



News from St Mark's



Website

I wanted to draw your attention to our school website, we endeavour to keep it updated regularly for you and it's where you can find valuable information about the school, including the importance of our school vision and values, being a Church of England school, our curriculum, safeguarding, policies and much more.

Headteacher Coffee Morning – revised date

I will be holding my first coffee morning of the new year on **Wednesday 7th October at 9.15am**. This will be an opportunity for me to meet you, if I haven't already and discuss school priorities as well as developing future thinking.

This week I have sent out an email with a Microsoft form via Arbor which will give you the opportunity to pose questions prior to the morning (whether you can attend or not). These will be answered at the coffee morning but also in feedback via email after the event. It will also help to know numbers and the size of room I will need available. Looking forward to seeing as many as can make this.

Year 3 tours

These are now on the school calendar. Please book via the school office. Although, every year, approximately 98% of Wyndham Park families choose St. Mark's for their child/ren's Junior education we never take this for granted. Please do come and see for yourself what we can offer your child and do tell your extended families and friends too!

To book a tour on one of the following dates, please contact the school office on 01722 333497 or email smadmin@wyndhamstmarks.uk

We look forward to welcoming you to St Mark's!

Tuesday 10th November at 9.30am

Thursday 26th November at 3.30pm

Thursday 3rd December at 3.30pm

Play trail before and after school

A polite reminder that our Play trail, situated on the field, should not be used in the morning before school and after school during collection. This area is unsupervised by school staff at these times and the play trail requires school adult supervision. Please ensure that your child/ren remain with the adult responsible for them until it's time to line up in the mornings. Thank you for your understanding.

Uniform reminder

I have been really impressed with how smart our children have looked and how well everyone has been wearing the correct uniform. Thank you!

There are just a few little things starting to creep in, so please can we make sure we continue to get the basics right — **school shoes rather than black trainers, please.**

A reminder too that some of our children have sensory needs and may have an agreed, more relaxed version of the uniform. These adjustments will always have been discussed with a member of the pastoral team beforehand, and should still remain within our school colours. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our children looking smart and feeling comfortable and included.



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**Thank you
Everyone!**

16 September 2026

The Head
St Mark's Church of England Junior School
Somerset Road
Salisbury
SP1 3BL



President - The Earl of Pembroke

To all at St Mark's Church of England Junior School

Thank you for raising a wonderful £654.24 for Salisbury District Hospital's charity, the Stars Appeal, from your non-school uniform day and bake sale to mark Lily-Eva Cole's birthday. Your donations will specifically benefit children being treated here at the Hospital. Your continued support is greatly appreciated by us all.

As you know, every year tens of thousands of local children receive care and treatment at Salisbury District Hospital, either on Sarum Children's Ward or as outpatients within the Squire Children's Unit. Some come in for routine operations, others for therapy to help them cope with disabilities and many for chronic illnesses such as cancer and cystic fibrosis.

Your support will help children to get better faster, return home sooner and have a more positive hospital experience by funding additional care, facilities and equipment over and above those provided by the NHS, for example:

- Maintaining the nationally recognised, outstanding child-friendly environment in the Sarum Children's Ward & Squire Children's Outpatient Unit.
- Free accommodation enabling parents to stay by their child's bedside and support for them whilst their child is in hospital.
- State-of-the-art treatment and diagnostic equipment.
- A dedicated Play Assistant who, through play, helps make children's time in hospital more normal and reduces feelings of anxiety, fear and stress.
- Multi-sensory toys, play therapy and other distractions to help children feel happier during their time in hospital.
- Supporting staff so they can continue to deliver the best possible care to children.
- Free Wi-Fi.
- Projects that enable children to be treated locally in Salisbury rather than having to travel to other hospitals.

Each year, we strive to raise at least £50,000 to enable us to provide the very best facilities to help local children, babies and their families. Your support is helping us do this and, on behalf of all those who will benefit from your generosity, our sincere thanks once again.

With very best wishes.

Yours sincerely

Helena Sinclair
On behalf of Salisbury District Hospitals Stars Appeal

The Stars Appeal Salisbury District Hospital Salisbury Wiltshire SP2 8BJ
01722 429005 www.starsappeal.org info@starsappeal.org

The Stars Appeal - registered charity number 1052284 - Registered in England as Salisbury District Hospital Charitable Fund



Congratulations to our Lions Award Winners this week



Ash

Bjorn and Ada

Beech

Isabella and Shane

Chestnut

Ronan and Albie

Elm

Kyan and Jude

Fir

Elah and Trixie

Holly

Willow and Matthew

Maple

Katie and Alex

Oak

Virginia and Elliot

Pine

Edith and Holly

Spruce

Theo and Charlie S

Willow

Charlotte and Delyne

Attendance

Attendance figures for the first 3 weeks back are:

Year 3 – 98%

Year 4 – 98%

Year 5 – 97%

Year 6 – 93%

Our aim is to maintain 96% across the year.

Be an attendance H.E.R.O
Here, Every day, Ready, On time

Attendance and Punctuality - Working Together

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin the new school year, I wanted to take the opportunity to remind everyone about the importance of good attendance and to re-establish our expectations around attendance and punctuality at St. Mark's C of E Junior School.

We want every child at St. Mark's to thrive, feel that they belong and make the most of every opportunity available to them. Being in school regularly supports children's learning, friendships, wellbeing and wider development, and helps them establish positive routines from the very beginning of their education.

Our expectation is that children attend school every day that they are well enough to do so and arrive on time. We recognise that children will sometimes be unwell and that there may be circumstances which make attending school more difficult. Where this happens, please talk to us so that we can understand what is happening and offer appropriate support.

When attendance becomes a concern

We monitor attendance regularly so that we can identify patterns of absence early.

Attendance below 90% is classed as persistent absence and means that a child is missing a significant amount of their education.

Where attendance becomes a concern, we will contact parents and offer support, including involvement from Norma, our Family Support Worker, where appropriate. If attendance does not improve, parents will be invited to an Attendance Support Meeting so that we can understand any barriers and agree actions together. If concerns continue, further formal meetings may be arranged and we may need to involve the Education Welfare Service.

Unauthorised absence and holidays

Holidays during term time will not be authorised. Leave of absence can only be granted in exceptional circumstances. There is also a national threshold for considering further action where there are 10 sessions (5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling period of 10 school weeks. This can include unauthorised absence and arriving after the register has closed.

Our priority is always to identify difficulties early and work alongside families to help children attend regularly. If you are experiencing any difficulties affecting your child's attendance - including health, anxiety, routines at home or other family circumstances - please speak to us early so that we can explore how we can help.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that our children are in school, on time and ready to learn. By working together, we can give every child at Wyndham Park the very best opportunity to thrive.

Helen Fielder
Headteacher

Our attendance support pathway



At every stage, if attendance improves we will recognise the progress and continue to support the family.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been asked to share a free online session which may be helpful for families of autistic children who are experiencing difficulties with sleep. The session is being run by Laura Hellfeld, a neurodivergent nurse, health educator and public health worker, through Springfield School.

Date: Thursday 8 October 2026

Time: 10:30–11:30am

Cost: Free for parents and carers

Further information and booking details are available via the link in the forwarded information below.

We hope this may be useful to some of our families.

<https://www.goodhub.com/go/the-springfields-academy-reach-south-academy-trust-244437>

Best wishes,

Clare O'Keefe

SENDCo for Wyndham Park Infants' School and St Mark's C of E Junior School

Term 1 Academic Year 2026/27

Tuesday 6 th October	WASP Wyndham and St. Mark's Parents association AGM 6.30pm Wyndham Park Hall
Wednesday 7 th October	Headteacher coffee morning in school 9.15am Year 3 Drama for all visit to school
Tuesday 13 th October	Harvest Festival St. Mark's Church 10am Year 4 leading – Year 4 parents invited
Monday 19 th October	Year 4 Trip to Salisbury Local history
Wednesday 21 st October	Last day of term 1 OPEN CLASSROOMS 2.30pm

Term 2 Academic Year 2026/27

Monday 2 nd November	Teacher Training Day School closed for children
Tuesday 3 rd November	School starts for term 2 8.40am

Community Messages

Wyndham Park Lunchtime Support Assistant

Wyndham Park are looking for a lunchtime Support Assistant to oversee and care for the children during their lunch hour every day. Duties include serving lunches to tables, pouring drinks, cutting up food and managing safe play on the playground. This is a very rewarding and important role in our schools. If you are interested, please use the QR code to find out more.



Spire Reds Netball Club
redsnetsball@live.co.uk



Age: 5-9Yrs

THURSDAYS

Start Date: 29/09/22

Time: 5-7Yrs 4pm-5pm

7-9Yrs 5pm-6pm

Location: Sarum Academy, SP2 9HS



Saturday 26th September

**Salisbury Charity bookstall
raising funds for**

3rd Salisbury Sea Scouts

**Location: Salisbury Market Square
near the Guild hall 8am to 4pm**

All books 50p

Please come and support us.





Amesbury Dig 2026

Programme at Amesbury History Centre



Sun 4 Oct, 7pm	Talk - Blick Mead & Star Carr: The Parallels & Differences Prof David Jacques FSA, University of Buckingham	£7 Non-members £5 Members
Tue 6 Oct, 7pm	Quiz & Supper Night - take part in the Dig Quiz & enjoy a delicious supper prepared by our very own cake baker. Vegan/freefrom option available. Bar open for purchases.	Prices vary depending on choice £10 - £14
Wed 7 Oct, 7pm	Talk - Medieval Amesbury: It's not all about Eleanor Harriet Guinn Jennings, Winchester University	£7 Non-members £5 Members
Sat 10 Oct, 10am -4pm	CHILDREN Heritage Activity Day - Mesolithic & Neolithic Life	FREE - drop in
Sat 10 Oct, 7pm	Book Launch & Talk - Vikings in North America (and Amesbury?) Prof Graeme Davis of University, St Andrews	£7 Non-members £5 Members
Mon 12 Oct, 7pm	Talk - Neolithic Malta Renita El-Masri, University of Malta	£7 Non-members £5 Members
Wed 14 Oct, 7pm	Talk - Dig 2026 : The Findings Josh White & Tom Phillips	£7 Non-members £5 Members
Sat 17 Oct, 10am - noon	CHILDREN Young Historians Workshop visit the Dig - only 24 places	£4 each, £3 for a sibling
Sat 17 Oct, 10am - 4pm	CHILDREN Heritage Craft Day - make a pendant	FREE - drop in
Sat 17 Oct, 10am - 4pm	Meet an Archaeologist - view the Finds of Dig 2025	FREE - drop in
Regular Membership	Discounts for events & receive monthly e-newsletter	Fees start at £20 a year

www.amesburyhistorycentre.org.uk



Family and Community Learning

Discover Opportunities - Develop Skills - Achieve Ambitions

Online course Helping My Child Build Concentration and Resilience

Thursday 29 October
10:00-12:00

Ideal for parents and carers of
primary school-aged children



- Explore how the environment affects concentration
- Discover how words can help develop resilience
- Develop ways to support concentration and resilience



**Booking closes
Thursday 22 October**



Visit <https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-and-community-learning/>

Contact familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk

Call the FaCL team on 01225 770478

or scan the QR code

Courses are no cost to learners who meet our eligibility criteria. Learners must be aged 19+ years, have a Wiltshire postcode, and meet residency requirements. Learners must also be able to tick **one** of the following criteria: individual income less than £26,800 a year; in receipt of benefits (other than child benefit); be a care leaver, foster carer or carer; be a military family or ex-armed forces personnel; have refugee or asylum seeker status; have a learning difficulty or disability; be looking to work, now or in the future.



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Helping My Child with Anxiety and Worry

**Tuesday 20
October
10:00am-12:00pm
Online**



For caregivers of primary-aged children

- Understand how to support wellbeing at home
- Suggestions shared to manage anxiety together
- Positive and realistic help for the family
- Suitable for parents/carers with primary school aged children

Booking closes 7 days before the course start date

**For bookings scan the QR code or contact: 01225 770478
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Online Course



Ideal for parents and carers of primary school-aged children

Helping My Child to Prepare Positively for Change

Thursday 5 November
10am-12pm

Booking closes Thursday 29 October 2026

- Explore the reasons why children may find change difficult
- Discover ways to support your children at home in developing their ability to cope with change.
- Develop an understanding of how simple steps at home can help children prepare for change.

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SUPERSTRINGS

AUTUMN FEST

COME AND JOIN THE SUPERSTRINGS
TEAM FOR A MORNING OF
SPOOKTACULAR MUSIC MAKING

ANY YOUNG VIOLIN, VIOLA OR CELLO
PLAYERS WELCOME.

BEGINNER TO GRADE 3 STANDARD

FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER
MANOR FIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL
SALISBURY SP2 7EJ

9.00 - 12.30

£25.00

MORE INFORMATION & TO BOOK A PLACE
SUPERSTRINGSCLUB@PROTON.ME
OR USE THE QR CODE BELOW



SUPERSTRINGS CHRISTMAS STRINGFEST

JOIN THE SUPERSTRINGS TEAM FOR A MORNING OF
FESTIVE MUSIC, ART AND FUN.



IDEAL FOR BEGINNER - GRADE 3
VIOLIN, VIOLA & CELLO PLAYERS.

SALISBURY

SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER

9.00 - 12.30

Venue TBC

Book your young musician a place on our
popular Christmas course!

superstringsclub@proton.me

£25.00



Physical activity

for children and young people (5-18 Years)



Be physically active

60 minutes

Aim for an average of at least

per day across the week

Spread activity throughout the day



Play



Walk / Run



Swim



Skate



Skip



Climb

Activities to develop movement skills, and muscle and bone strength

ACROSS WEEK

All activities should make you breathe faster & feel warmer



Bike



Active Travel



Sport



PE



Workout



Dance

Reduce inactivity



**Get strong
Move more**

Increase activity



Find ways to help all children and young people accumulate an average of at least 60 minutes physical activity per day across the week



JOIN OUR JUNIOR SECTION



**Come and play
Hockey with
Salisbury Juniors**



Ages 6-16



Free Taster Sessions



Experienced coaching team



Proven paths to senior hockey



Club Bursaries available



**Contact: juniormembership@salisburyhockeyclub.co.uk
for more details**

