contact us at the school. We also have parents/ carers evenings next week – so please make sure that you book a slot.

RRS winners this week

Angelfish - Joud

Turtle – Jacob

Starfish – Ted

Inspire A – Alyssa

Inspire B – Thomas

Inspire C - Lucas

7A - Chris

7B - Jack

7C – Katie

8A - Declan

8B – Alivia

9A - Carson

9B - Jack

10A - Jayden

10B - Jamie

11A - Kaden

Roblox: New Online Safety Concern (Pollybuzz/Pollyfuzz App)

We are sharing an important warning regarding an online safety issue that may affect children using the Roblox platform. We know many pupils at SAIL use this platform.

We have been made aware of a pop-up that is appearing within Roblox, encouraging children to download an external app called Pollybuzz (or sometimes spelt as Pollyfuzz).

What You Need to Know

The App's Hook: The Pollybuzz/Pollyfuzz app initially appears simple and harmless. Children are asked questions, and the app uses their answers to generate an Artificial Intelligence friend.

The Danger: The content generated by the AI friend starts innocently but can rapidly escalate to include extreme and disturbing material, such as messages and images relating to suicide, self-harm, and pornography.

Actionable Advice for Parents and Children

Talk to Your Children: Please remind your children about online safety rules:

Do not click on any unexpected pop-ups or external links within games.

Immediately report anything that is worrying, inappropriate, or makes them uncomfortable to a trusted adult.

Supervision is Key: While safety features are helpful, they are not a complete guarantee. Parental controls will stop some pop-ups, but not all. You will still need some supervision when your child is gaming online.

Utilising Roblox Parental Controls

We would highly recommend that you make sure that parental controls are enabled and correctly configured on your child's Roblox account.

You can access instructions on how to set up these controls via the official Roblox support link: Parental Controls Overview – Roblox Support:

Parental Controls Overview - Roblox Support

South Wiltshire National Autistic Society Return to Face-to Face Support Meetings

We are pleased to share that South Wiltshire National Autistic Society has returned to face-to-face support meetings and thought this may be of interest to some parents.

The aim of this group is to provide help, support, and information for individuals, friends, and families regarding all aspects of the autism spectrum. The group is open to all ages.

Meeting Details:

- When: 1st Monday of each month (except bank holidays, then the following Monday)
- Time: 7:00pm 9:00pm
- Where: Tesco Community Room, Southampton Road, Salisbury, SP1 2NY

For more information:

Phone: 07795 368113

• Email: southwiltshire.branch@nas.org.uk

Website: [NAS Website]

• Facebook: South Wilts NAS Branch

This is a great opportunity for families to connect and access valuable support.

Work Wiltshire – Family and Community Learning

We would like to inform you about a valuable service available in Wiltshire that supports adults in the community through Family and Community Learning.

This service offers a range of online and community-based courses designed to help learners:

- Gain a new skill
- Reconnect with learning
- Progress to formal courses
- Support their children

To find out more and explore available courses, please visit:

https://workwiltshire.co.uk/find-me-a-course/

Attached to this communication is a flyer with upcoming courses in December, including:

Helping my child to prepare positively for change

- Helping my child build concentration and resilience
- Helping my child with anxiety and worry

Wiltshire College Appren-T-Fest

Please find the link below to book parent and carer evening sessions at Appren-T-Fest Salisbury 2026

Appren-T-Fest Salisbury evening sessions - 21 Jan 2026 - 4-5pm OR 5-6pm

Appren-T-Fest Salisbury, Apprenticeships and Early Careers Fair Date: Wednesday 21 January 2026 (4-5pm or 5-6pm)

Venue: Salisbury 6th Form College

Parents and carers are invited to attend the Appren-T-Fest Salisbury Apprenticeships and Early Careers Fair, on Wednesday 21 January at Salisbury 6th Form College on Tollgate Road. During the day, entrance is reserved for local schools, by invitation only. In the evening, there will be two sessions so that parents, carers and young people who were not able to attend during the day can come and speak to local employers and hear talks about apprenticeship options.

Session 1 is from 4-5pm Session 2 is from 5-6pm 15 minute talks about apprenticeships will take place at 4.30pm and 5.30pm in the College Theatre.

Bookings: <u>Please book into one of these sessions using this link</u>. We may not be able to admit anyone who has not pre-booked.

Parking: Parking is available in the College car park for those with a disability or limited mobility. Please email <u>office@s6c.mlp.college</u> with your name, time of booking and car registration details. There is limited free parking on the road outside the building and free parking can be found in Churchill Gardens, a two-minute walk from Salisbury 6th Form College.

The Great maths Challenge

These problems are open to all students, parents and staff. If you think you have solved the problem, jot your solution down on a piece of paper and give it to Mr Crossland at any time. Once a problem is solved, he will issue another.

Challenge 4, term 2 is as follows:

You are given a square piece of paper. You cut the paper in half vertically. Each of the half pieces of paper has perimeter of 6 inches.



What is the area of the original square piece of paper?

Well done Kieran on solving last week's challenge!

PTA update

Dates for your diary from the student Pupil Voice group and the Waves PTA – if you are keen to be involved or help in any way please contact wavespta@outlook.com or caroline.morland@sail.academy.org or visit our Facebook page SAIL PTA

Friday 12th December – a Winter Fun Day/School Disco and WOLT Wall for the PTA fundraising. See attached advert.

Last week of term – secret shopping for the pupils to make, buy and wrap presents & cards for home. Supported by PTA volunteers and school staff. More details soon

Wednesday 17th December – whole school Christmas Dinner/ Winter Feast. Please see the email previously sent with the menu and how to order......who knows maybe there will be a special visitor with a present for the holiday season!

Important – should you not wish your child to receive a festive treat (selection box) or a visit from the man in the big red suit due to dietary or religious reasons please let the school office know by Monday 15th December 2025 by emailing <u>reception@sailacademy.org</u>. We would not want to offend or upset anyone.

Friday 19th December – The BIG winter raffle! End of term celebration assembly & parent/carers café (please bring cash for cakes, sweet sale and drink donation to PTA fundraising) 1:15-2:30pm café. Primary assembly 1:40-2pm. Secondary assembly 2pm-2:25pm

End of term reports

Reports Coming Home Today - Friday 28th December

Your child will be bringing home their end-of-term report today. This report provides a helpful snapshot of their progress so far. It is a more concise update than the detailed spring report because it is designed to complement our upcoming Parents' Evening, where you'll have the chance to discuss your child's learning in more depth.

Please see below for information on how to book your appointment.

Parents Evening - reminder

We're looking forward to welcoming you to our upcoming Parents' Evening, which will take place on Thursday 4th December from 4:00pm to 6:30pm. This is a valuable opportunity to meet with your child's tutor and discuss their progress.

Please book your appointment slot now, via the office, if you have not done so already.

Please note that bookings will close on Tuesday 2nd December 2025 at 4:00pm.

Key Dates, events and celebrations

December 2025 – please see above for the PTA dates and upcoming events

- Parents evening: Thursday 4th December
- Friday 19th December Last day of term

January 2026

- Monday 5th January **INSET Day**
- Tuesday 6th January **INSET Day**
- Wednesday 7th January First day of term 3
- Pastoral Coffee Morning: Monday 12th January 9:30 10:30am
- Chinese New Year: Thursday January 29, 2026.

February 2026

- Children's Mental Health Week: W/C 9th February 2026
- Friday 13th February Last day of term 3
- Monday 23rd February INSET Day
- Tuesday 24th February INSET Day
- Wednesday 25th February First day of term 4

March 2026

- Pastoral Coffee Morning: Monday 2nd March 9:30 10:30am
- World Wildlife Day: Tuesday 3rd March
- **British Science Week:** 6th 15th March
- Friday 27th March Last day of term 4
- Holi: Tuesday 31st March

April 2026

- Monday 13th April First day of term 5
- Pastoral Coffee Morning: Monday 20th April 9:30 10:30am
- Earth Day: Wednesday April 22, 2026.

May 2026

- Monday 4th May Bank Holiday
- **VE Day:** Friday 8th May
- Friday 22nd May Last day of term 5

June 2026

- Monday 1st June First Day of term 6
- **Pastoral Coffee Morning:** Monday 8th June 9:30 10:30am
- World Environment Day: Friday June 5, 2026.
- **D Day:** Saturday 6th June
- **Summer Solstice:** Sunday 21st June
- National Sports Week: w/c 15th June 2026

July 2026

- Friday 10th July **INSET Day**
- Wednesday 22nd July Last Day of term

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