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Dates for diaries:

Monday 20th October PTA doughnut sale - after school

Tuesday 21st October Individual & Siblings School photos.

Wednesday 22nd October Autumn School Disco 5-6pm

Thursday 23rd October Nasal flu vaccinations in school. Sign up details have been emailed to you.

Friday 24th October INSET Day- school closed to pupils

w/b Monday 27th October- Half Term holiday

31st October Final deadline for secondary school applications.

Monday 3rd November- Back to school - Autumn Term 2

Monday 3rd November- Celebration of Learning Book Look. Parents welcome in **2.30 – 3pm** to look at your child's books with them.

Wednesday 5th - Friday 7th November- Year 5 Residential Visit to Leeson House visit

Monday 10th November School Council Toy and Book Fair

Tuesday 11th November 3.30 – 5pm Parent / Teacher Consultation Meetings *see below

Wednesday 12th November 3.30 – 7pm Parent / Teacher Consultation Meetings *see below

Thursday 13th November Michael Rosen Day! A day of poetry

Wednesday 3rd December Bedtime Stories 5-6pm

Friday 12th December PTA Christmas raffle- school hall 2:30pm

Monday 17th November Celebrate Children in Need today in school (school council lead – more details to follow)

Thursday 18th December End of Term service 2:40pm Holy Rood Church

Please see our school website for updates on events and news.

***Parent / Teacher Consultation Meetings**

Please make sure you have downloaded the Arbor app as these meetings will be bookable through this app. This will go live next week. Mrs Adams will email you all once this is live and ready to book.





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Important Safeguarding Notice: Children's "Spy" Books

We want to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the *Spy Dogs*, *Spy Cats*, and *Spy Pups* series.

Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

What this means for you:

- If your child has any *Spy Dog*, *Spy Cat* or *Spy Pups* books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.
- It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves — the concern is only with the outdated link.
- We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.

We can reassure you that SAST schools took immediate action and our IT team ensured the following website was blocked and therefore cannot be accessed on SAST devices in our schools.





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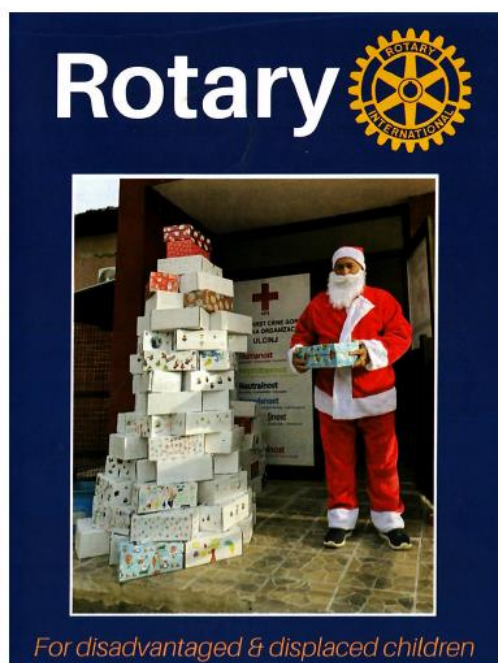


Flu Vaccinations

Please sign up your child by clicking on the link:

<https://www.schoolimmunisation.dhc.nhs.uk/Forms/Flu>

Shoebox Christmas Appeal



Please come in and pick up a box to fill!

These children need your support!

We still have lots of boxes available, this may be the only gift these children get this year.

We have the information leaflets in the school office with details about what to fill your boxes with. Please come and ask for one.

The deadline is 18th October.





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New P.E colours

After feedback from a number of parents, we have decided to make an addition to our school P.E kit. P.E t-shirts will now be allowed in navy blue, as well as white. We understand that the white shirts can get particularly dirty and are tricky to clean. White t-shirts will still be part of the school P.E. kit should you wish to keep using them. Our P.E. t-shirts are the ones with the round neckline, without collars. These are now available to buy on School Trends and My Clothing.

Our school uniform is still the same. The children should have a school jumper or cardigan with the school logo on it. We would prefer if the children wore the collared t-shirts with our school logo (available from School Trends and My Clothing). However, we understand that these are not always affordable and in line with the government initiative to keep school uniform attainable we will accept plain white t-shirts. These can be bought much more cheaply, than those with a logo.

Our priority is for the children to have a jumper or cardigan with our logo.

Spare uniform is always available in the boxes next to the front office.

Children who take part in after school sports clubs should be wearing school uniform into school and bringing school PE kit with them in their bag. They will be given time at the end of the school day to get changed. Thank you for your support with this.

[Uniform | Shillingstone CE Primary School](#) Our school website has been updated with these changes.



Please remember to get your designs in for Xmas4schools by Monday the 13th October. They make great Christmas presents for all the family, and the children love making them.





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Individual & Siblings School Photos with Fraser portraits - Tuesday 21st October

Our photographers will be set up and ready to go at 8.30am. If you have younger siblings (who are not yet school age) and you would like a family photograph taken with the children in our school, please come in between 8.30 – 9am.

The individual photos and siblings will be taken during the school day. We will organise this.

Harvest Festival

Many thanks for the wonderful donations for our Harvest Festival this week. The food will be taken to Blandford Food Bank, which is one of the five Food Banks in Dorset run by Faithworks, in partnership with local churches. This supports people in our wider community.



PTA Update

Thank you to the PTA for purchasing some new bike/scooter helmets for our children to use at lunchtimes. The next meeting will be Tuesday 2nd November at the school, 2.15pm, all welcome.





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Community – Tennis coaching

Upcoming Coaching Courses

Children aged 8-10 years

4 week course

Start date: Wednesday 5th November 3.30 – 4.15pm

(then 12th, 19th and 26th November)

Cost £28 for the course

Adult coaching

4 week course

Start date: Wednesday 5th November 2.30 – 3.30pm

(then 12th, 19th and 26th November)

Cost £40 for the course

FREE TRIAL SESSION FOR CHILDREN

All ages welcome

Monday 3rd November 3.30 – 4.15pm

Further information can be found on Shillingstone Tennis Club website or contact Dimitri Antonio (coach)

info@southsidetennis.com

07939340080

If you are in receipt of Pupil Premium, Shillingstone Tennis Club will fund child places.





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Kindest regards,

Mr Wright - Head of School
(Monday-Thursday)

Mrs Vail - Head of School (Friday)

Free Parent/ Carer session: 'An Introduction to Autism'



What is the session about?

The session was co-developed with parents of autistic children, a SENCo, Dorset Parent Carer Council and Specialist Teachers and Educational Psychologists from Dorset Council.

It will help you to:

- Understand what autism is and the impact it can have on children/young people
- Learn some practical strategies to support an autistic child/young person

Please note, this is a general information session, so we won't be able to discuss individual children.

The session will be delivered by either an Educational Psychologist or a Specialist Teacher from Dorset Council

Who can attend?

- Any parents / carers who:
- Have an autistic child
 - Have a child undergoing an assessment for autism
 - Are interested in learning more about autism

Where and when?

The Vale Family Hub

22B Butts Pond, Sturminster Newton,
Dorset DT10 1AZ

Friday the 14th of November 2025 -
9:45am until 11:15am

To book a place, please scan this QR code
or click on this Link to Register

Sturminster-Newton An
Introduction to Autism -
Parent/Carer Autism training

