

### **Parent Communication 19.12.25**

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been a busy week with lots going on – which has been a great way to finish the term! A huge thank you to you all for the support you have given the school over the last term. We hope you have a fantastic Christmas break and we look forward to welcoming you all back in the new year.

#### **End of term assembly, cafe and raffle**

It was great to see so many of you turn out to our end of term assemblies and cafe and for all of those who bought tickets for the raffle. This was a real success.

Thank you to Caroline and our fantastic PTA for all their hard work in raising money for the school, supporting events and enabling us to provide these great community opportunities.

#### **The Current**

As this is the end of the Autumn term, alongside this communication you will also be receiving the Current – our school newspaper giving you some interesting and fun updates on some of the activities and achievements that have been taking place across the school. We hope you enjoy it!

#### **SAIL SEND team update**

##### **Understanding EHCPs and Annual Reviews**

An Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) is a legal document that supports children and young people with significant special educational needs (SEN) or disabilities. It sets out their individual needs and the extra help they need to achieve their potential.

Each year, the EHCP is reviewed to make sure it still meets your child's needs and reflects their future goals. We strongly encourage parents and carers to take part in this process by attending the review meeting and sharing your views on what's working well and what might need to change.

Annual reviews last about an hour and are held on Tuesdays in person at SAIL and on Thursdays via Teams. If, when you receive your email notification, you are unable to make the date/time offered, please contact Niki at [send-team@sail-academy.org](mailto:send-team@sail-academy.org) as soon as possible. We will always try to accommodate requests but as we continue to grow it may not always be possible.

## A Big Thank You to Our PTA and Parents

We would like to extend a heartfelt **thank you** to our wonderful PTA and to all of the parents who have generously donated to the Merit Shop since the start of the year.

The Merit Shop has been a huge success with our pupils. It has become a frequent topic of conversation and serves as a fantastic incentive to encourage them to work hard, stay motivated, and strive for their very best.

Your contributions have made this possible, and we are truly grateful for the support you've shown.

As we look ahead to the new year, we kindly ask if you are able to continue supporting the Merit Shop. Every donation, big or small, helps us keep this initiative thriving and ensures our pupils continue to benefit from the rewards of their hard work.

Thank you once again for your generosity and commitment to our school community.

## Careers in the curriculum

Next term, all year groups will focus on careers education in their PSHE lessons, based on the Career Development Institute's six key learning areas: **Grow throughout life, Explore possibilities, Manage career, Create opportunities, Balance life and work, and See the big picture**. Each year group will follow tailored Unifrog lessons, empowering students to make informed decisions about their futures:

Year 7 – “Who am I?”, “Exploring possibilities: dream jobs” “What is a career?”, “What is an entrepreneur?”, “What is a work-life balance?”, “Careers and the future”.

Year 8 – “What are my interests?”, “Job applications: superhero CVs” “Challenges and rewards of work”, “Creating the life you want: making a vision board”, “What does success mean to me?”, “Careers and the climate”.

Year 9 – “What are my skills?”, “What comes after school: the main learning pathways” “Decision making: choosing what to study at KS4”, “Taking control of your career journey”, “Working and earning: managing your money, “What is the labour market and why is it important”?

Year 10 – “Reflecting on my career journey: past, present and future”, “Exploring employer profiles”, “What type of career is best for me?”, “Preparing to go on work experience”, “Wellbeing in the workplace”, “In person, hybrid and remote: what works best”?

Year 11 – “What are my employability skills?”, “Post 16 – Choices, choices”, “Decision making: choosing your post-16 pathway”, “Researching volunteering and paid work”, “Money talks: apprenticeships vs. higher education”, “Is AI a threat to our jobs?”

These lessons support pupils by helping them grow in self-awareness and resilience, explore a wide range of future options, actively manage their next steps, network and seek opportunities, balance work with personal wellbeing, and understand the wider world of work. Ultimately, they equip all students to make thoughtful, well-informed choices as they plan their future education and careers.

### **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:** Please book into one of these sessions using this link. 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 [office@s6c.mlp.college](mailto:office@s6c.mlp.college) 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

This is the last one for the term. It has been great to see those who have been giving these a go over the term!

**How many minutes is it before 5:00 PM if 40 minutes ago it was four times as many minutes past 3:00 PM?**



## New term

Please remember the first day back for students is **Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> January**.

On our return I am delighted to say that we will be expanding our primary department by one class. The new class will be called Seahorse and as a result we will be welcoming some new staff into the SAIL team.

## RRS winners this week

Angelfish – Joud

Turtle – Jamie John

Starfish – Shayne

Inspire A – Kaden

Inspire B – Adam

Inspire C – Maggie

7A – Archie

7B – Logan

7C – Isla-Aurora

8A – Tyler

8B – Mark

9A – Arthur

9B – Taylor

10A – Harry

10B – Dylan

11A – Kaden

### **Key Dates, events and celebrations**

- 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**
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Apprenticeship Awareness Assembly
- **Pastoral Coffee Morning:** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 9:30 – 10:30am
- **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January** – Army Elite Skills activity morning
- **Chinese New Year:** Thursday January 29, 2026.

February 2026

- **Children's Mental Health Week:** W/C 9th February 2026
- 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:** w/c 15th June 2026

July 2026

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

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