



SHILLINGSTONE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dates for diaries:

Wednesday 3rd December - Bedtime Stories 5-6pm

Friday 5th December afternoon Year 6 climbing at Bryanston

Wednesday 10th December - School lunches Christmas dinner (Swiftkitchen)

Wednesday 10th December – Nativity Performance 2pm

Thursday 11th December – Nativity Performance 5.30pm

Thursday 11th December Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children

Friday 12th December – PTA bake off - PTA Christmas raffle - school hall Parents welcome from 2pm

Tuesday 16th December – Special breakfast Club - Cinnamon rolls

Wednesday 17th December- PTA Christmas Party in school. No lunch needed – PTA provide lunch.
Children wear own clothes on this day.

Tuesday 16th December – Pyramid Carol Concert for those children attending choir club

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

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

Fundraising for First Aid Day

The correct number of sweets in the jar was 213. Martha (yr 5) was the closest with her guess of 215. Well done Martha! We raised £42 from this competition. Thank you for your support!

Koala Soft-Toy Fundraiser

To raise further funds for our **First Aid day on 8th December** we are raffling a huge Koala 'teddy'. Tickets are 50p each and on sale from next week. Please get your ticket from the school office if your child would like to be entered into the draw. The raffle will take place by our school councillors on our First Aid Day.

Trail of Coins

On our First Aid Day we are asking for any loose change to try and make a trail from the defibrillator outside of school to the one inside the office.

The one outside of school is for community use and we are hoping to raise awareness of its location to you all and the wider community. Please do come and find Mr Wright and some of our School Councillors by the defibrillator outside of school at the start of the day on **Monday 8th December** and help us to lay the trail of coins.





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Spring Term Music lessons

1:1 music lessons in Piano / Keyboard, Guitar and Recorder with Mrs Cooper BA. PGCE. LTCL. MISM

Practical music lessons are offered developing skills in playing technique, reading music notation, improvisation, composing, music theory and aural skills.

When teaching, Mrs Cooper is able to demonstrate and accompany a pupil to maintain an enjoyable, creative and enriching musical experience during each half hour lesson.

If interested in further information please email Mrs Cooper at musicteacher@keebo.co.uk.



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JOIN US AS A FOUNDATION TRUSTEE

Make a lasting impact on education in your community



SAST is seeking passionate and committed individuals to join our Board of Trustees as Foundation Trustees who are linked to the local community. This is a unique opportunity to shape the strategic direction of our Trust and ensure that every child receives the highest quality education.

AS A FOUNDATION TRUSTEE YOU WILL:

- Uphold the Christian ethos and values of the Trust
- Provide strategic oversight and ensure robust governance
- Support and challenge the executive leadership team
- Help ensure financial sustainability and educational excellence

We welcome applications from individuals with:

- A child in one of our schools
- A strong alignment with our values and mission
- Experience in premises/estates, law, human resources and business are all of interest, but not essential.
- Integrity, sound judgment, and a collaborative spirit

The time commitment is approximately 6-10 meetings per year, plus occasional school visits and training sessions.

Interested?
Thank you for considering this role.
To find out more, please contact Brida.Skipworth@sast.org.uk
www.sast.org.uk



Previous attachment

Parent and Carers Support Space

An informal and welcoming group offering peer support to local Parents and Carers who care for a young person with mental health related conditions, where you can learn different strategies and gain confidence.

For further information please contact:
Email: alice.bennett@dorsetgp.nhs.uk
Tel: 01258 452501

When: 1st Friday of each month - 10.00am-11.30am

Where: The Brewery Tap, Blandford St Mary





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Christmas Post Box in school

A message from Year 6

*You may send Christmas cards to anyone in the school. Please write their first name, surname and their class clearly on the envelope.

*Post them into the post box (which will be in the central area of the school when you come in through the main front doors).

*The post box will be open from Monday 1st December.

*Year 6 children will sort the cards each day and deliver them to the classes.

Happy Christmas!



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Flu Vaccinations

Our uptake was low for flu vaccinations. If you want to book an appointment for a catch-up clinic, see details below.

Flu clinics in the community in January:

Dorchester Cricket Club 05/01/2026 14:30 – 17:00

Kings Park Hospital 05/01/2026 15:00 – 17:00

Canford Heath Clinic 06/01/2026 15:00 – 17:00

Sherborne Scout Hut 08/01/2026 14:30 – 17:00

You will need to contact the Team on either 01425 891162 or dhc.immsenquiries@nhs.net to book an appointment.

The vaccine is the best defence we have against flu, protecting children, families, staff, and the wider community from preventable diseases.



Pyramid Carol Concert - Tuesday 16th December

If your child is part of Choir Club, you will have received an email from the school office about how to book your tickets for the evening performance. 6:00pm start with doors opening at 5:30pm.

Any remaining seats will be available to the wider community from 10th December. We will share this booking information with all of our families.

Celebrate the spirit of Christmas with our enchanting Carol Concert. Students from some of our the Pyramid Cluster of schools will be performing pieces that echo the joy, warmth, and love of the season. The event is free to attend but we are asking for donations on the night towards The Vale Pantry.



The Exchange, Sturminster Newton, DT10 1FH



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PTA News



Does your child love to bake and get creative? Take part in our Great Christmas Bake Off!

50p per entry and all bakes will be judged in school by three members of staff.

Our categories are:

- Christmas Cookies or Biscuits
- Christmas Cupcakes
- Mince Pies

- 'Star Baker' prize
- Runner Up prize
- 3rd place prize



Don't forget to grab your raffle tickets!

Raffle tickets are on sale every day after school, outside the main front doors.

We have about **40 fantastic vouchers** to give away, including Amazon vouchers, family passes for Farmer Palmers, Crazy Monsters, Moors Valley, Teddy Rocks tickets, Breakfast for 2 in The Black Cat Café and many more.

Plus about **20 incredible hampers** too!



12th December

Parents welcome from 2pm

Whole school assembly from 2.30pm

We will be selling off the baking entries from 2pm on the afternoon of the 12th along with hot drinks and mulled wine.

The children will join us in the school hall at 2.30pm for Celebration Assembly (musical performance and Superstar Learners) followed by bake off winners and raffle prize draw.

Thank you so much to all families for your continued support.



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Recycle and Re-Use!

Please remember you can always create your own. Jazz up an old jumper by adding sequins and sparkles!

If you have an old Christmas jumper that is in good condition, that you no longer need, please hand in to the school office.

We will then put them out the front of school, nearer the time, and if anyone doesn't have one, please help yourself.

Save the Children – What we do?

In the UK and around the world, we make sure children keep safe, healthy and learning. Please support this charity by donating what you can. This will be through our Just Giving page, nearer the time.



Performances

The younger children in the school take part in our school nativity each year – all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will have a role. This may be speaking, acting, and /or singing the songs.

Please note the evening performance on your calendar as the children will need to return to school to perform.

A polite reminder....

Please choose which performance you will attend. We do not have space for parents to attend both performances.

We do not sell tickets for coming to watch these performances. We ask for donations on the door, to support future performances and resources. (We have to buy a license every time we perform a Nativity or school production!)

Kindest regards,

Mr Wright - Head of School (Monday-Thursday)

Mrs Vail - Head of School (Friday)