

Parent Communication 14.2.25

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We have reached the end of term 3 and therefore are officially halfway through the year! Thank you for all your support for the school over the first half of the year and we wish you a positive and restful half term break. Our first day back after half term is Monday 24th February.

Year 9 options evening

Thank you to everyone who attended our options evening on Thursday. If you were unable to make this or have any further question/ queries, please contact the school to speak to Zanna who will be able to go through anything with you directly.

End of term assembly

It was great to see everyone at the end of term assembly today and to celebrate the successes and achievements of the last term. Thank you for joining us and I look forward to many more celebrations over the course of the rest of the year.

Primary Swimming and WOLT

Well done to Turtle class pupils for your swimming progress this term. Next term Starfish pupils will be swimming on Tuesdays and Turtle pupils will be going to WOLT.

Staffing update

We are delighted to be able to let you know that as of the beginning of term 4 we will be further strengthening the school leadership team, and Andy Fulker will be joining as Assistant Headteacher. Andy is a very experienced senior leader within specialist education who will be a real asset to the school. He will be taking on the specific responsibilities of Head of Key Stage 4, Exams Officer and Careers and Destinations Lead. We very much look forward to welcoming him onto the SAIL team.

Ready, Respectful, Safe Teacher/Tutor Nominees

This week's Ready, Respectful, Safe Teacher and Tutor Nominees are:

Angelfish – Joe

Turtle – Chris

Starfish – Ami

Penguin – Jack, Thomas

Dolphin – Dylan

Swordfish – Tyler

Seal – Taylor

Octopus – Luke

Orca – Charlotte

Atlantic – Benji

Well done to all those students who have made great steps this week, particularly those students identified above.

Wiltshire Wellbeing App

As part of offering increased digital access to health promotion advice and support for families in Wiltshire, the Wiltshire Children and Families Wellbeing Service launched the 'Growing Well Wiltshire' App in May 2024. The App has easy to access information about the service, how to access support, a chat function to support direct access to the team, available 9-5pm Monday to Friday as well as lots of health promotion information, videos and local links to wider support services. [» Growing Well Wiltshire App](#)

WOLT SEN sessions during the half term

WOLT will be running a massively reduced rate 2 x SEN sessions next Thursday (20th February) 11:00-13:00 and 14:00-16:00 at their Roundwood venue (BA13 4EH). These sessions cost only £10 a head. Activities will be missiles, games and perhaps some high stuff! This will be for any children and young people from aged 7 and up. If you are interested, please get in contact.

Wiltshire Schools' Newsletter

Please see below for the latest from the Wiltshire Schools' Update Newsletter.

Consultation - Improving the way Ofsted inspects education

You may have seen in the press that Ofsted has released a consultation on Improving the way Ofsted inspects education. This follows the feedback they received through The Big Listen last year and details the changes that Ofsted propose to make. The consultation can be accessed on the following link: [Improving the way Ofsted inspects education: consultation document - GOV.UK](#)

This consultation asks for the views of parents, carers, professionals and learners on the way

they carry out education inspections, and the way they report them. Ofsted is keen to hear from as many interested parties as possible.

Supporting Children in Schools webinar

We are inviting parents and carers to our upcoming webinar on Wednesday, 26 February 2025, from 6pm to 7pm - [Support available for learners in educational settings](#).

This session will provide valuable insights into the support available to all children in schools, including academic support, social development, and social-emotional mental health resources. [Through this survey, parents and carers can register for the webinar](#) and submit any questions they may have in advance. This session will be particularly beneficial for those who feel their child may require additional support in school.

Free Stuff!

Everybody loves free stuff and here at SAIL we have some items of furniture which are surplus to requirements that we would like to donate to a worthy cause.

We are in the process of tidying up our workshop area to make it a more viable space and we have some chairs that need to find a good home. There are roughly 40 grey “spinning” chairs on wheels - around 35 blue, hard plastic stackable chairs - 10 grey, hard plastic bar stools and about 25 grey, hard plastic chairs.

If any parent/carer knows of a community project like a youth group, café or charity that could make use of these, kindly let the Office Manager know or ask the cause to get in touch directly via the reception email address at reception@sail-academy.org.

Key Dates

February

- **Monday 24th February** – First day of term 4

March

- **Monday 3rd March** – World Wildlife Day
- **Saturday 8th March** – International Women's Day (to be looked at in school w/b: 3rd March)
- **Saturday 22nd March** – World Water Day (to be looked at in school w/b: 24th March)
- **Week of 24th March – Craft Gifts** - Mother's Day/Carer's gift crafts available for pupils to buy at lunch and decorate. More details to follow from WAVES PTA.