

'Move, Groove, Make, Create' Creative Arts' Week 2023



What a **fabulous** week! Thank you to **Mrs Shinn** for organising the best week and to all the staff for running a huge range of activities and opportunities for our pupils. There has been **such a buzz** in school and the children have enjoyed expressing themselves through art, design, craft, cooking and sport. The colour run was the most fabulous finale!! We will be adding photographs to Seesaw and the school website.

This week in school

A huge congratulations to our Mini Marathon runners! We were so proud of them. It is a gruelling, hilly course and the sun was beaming down but all runners completed the course with a smile on their faces. We had some children place in the top 20 too! It's a lovely community event and really well supported.



Today we said our final farewell to two members of staff. Mrs Down is retiring after 32 years and Mrs Mac, who has worked here for 10 years, is taking on a new role at a children's home. Both members of staff have had a huge impact on our school and they will be greatly missed. The messages, cards and gifts they have received show what they both mean to the Sarum St Paul's Community. We wish them well on their next adventures.

Silent Auction

The following bidders have won the amazing canvas art work produced by each year group:

Year 1 – Elaine Evans (Phoebe Willetts' granny) Year 2 – Julie Bennett Year 3 – Eva Shah Year 4 – Nandu Padmaraj
Year 5 – Carol Fisk Year 6 – Zoe Male. Thank you so much for your generosity; between you all you have raised £161!

Can you help?!

We all knew Mrs Down would be hard to replace... and it's proven true! We have not been able to recruit a caretaker / site manager to cover this position so we have recruited an additional cleaner. We are therefore looking for a 'handyperson' to call upon (in a paid capacity) if we need any DIY jobs completed e.g. painting, minor repairs. If you are interested, please email admin@sarum-st-pauls.wilts.sch.uk

Attendance

Our whole school attendance is 94.96% which is above the current national average of 93.9%. We have been watching the figures creep up and are desperate to get above 95% before the end of the year! We have completed our term 5 attendance monitoring and letters have been sent to any child who has attendance below 90%.

Class attendance: Year R – 94.8% Year 1 – 92.2% Year 2 – 94.8%
Year 3 – 95.1% Year 4 – 95.3% Year 5 – 95.2% Year 6 – 95.8%

Forest School Sessions: Thursday 8th May – Year 6

Safeguarding

Each week we share useful safeguarding information for parents / carers. The purpose is to empower you, raise awareness to protective measures you could adopt and provide up-to-date information on trends in order to safeguard your child.



Leave of Absence

Reducing absence from school is a key priority at both national and local level. Missing school reduces a pupil's educational attainment and life chances. This term we have seen an increase in requests for leave of absence. Absences may only be authorised at the discretion of the Headteacher in EXCEPTIONAL circumstances. These include:

- Exceptional family circumstances such as a bereavement/religious observance/wedding of a close family member/family emergency.

- Unavoidable medical/dental appointment
- Absence, within reason, for an external exam such as ballet and music and to attend elite events
- Other exceptional circumstances (discuss these with the headteacher)

Please note that family holidays will not count as a reason to authorise absence in term time, with the exception of the children of armed forces personnel on leave from active service.

FOSSP – Friends of Sarum St Paul's

Ice cream Fridays – Please sign up to help sell and support FoSSP by coming to buy ice creams on Fridays after school. Dates: Y3 – 9th June, Y2 – 16th June, Y1 – 23rd June, YR – 30th June.



Bags2schools – Thursday 15th June. Please bring your bags with you that morning. Bags are available from the office and the list of items that can be donated is as follows:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

Kind regards,

Mrs E Weavers