



SHILLINGSTONE C.E.PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dates for diaries:

Monday 8th December First Aid Day in school / Trail of Coins / Raffle for Teddy Koala

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.

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.

Koala Teddy Raffle - Fundraiser

To raise further funds for our **First Aid day on 8th December** we are raffling a huge Koala 'teddy'. Tickets are 50p each. 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.

Road Safety Signs

Following our road traffic survey, we have decided to hold a competition to design some signs to put on the main road to slow down the traffic. If your child would like to take part, please could they design a poster on A4 and hand it in to their teacher by the end of term. The winning posters will be made into the road signs.

Many thanks, School Council.



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DIGITAL MUSIC competition

Would anyone in Years 4-6 who loves creating digital music on our YUStudio platform like to enter this competition? Last year one of our very own talented pupils, won this competition. Create your composition over the holidays and let Mrs Higgs know so that she can enter you! Have fun!!

CALLING ALL YOUNG
MUSIC ENTHUSIASTS!

MERRY MIXERS

COMPETITION

Join us for our Merry Mixers competition and showcase your digital music-making skills. Whether you're a budding producer or a seasoned beatmaker, this is your chance to shine and be in with the chance of winning a prize! If you're in school years 4 to 8, you can join in! Make a short track on the theme of Christmas or Celebration, lasting no longer than 2 minutes.

We are looking for music that is happy and makes us want to celebrate. Perhaps your track will have a Christmassy feel, or maybe you will focus on celebrations in general. Either way, your track should make people feel joyful and ready to party!

To enter, simply create your musical track using Yu Studio* (or another Digital Audio Workstation) and send it to dorsetmusicservice@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk by 12th January 2026 with the following information:

- A title for your track
- Your school, setting, youth club
- Your full name
- School year group

Winners will be announced by the 19th January with entries judged by a team of experienced musicians with prizes awarded for the best track in each year group. Every entrant will receive feedback on their track.

*Students can access Yu Studio tutorials via our website:
<https://www.dorsetandsomersetmusicclub.org.uk/site/young-people/yu-studio-video-lessons-students/>

Prizes to be won!

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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.





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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)