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### Parent Communication 22.10.25

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Thank you for your support over the last term. It has been a pleasure working with your children over the last term and we look forward to welcoming you back after the holiday. We hope you have a positive and restful break

The first day back at school is: **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.**

#### RRS winners this week

Angelfish – Marley

Turtle – Mikey

Starfish – Jonny

Inspire A – Ashliegh

Inspire B – Jack

Inspire C – Fred

7A – Angelo

7B – Stephen

7C – Bella

8A – Reece

8B – Alex

9A – Arthur

9B – Taylor

10A – Liam

10B – Kian

11A – Jody

## 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](mailto:wavespta@outlook.com) or [caroline.morland@sail.academy.org](mailto:caroline.morland@sail.academy.org) or visit our Facebook page SAIL PTA

**Friday 14th November** – Children in Need Day – we will be doing sponsored 'Challenge 25' tasks led by the Inspire Pupil Voice representatives. More details in Term 2.

**Saturday 22nd November** – Family photoshoot with professional photographer. A chance to get discounted Christmas/general family portraits. Christmas/Winter costumes will be available and an all-day breakfast café. Details to follow in Term 2

**Friday 12th December** – a Winter Fun Day for the PTA fundraising. More information about our first ever school disco and activities to follow in Term 2.

**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 in Term 2.

**Wednesday 17th December** – whole school Christmas Dinner/ Winter Feast. Menu being decided on by school kitchen.

**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

## Anti- Bullying Week 2025: Power for Good

The Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA) are official organisers of Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Anti-Bullying Week 2025 will take place from Monday 10th - Friday 14th November, with the theme: **Power for Good**. The week will kick off with **Odd Socks Day on Monday 10th**, with adults and children being encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.

If your children find socks tricky then they are welcome to find a different way to celebrate uniqueness. (e.g. they could wear colourful hairbands)

We will not be requesting cash donations in school for this event but if you would like to support the work the Anti-Bullying Alliance do you can find ways to donate via this link: [Become a one-off giver](#)

### Merit shop donations

We are delighted to share what a brilliant start to the term we've had here at school. Our pupils have truly embraced our values of being **Ready, Respectful, and Safe**, and we've seen countless examples of them going above and beyond in their learning and behaviour.

There's a real buzz around the school, especially with the launch of our **Merit Shop!** It's been wonderful to see pupils excited and motivated by the opportunity to celebrate their achievements in such a tangible way.

A huge thank you to those parents and members of the PTA who have already donated items to help stock the shop — your generosity is greatly appreciated. We are always looking for new donations (small toys, stationery, books, etc.) to keep the shop fresh and exciting, so if you're able to contribute, we'd truly appreciate it.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us make school a positive and inspiring place for all our pupils.

### Safeguarding update - Keeping Pupils Safe, Well and Rested Over Half Term

As we head into the half-term break, we want to remind families of the importance of keeping children safe, well, and supported during the holidays. Time away from school is a great opportunity to rest and recharge, but it can also bring changes to routine and increased screen time.

#### **Helpful Tips for Routine and Sleep**

Maintaining a consistent routine can help children feel secure and rested:

- Stick to regular bedtimes and wake-up times, even on weekends.
- Limit screen time in the hour before bed to help wind down.
- Create a calming bedtime routine – reading, warm baths, or quiet music can help.
- Keep bedrooms sleep-friendly – cool, dark, and quiet spaces support better rest.

- Encourage outdoor activity during the day – fresh air and exercise promote better sleep.

### **Online Safety and Gaming Tips**

With more free time, children may spend longer online or gaming. Here are some tips to help keep them safe:

- **Set time limits** for gaming and online use to balance screen time with other activities.
- **Check age ratings** on games and apps to ensure they're appropriate.
- **Use parental controls** on devices, consoles, and apps to manage content and interactions.
- **Talk regularly** with your child about what they're playing and who they're talking to.
- **Remind them not to share personal information** online, including their name, school, or location.
- **Encourage breaks** – long gaming sessions can affect mood, sleep, and wellbeing.

Useful resource:

Internet Matters – Online Safety Advice

### **Support Services in Wiltshire**

If you need support over the break, here are some helpful contacts:

#### **Safeguarding Concerns:**


- **Wiltshire Council Integrated Front Door (IFD)**  
 0300 456 0108 (Mon–Thurs 8:45am–5pm, Fri 8:45am–4pm)  
 Out of hours: 0300 456 0100  
 [Wiltshire Council Children's Services](#)

#### **In an emergency:**

Call **999** immediately.

### **Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health**

- **On Your Mind – Wiltshire**

 0300 247 0090 (Option 4)

 [onyourmind.org.uk](https://onyourmind.org.uk)

We hope all our families enjoy a safe, restful and happy half term. If you have any concerns or need support, please don't hesitate to reach out to the services above. School staff will respond to non-urgent inquiries when we return on 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

Thank you for your understanding.

### Key Dates, events and celebrations

#### November 2025

- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – **First day of term 2**
- **Army Careers Presentation:** Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November
- **Pastoral Coffee Morning:** Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 9:30 – 10:30am
- **Anti- Bullying Week:** Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> November
- **Odd Socks Day:** Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November
- **Remembrance Day:** Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November
- **Armistice Day:** Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November
- **Anti-Bullying Week:** 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> November
- **Reports sent home** Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November

#### December 2025

- **Parents evening:** Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December – **Last day of term**

#### January 2026

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

#### February 2026

- **Children's Mental Health Week:** First week of February (Dates TBC).
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – **Last day of term 3**
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – **INSET Day**
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February – **INSET Day**

- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February – **First day of term 4**

March 2026

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

April 2026

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

May 2026

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

June 2026

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – **First Day of term 6**
- **Pastoral Coffee Morning:** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 9:30 – 10:30am
- **World Environment Day:** Friday June 5, 2026.
- **D Day:** Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June
- **Summer Solstice:** Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June
- **National Sports Week:** The exact week can vary; usually organised towards the end of June or beginning of July.

July 2026

- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July – **INSET Day**
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – **Last Day of term**

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