

A message from Mr Ramsay

Dear families,

It has been lovely to welcome so many of you into school recently for our Meet the Teacher sessions and our EYFS phonics session. Thank you to everyone who attended, and to our teaching teams for preparing and delivering the sessions.

A key message was the importance of the partnership between home and school. Small things can make such a difference – particularly reading regularly together, talking about books and encouraging children's independence.

Our EYFS phonics session introduced how we teach children to read using Essential Letters and Sounds, while also highlighting the importance of sharing stories, poems and rhymes at home. Reading together, talking about characters and new words, and enjoying favourite books again and again all help to develop a lifelong love of reading.

It was also wonderful to show families our library, a space we are incredibly proud of at Wyndham Park. Staying with reading, I was delighted by the number of children who completed the Summer Reading Challenge. It has been lovely seeing so many certificates and medals celebrated in our assemblies – a huge well done to everyone who took part.

On Monday, Mrs Fiddy will be talking to the children about becoming Reading Ambassadors, giving them the opportunity to share their enthusiasm for books and help us continue to promote a love of reading across the school.

For anyone who was unable to attend the sessions, or would like to revisit the information, the PowerPoint presentations are available on the school website.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you and your families have a lovely weekend, and I look forward to another exciting fortnight at Wyndham Park.

Warm wishes,

Baz Ramsay

Headteacher



Year groups

Reception

Reception children have started their Bikeability training sessions, developing important physical skills while learning how to ride safely and confidently. During the sessions, the children are practising balance, control, coordination and core stability, as well as learning how to use their bikes safely. They are developing their confidence as they learn to stop, start, steer and control their bikes.



Year 1

Year One have enjoyed exploring our outdoor areas. They have been using the minibeast hunting equipment and have been reminding themselves of our Forest School rules.



Year 2

In Science, Year 2 made predictions about which materials they thought would be absorbent. The children then enjoyed testing different materials and finding out whether their predictions were correct.

Meanwhile in Forest school, the children have been learning how to tie a bow.



Inclusion Base

We have been doing lots of different communication games in Dragonflies. Focusing on recognising objects, following instructions, turn taking and engagement.



Learning focus

This fortnight: Kindness

This week, we are focusing on one of our important school values – kindness.

At Wyndham Park, kindness means caring for each other, including others, helping when someone needs us and treating everyone with respect. We want our children to understand that kindness can be shown in both what we say and what we do.

We are encouraging everyone to remember our simple message: "Kind hands, kind words."

For our children, this might mean inviting someone to join in a game, sharing and taking turns, helping someone who is finding something difficult, saying please and thank you, giving someone a compliment, listening to others, or checking if someone is okay.

We would really appreciate your support in talking about and modelling these small acts of kindness at home too. Together, we can make sure Wyndham Park continues to be a happy, caring and kind place for everyone.

Notices, reminders & dates

Dates for your diary for Term 1 2026/27

DATE	EVENT
Monday 28 th September	Reception 2027/28 Tour #1 9:30
Monday 28 th September	Deadline for Cauliflower Cards!
Tuesday 29 th September	Flu vaccinations
Friday 2 nd October	EYFS Tea & Chat 9-10am
Tuesday 6 th October	Drama 4 All Workshops
Tuesday 6 th October	Reception 2027/28 Tour #2 9:30am
Tuesday 6 th October	WASP Wyndham and St. Mark's Parents association AGM 6.30pm Wyndham Park Hall
Wednesday 7 th October	Drama 4 All Workshops
Tuesday 13 th October	Harvest Assembly
Tuesday 13 th October	Year 2 Fire Station visit
Wednesday 14 th October	Reception 2027/28 Tour #3 1:30pm
Wednesday 14 th October	Parents Evening
Thursday 15 th October	Parents Evening
Wednesday 21 st October	Last day of term 1 Open Classrooms 2.30pm

Attendance

Attendance figures, average for this year so far:

- Wyndham Park 92.3%
- Ducklings – 95.5% +
- Owlets – 96.4% -
- Hedgehogs – 96.3% +
- Squirrels – 91.5% +
- Badgers – 98.6% +
- Foxes – 94.5% +
- Dragonflies – 70% +
- Otters 79.1% -
- Froglets – 86.8% -

Our aim is to maintain 96% across the year.

Well done to the 6 classes who improved their attendance from last week in particular Owlets, Hedgehogs and Badgers for being over 96%.

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

Thank you

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

Year 1 Nativity dates:

We are excited to share the dates for our Year 1 Nativity performances this December.

Monday 7th December – Dress Rehearsal

Tuesday 8th December – Performance

Wednesday 9th December – Performance

All performances will begin at 9:30am.

Further information about tickets, costumes and arrangements will be shared nearer the time. We are looking forward to seeing the children perform and welcoming you to Wyndham Park for this special occasion.



We are delighted to announce that our tours for new Year 3 places in September 2027 are now open for bookings!

Choosing the right school for your child is an important decision, and we would love to welcome you and your family to St Mark's C of E Junior School to see our school for yourself.

Come and explore our wonderful learning environment, meet our friendly staff and discover what makes our school such a special place for children to learn, grow and thrive.

We would be delighted to show you around and answer any questions you may have.

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

Thank you!



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 Wyndham Park.

We want every child at Wyndham Park 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 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

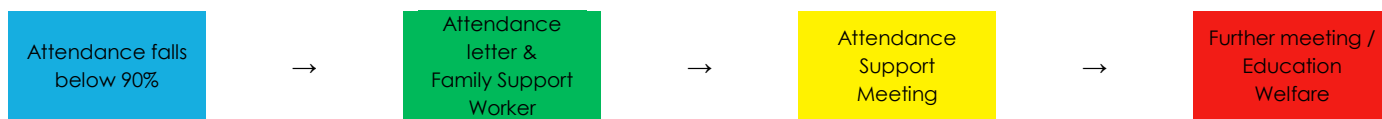
Holidays during term time will not be authorised. Leave of absence can only be granted in exceptional circumstances. There is also a national threshold for considering further action where there are 10 sessions (5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling period of 10 school weeks. This can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

Yours sincerely,
Baz Ramsay
Headteacher

Our attendance support pathway



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

Community News ...

Harvest Assembly – Tuesday 13th October

We will be holding our Harvest Assembly on Tuesday 13th October and will be collecting donations for Salisbury Foodbank.

We would be very grateful for any contributions families are able to make. Please see the flyer below for details of the items that are most needed.

Thank you, as always, for your kindness and generosity in supporting our local community.

In support of
 **Salisbury Foodbank**

Harvest appeal



Help support your food bank this Harvest

In the three weeks leading up to Harvest, the food bank will provide over 450 food parcels for local individuals and families facing hardship.

Donate food



Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in your community.

Donate money



Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.

Shopping list

- Fruit juice (long life)
- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Meal Stew/Chilli/Vegi
- Tinned Veg
- Packet Pud Jelly/Angel delight
- Chocolate & treats
- Jams and Spreads
- Tinned Rice pudding/ custard
- Deodorant
- 2in1 Shampoo/Conditioner

SALISBURY FOODBANK
salisbury.foodbank.org.uk

Registered Charity in England & Wales (1190323).





St Mark's Preschool

OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER
10AM – 1PM

WE WELCOME CHILDREN FROM 9 MONTHS TO 5 YEARS

Thinking about a space for your baby or toddler this January?
Come and explore St Mark's Preschool!

Whether you've already registered or are just starting your search, **everyone** is welcome to come along.

ON THE DAY YOU CAN...

- TOUR OUR BRAND NEW BABY ROOM AND PRESCHOOL ROOM
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- LET YOUR CHILD PLAY WITH OUR WONDERFUL RESOURCES

WHY FAMILIES CHOOSE ST MARK'S PRESCHOOL

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nurtured to grow ~
empowered to flourish

SIGN UP TO OUR OPEN DAY OR REGISTER YOUR INTEREST:
admin@stmarks-preschool.co.uk

We can't wait to welcome you to St Mark's Preschool!



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FREE TASTER SESSION

**STAGECOACH PERFORMING ARTS
SALISBURY & AMESBURY
8th, 9th, 10th OCTOBER**

**CLASSES HELD ON THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS
IN AMESBURY & SALISBURY**

4-18 YEARS

BOOK NOW



SCAN THE QR CODE
FOR MORE INFO



NURSERY & PRE-SCHOOL OPEN DAY

at Kindred Nurseries

Sat 10th Oct 09:30 to 13:00

Available for all eligible families

30
hours
funding

with children aged 9 mo - 4 years

BOOK YOUR SPOT NOW!

kindrednurseries.co.uk/open-day

Family and Community Learning

Discover Opportunities - Develop Skills - Achieve Ambitions



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
familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk
<https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-and-community-learning/>**

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: earning 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 status; have a learning difficulty or disability; be looking to work, now or in the future.



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**



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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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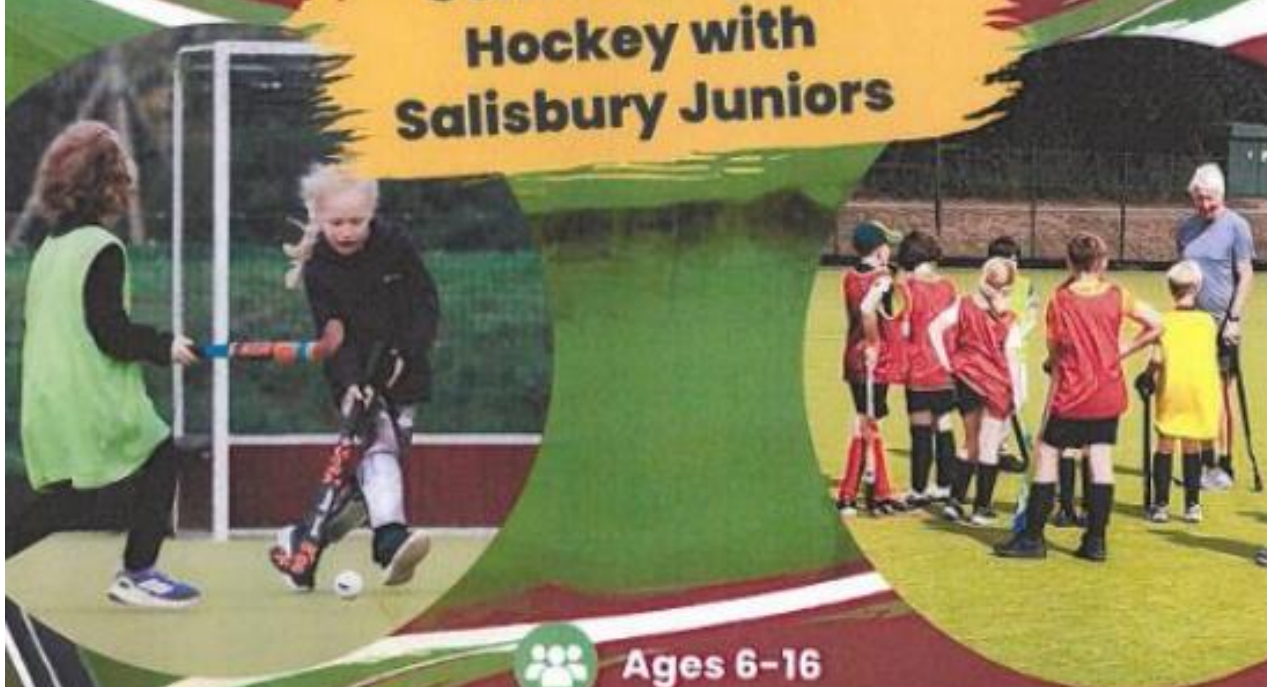
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