

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carer,

Now that Covid restrictions are beginning to relax, we are hopeful the Department for Education will release updated guidance to schools regarding the use of bubbles and organisation of the school day. Until this time, we are required to keep the current system in place for everyone's safety. The recent temporary closure of a primary school within our cluster due to a Covid outbreak amongst the pupils and staff reminds us of how important it is to follow the national regulations in the meantime.

Thank you to parents and carers who attended their online meetings with their child's classteacher this week. We hope you found the meetings informative and reassuring following the turbulent and challenging year we have all encountered. The vast majority of the meetings ran smoothly across both bases although we were made aware that questions have arisen as to why the school did not choose Teams or Zoom to carry out the video appointments. Unfortunately neither software handles the booking of large numbers of appointments, requiring teachers to organise the sign-up process, bookings and the distribution of invitations. The Parent Booking system handles all these tasks, allowing teachers to focus on teaching rather than administration whilst also allowing parents/carers to freely choose the appointments best for them without having to congregate around a physical sign-up sheet. This system also does not require parents to set up accounts on alternative systems as these are created automatically using the data we already hold. Unfortunately we are unable to offer blanket telephone appointments due to the number of lines we have available. If you did encounter problems with the system, please let me, the office or your child's classteacher know so we can help in the future if required. I am available most days at drop-off at Atworth and pick-up at Monkton Farleigh and am pleased to help with any issue. We are hopeful that in-person meetings will be able to return by the time the autumn parents' evening come around.

Thank you for your ongoing support which is very much appreciated

Kind regards,

Simon Fletcher.



### Class Photos Thursday 27 May

Tempest Photography will be visiting each base to take whole class photos on Thursday 27 May

## Mathletics

Not one, but two golds this week! And a very healthy crop of other certificates. Well done all of you - we are really

impressed with your consistency - a lot of you make this list most weeks. Fantastic maths!

**GOLD:** Oscar, Florence

**SILVER:** Oscar, Florence, Alexis, Rufus, Emily J, William J, George R, Kaan

**BRONZE:** Oscar, Leah, Oliver CJ, Florence, Ethan, Josiah, Alexis, Maddox, Hannah, Rufus, Oliver H, Lillie, Lauren, Tomas, Emily J, William J, Ted L, Vinnie, Violet, Eleanor, Emily M, George P, George R, Isabella R, Kaan, Iris

We've had some questions about exactly what all the mathletics certificates mean and how you earn them. You can see why we celebrate all children who earn a certificate and are particularly proud of our gold certificate mathletes. So far this year 33 children have earned a gold certificate which is a fantastic achievement and we do notice the impact of regular practice in class.

Research shows that completing just 3 Mathletics activities a week, which equates to about 20 minutes, has a significant impact on maths results. However, if a student can aim for a weekly certificate (1000 points) then the impact will be significantly higher!

### Certificates are awarded as follows:

**Bronze Certificate** – 1000 points earned in a week

**Silver Certificate** – 5 x bronze certificates

**Gold Certificate** – 4 x silver certificates (20 weeks of sustained effort!)

Only one certificate can be earned each week – this encourages consistent participation.

**Non Uniform Day**  
**Friday 28th**  
**May**  
suggested donation  
**£1**  
for the PTA





## Thank you Michelle – we will miss you

The staff and children at Monkton Farleigh surprised Michelle the cook yesterday ☺ As well as a personalised chopping board, a bottle of Champagne, and a rose bush and pot for her new garden. The children also all signed her work apron for her to keep, which the Robins said she could wear on special occasions and the day she moves house!



Say hello to Wilfred Oliver Matters born 12/5/2021. Thank you to Miss Manifold for sharing this wonderful picture of her new baby.



## THE SCHOOL POOL COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We are eager to get the school pool back up and running after such a long period of no use. We currently have a small group who are working hard behind the scenes hoping to get the pool back to the best it can be, but your feedback is needed. Please help us out by completing this survey which will take no more than a couple of minutes. We will be sure to keep everyone updated on ideas and progress and we are always happy to have new recruits.

Thanks in advance!

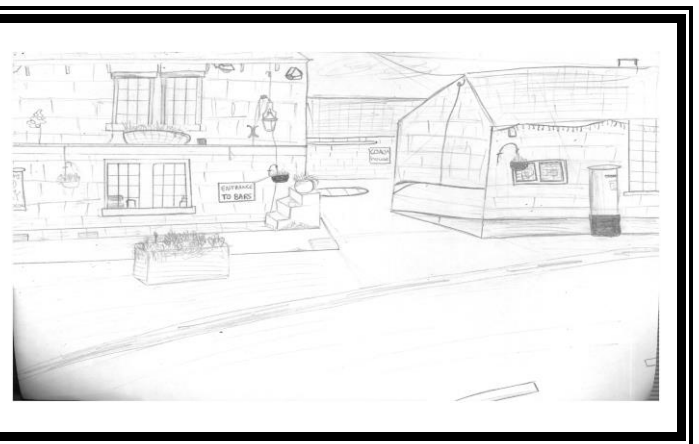
The School Pool Committee

Take my survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8VBBZLD>

## HOODIES



Thank you very much to Mrs Miller for organising the Y6 leavers' hoodies. They look brilliant and the children are very proud to be wearing them.



Violet's picture of the White Hart from Kestrel's village walk



## E-Scooters

The use of electric scooters on the public highway, on footways or cycle paths, or in other areas accessible to the public, such as parks, playgrounds or car parks is currently illegal. The only exceptions are for a limited number of pilot scooter hire schemes, which are restricted to over 16s who hold a driving licence. There are no such schemes currently running in Wiltshire – the nearest is in Bath city centre. Otherwise, electric scooters may only be used on private land with the permission of the landowner.

E-scooters are readily available to buy and are an attractive transport option, being relatively cheap and fun to ride, they bring a significant level of risk to both users and the wider public. In addition, breaches of the law are criminal offences, and may lead to fines, or penalty points on licences or disqualification from driving altogether. Many people are unaware of the law, especially when buying them for their children.

## Early Years Transition course

The Family and Community Learning Team has a NEW remote Early Years Transition course running for parents who have children moving from pre-school to reception on 18 June.

If you are worried or would like to know a little more on how to support their 4/5 year olds transition smoothly.

We recognise that this is a really important step into these very young children's lives and we want to encourage the move positively.

[Further information can be found on the Work Wiltshire website](#)

Swindon and Wiltshire Interventions  
for Families to Thrive (SWIFT)



## WHAT IS SWIFT?

SWIFT is a consent-based programme run within Wiltshire Police. Its aim is to reduce children coming to police notice and prevent them becoming part of the criminal justice system. The programme runs for no longer than six months.

When a young person is accepted onto the SWIFT programme they are matched up with a Trusted Adult (TA) who will either be a PCSO or PC.

- The TA will meet with their young person once every two weeks.
- They will be set small goals to help them work towards better outcomes.
- There will be an evaluation at the beginning, middle and end of the course.
- The TA will signpost the young person to any agency they think could help moving forward.

To become part of the SWIFT programme the following criteria needs to be met:

- ✓ Young people aged 8-15 years old.
- ✓ Young people coming to police attention for anti-social behaviour, missing episodes, low level disorder at home, low level exploitation concerns.
- ✓ Siblings or peers of those within the Criminal Justice System/at higher risk/working with professionals will be considered.





## Message from Wiltshire Police

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wiltshire Police are committed to reducing harm and preventing crime in our communities. This week, we're focussing on educating parents and pupils on County Lines and the associated exploitation. Please take a minute to read the attached leaflet, which will explain what County Lines is, the signs to look for, advice and further help.

By understanding the issue and being aware of the signs, we can proactively work together to safeguard our young people

### Advice for parents and carers

County lines involves the transportation of illegal drugs from one place to another, usually across different counties.

Groups or gangs target young and vulnerable people from all backgrounds, to run 'mobile phone lines' and move drugs across borders.

While most young people will not become involved in county lines, it is important that you are able to recognise the signs and know how to protect your child.

### Why do young people become involved in County Lines?

Gangs are known to target vulnerable young people; some of the factors that heighten a person's vulnerability include:

- Going through a family breakdown
- Struggling at school or experiencing learning difficulties
- Homeless or living in a care home
- Trapped in poverty
- A sense of belonging
- Lack of money
- Pressure and influence by their peers. Peer to peer abuse can be males and females.
- A sense of power
- To gain friends and social status
- Protection



### Signs to look out for

Here are some signs to look out for that may suggest someone you know might be involved in county lines activity:

- A sudden change in behaviour, with violent or aggressive outbursts
- Using sexual, drug-related or violent language you wouldn't expect them to know
- Becoming isolated from friends and family
- Carrying weapons - this may include taking items from the home
- Multiple mobile phones or additional sim cards
- Unexplained new possessions and money
- Unknown train/bus tickets
- Having hotel cards or keys to unknown places
- Being secretive about who they are talking to and where they are going
- Regularly going missing and/or missing school
- Unexplained injuries that could indicate physical assault or self-harm
- Use of drugs and alcohol
- Associating with established groups outside of their usual peers and social circle, in particular older members.



Term 5	
Thursday 27 May	Tempest class vista photos
Friday 28 May	Non Uniform Day to raise money for the PTA. Suggested donation of £1.
<b>Friday 28 May</b>	<b>End of Term 5</b>
Term 6	
<b>Monday 07 June</b>	<b>Start of Term 6</b>
Wednesday 09 – Friday 11 June	Kilve Court Year 5 & 6 residential
Wednesday 16 June	music workshops Atworth
Wednesday 16 June	R21 Meet the Teacher 5pm Atworth; 5:30pm MF
Tuesday 22 June	R21 Induction afternoon
Tuesday 29 June	R21 induction afternoon
Tuesday 06 July	R21 induction afternoon
Thursday 08 July	Year 6 pupils Induction at St Laurence whole day
Friday 09 July	Sports afternoon 1pm -3:15pm
Tuesday 13 July	R21 induction afternoon & Teddy Bear's picnic
Thursday 15 July	Year 5 taster Day St Laurence School whole day
Friday 16 July	Yr. 6 Transition Day Melksham Oak



Term 6 Continued	
Friday 16 July	Provisional Sports Day
Friday 16 July	Pupil Reports go home
Monday 19 July to Wednesday 21 July	Sports Week
Wednesday 21 July	Last Day Term 6
<b>Thursday 22 July</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
<b>Friday 23 July</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>

## **INSET days planned for academic year 2021-2022**

Wednesday 01 September 2021

Tuesday 04 January 2022

Friday 08 April 2022

Monday 06 June 2022

Monday 25 July 2022

