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Dear Parents, Staff and Governors,

It seems the Christmas season has arrived with classrooms decorated, glitter opened and nativity rehearsals in full swing! Well done to all of our pupils for continuing to focus on their learning, despite the impending excitement of Christmas!



CHRISTMAS SERVICE – FRIDAY 19 DECEMBER

We will celebrate Christmas with a **whole school service in the school hall** on the afternoon of **Friday 19 December**.

Due to limited space, we kindly invite **only parents of children who are taking part** (e.g. playing an instrument, giving a reading). These parents will be notified in advance.

Children may be collected **after the service at 2:00pm**. We look forward to celebrating both occasions with you and making them memorable for our school community.

KS1 NATIVITY

Our Infant Nativity this year will be on Tuesday 16th December at 9am.



Parents of children in YR, Y1 & Y2 only will be able to watch the performance. Please drop children off, as usual at 8:45am and then come round to the front of the school to enter via the front door. This performance is for 2 parents/guardians only. Unfortunately, we do not have the capacity for additional adults. Younger siblings are welcome and should be seated on parents' laps.

SAVE THE DATE – WELCOME OUR NEW HEADTEACHER

We are delighted that our new Headteacher will be joining us immediately after the Christmas holidays. She is eager to get started in her new role and has indeed already been working behind the scenes with Mrs Malcolm and Miss Hodgson to ensure a smooth transition.

To mark this exciting beginning, Mrs Woolf warmly invites all parents to an **informal coffee and cake meeting** in the school hall on **Friday 9th January, 8:55–9:45am**.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet her, share a friendly chat and welcome her into our school community. Please do drop in if you can – we look forward to seeing you there!

SALISBURY RADIO'S 'SONG FOR CHRISTMAS'



We are incredibly proud of a choir of children from Years 4, 5 and 6 who took part in Salisbury Radio's Christmas concert at Sarum Academy on Thursday evening. AWGS performed 'Sweet Bells' and sang other songs jointly with four other schools. There were plenty of songs with audience participation from parents too! The children performed beautifully and represented our school really well.

Our song will be broadcast on the radio on Saturday 13th December.

Songs broadcast Monday - Friday will be played at 8:20am and 4:20pm.

Songs broadcast on a Saturday will be played at 8:20am and 1:20pm.

Parents and children can listen to Salisbury Radio on DAB - Alexa Enabled Smart Speakers by asking them to 'Play Salisbury Radio', on the Salisbury Radio Website and the Salisbury Radio App - which can be downloaded for free from the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.

You will also be able to download the song after it is first broadcast for £1 - with all of the proceeds being donated to Salisbury District Hospital's Stars Appeal.

BOCCIA TOURNAMENT

On Wednesday the 3 December, Mr Bowley and Mrs Telfer took 10 children to Sarum Academy to take part in a BOCCIA tournament. They were all amazing and showed great skills to win many games, finishing in 8 and 9 place from 36 teams!

A massive congratulations to KS2 BOCCIA team!

YEAR 4 TRIP to St LAURENCE'S CHURCH



Year 4 had a lovely time at St Laurence's Church in Downton on Tuesday, participating in the local music cluster's Christmas concert. They performed 'Midnight' as a class, 'Let it Snow' as an ensemble with other schools, and enjoyed listening to performances by singers and instrumentalists from Trafalgar School. Thank you to Mrs Robson for making this possible!

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

The festive season is upon us and we can't wait to see everyone in their Christmas jumpers on Wednesday 17th December!

To make sure everyone can join in, Mrs Wilkinson will be organising a Christmas Jumper Swap. If you have any unwanted jumpers to donate, or if you're in need of one, please pop along and see her.

Let's spread the joy, share the sparkle and make this year's jumper day the most colourful yet!

TRAFFIC-PARKING

Just a reminder please not to park directly outside the school on the double yellow lines. We will be asking the council to clear the roads (and the drains) to help to alleviate the flooding.

FLU IMMUNISATION

Flu reminder – please register before Monday 8 December

Your child's flu vaccination is now due.

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu.

Please complete the consent form (yes or no) using the following link:

www.bswschoolagedimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu

Please use the school code: WT126445

We are visiting your child's school Alderbury and West Grimstead Primary School on 10 December 2025

Most children are offered a nasal spray vaccine which is a quick, simple and painless spray up the nose.

The nasal spray vaccine is the preferred vaccine.

A leaflet explaining the vaccination programme for primary aged children can be accessed at:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/66730c5864e554df3bd0db99/UKHSA_12922_Protecting_your_child_against_flu_leaflet_03_WEB.pdf

A leaflet explaining the vaccination programme for secondary aged young people can be accessed at:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/64a2e2e245b6a2000c3d47de/UKHSA-12388-protect-yourself-against-flu_information-for-those-in-secondary-school.pdf

This includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate. The nasal spray vaccine contains a very small amount of gelatine from pigs (porcine gelatine) as an essential ingredient to keep it stable and able to work. For those who may not accept medicines or vaccines that contain porcine gelatine, a porcine-free flu vaccine injection is available as an alternative. Consent can be provided using the link above.

Primary School Aged Children requiring injectable flu: Once you have completed the consent form for the flu injection, the Immunisation Team will send you a link to book your child into one of our Community Clinics you will then be directed to book a clinic appointment.

If you have any queries, please contact the School Aged Immunisation Team on 0300 247 0082 or email us using vcl.immunisations@nhs.net

CHRISTINGLE MAKING



The children will be making Christingles on the last day of term. All items will be provided by the school to complete this activity.

FAWGS

We are looking forward to seeing some of you for our Christmas Movie Night this evening. Just a reminder:

KS1 will be allowed in at 15:50. Arthur Christmas starts at 16:05 and will finish at 17:45.

KS2 will be allowed in at 18:00, The Christmas Chronicles will start at 18:15 and finish at 20:00.

We will be selling sweets and popcorn and children are welcome to wear the pjs and bring blankets and cushions.

Please make sure you are on time to collect your children.

We are still selling raffle tickets for our wonderful Rainbow Raffle so make sure you get yours!! We are selling them at pick up or drop off, or you can email fawgschool@gmail.com or go to www.pta-events.co.uk/fawgs to buy online. See list attached with some of our fabulous prizes!

All money raised is going towards the KS1 Playground Area and KS2 Reading Area, so please dig deep!

The raffle will be drawn on 11th December.

Thank you to our wonderful FAWGS' Committee for organising the 'School Christmas Card Project 2025'. This raised £74.42 for our school.

District Sports

🎄 Christmas Camp – December 23rd | 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Join us for a festive and fun-filled Christmas Camp on December 23rd! From 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, children will enjoy a full day of holiday-themed activities, creative crafts, games, and seasonal cheer. Our camp is designed to spark imagination, build friendships, and get everyone excited for the Christmas season.

Participants can look forward to hands-on projects, team challenges, and plenty of joyful surprises. It's the perfect way to celebrate the holidays in a safe, engaging, and memorable environment.

We can't wait to welcome everyone for a magical day of Christmas fun!



You miss 100% of the shots you don't take!

DIARY DATES

December 2025

Friday 5	FAWGS' Movie Night
Wednesday 10	Flu Vaccines in school with School Nursing Team
Tuesday 16	KS1 Nativity
Wednesday 17	Children's School Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 19	Term 2 ends at 2pm. Please collect children from school.

January 2026

Monday 5	INSET Day
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Tuesday 6

Term 3 Starts

February 2026

Thursday 12

FAWGS School Disco

Friday 13

INSET

May 2026

W/C 12 May 2026

Year 6 SATS week

Summer Term

W/C 8 June

Y4 Multiplication Check

15 June

INSET

25 June

New Owls in School

8 July

Transition Morning (all children to new classes)

10 July

Sports Day

17 July

Reserve Sports Day

Miss Hodgson
Head of School

Mrs Malcolm
Executive Head

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