



Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations to all of the children who took part in the Christmas productions last week. It was wonderful to see them all singing their hearts out and made us all feel very festive.

We have enjoyed Christmas dinners and Christmas parties this week. A big thank you to the catering team for cooking up such a delicious Christmas feast for us all.

Children have been getting out and active, with Year 2 participating in a Mini Mudder and Year 3 and 6 attending a Winter Wonderland walk at Hardenhuish. Thank you to all the parent helpers who supported on these trips.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fayre. It was a great success thanks to all the hard work from the FOILS team and volunteers. Well done to the choir for entertaining the crowds with their beautiful Christmas singing.

Please see the note below from the OPAL team about how you can support our fundraising through Tesco's.

One more week of festivities before we break for the holidays. Year 2 are off to see Cinderella in pantomime and don't forget your Christmas jumpers next Thursday as we end term 2.

Wishing you and your families the merriest of Christmases!

Mrs H Lammin

Headteacher



Date	Event
17/12/24	Year 2 to Wyvern Theatre
17/12/24	Choir Christmas Performance 5.30-6.30pm
19/12/24	Christmas Jumper Day + Uniform + £1 donation for Save the Children
20/12/24	TD Day
29/01/25	Y5 to Young Voices
14/02/25	TD Day
12/03/25	Y4 to The Lion King (details to follow)
13/03/25	KS1 Bedtime Stories 5.30-6.30pm (details to follow)
25/03/25	Parent Evenings 3.30pm to 7pm
27/03/25	Parent Evenings 3.20pm to 5.30pm
22/04/25	TD Day
13/06/25	Sports Day
23/06/25	TD Day
24/07/25	End of term. Early finish at 1.30pm

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Thursday 19th December

Wear with uniform + £1 donation



Save the Children

Year 2 Mini Mudder

On Friday 29th November Y2 went to Sheldon School to take part in a Mini Mudder event organised by The Chippenham Sports Partnership.

The children took part in lots of different "muddy" activities - from rolling barrels, carrying weighted bags, parachute games and crawling through mud.

It was great fun and everyone went home with muddy knees!





OPAL Update

Thank you for all your donations at the Christmas Productions.

We are delighted to announce that we raised **£611** for Opal resources!



Vote for Us in Tesco's Stronger Starts Scheme!

We're thrilled to share that our **Lunchtime Playtime Power** project has been selected for Tesco's Stronger Starts in-store voting! This is an amazing opportunity to secure funding to enhance our lunchtimes with creative and active play, helping every child grow, learn, and enjoy their time outdoors.

Voting will take place from mid-January to the end of March 2025 at the following local Tesco stores:

Tesco Express Foundry Lane, Chippenham (SN15 1JB)

Tesco Express Lyneham, Chippenham (SN15 4PS)

Tesco Express Frogwell, Chippenham (SN14 0JH)

Tesco Chippenham Superstore (SN15 3JP)

Tesco Express Pewsham Local Centre, Chippenham (SN15 3SY)

Every time you shop, you'll receive a token to cast your vote. The project with the most votes will receive up to £1,500, with smaller awards for second and third places.

This funding will directly benefit all our children by providing resources to make lunchtimes more engaging, creative, and fun while improving learning time through happier, calmer playtimes.

Please spread the word to friends and family in the area to help us secure as many votes as possible. Together, we can make a huge difference!



OPAL Golden Boot Award

This is awarded to a child who has fully embraced the OPAL values each week.

This week for: **Super Tidying**





Well done to these children who have impressed their class teachers over the last two weeks.

Isla H, Olive Y (Carle)
Reuben L, Sami C (Rosen)
Taylor T, Vaishnav T (Donaldson)
Courtney D, Aria C (Hargreaves)
The whole Dahl Class, Jeenlada W (Dahl)
Trystan L, Archie W (Milligan)
Evie M, Oliver M (Griffiths)
Musaddiq U, Melie H (Walliams)
Leo S, Lyla S (Hughes)
Freddie C, Ella-Rose D (Morpurgo)
Julian P, Lewis C (Pullman)
Avery B, Mabel S (Byars)
Senan H, Milena S-O (Lewis)
Poppy S, Dylan R (Rowling)

Well done to these children who have made it onto the **Golden Ivy Leaf** over the last two weeks and joined Mrs Lammin for a Headteacher's breakfast!

Ivy C (Walliams)
Ruby G (Walliams)
Roman H (Walliams)



Thank you to those who have donated books to their classes reading corner in celebration of their birthday:

Lucas F-B (Milligan)
Iris O'B (Pullman)



FOILS are delighted to announce that the total profit raised from the Christmas Fayre is an incredible £3645.56!

Thank you for supporting the fayre, from the generous tombola donations you brought in; to helping on the day, or before - you are all part of FOILS and helped make it a fun and successful event! We hope you managed to come along and enjoy it! Funds raised from FOILS events like this go toward wonderful experiences and resources for your children, like the year 2 trip to Wyvern Theatre to watch the panto, Cinderella!

The fayre would not have been able to go ahead without the fantastic volunteers who we've thanked in the attached picture (please, please forgive us if you helped and we've missed your name off); many of these volunteers helped multiple times by collecting donations, wrapping presents, doing multiple stalls and helping to set up and tidy up. FOILS cannot say thank you enough to all volunteers, especially the children helpers who loved pitching in and being part of the effort!

We appreciate you all!

We're keen to gather some feedback about the Christmas Fayre to help improve

A red poster with a white border. At the top center is the FOILS logo. Below it, the text "FOILS RAISED" is written in large white capital letters, followed by the amount "£3645.56" in a larger, bolder white font. A yellow wavy line starts under the amount and ends at the text "at the Christmas Fayre!". Below this, a green banner contains the text "We couldn't have done it without your support." and "Thank you to all our volunteers and donors!". To the right of the text is a stylized gold Christmas tree. The background of the poster has hanging gold ornaments, stars, and small gift boxes.

our future events; whether you attended the fayre or not, we'd appreciate if you could please complete the post event feedback form:
<https://forms.office.com/e/W3a35dZTeE>

The only thing left to say is we hope you have a lovely Christmas break and new year, and we look forward to seeing you at more of our events in 2025!

From Jo, Sophie, Sarah, Teri and Vicky

Donation Collections

Benedict C & Genevieve,
Hazel G, Rachel Y, Deb M,
Hanna, Mrs Orchard, Kate T,
Mike G, Aria M & Charlotte C

Grotto Special Helpers & Magician

Wes & Mrs Spyer
&
Jon B

Fayre set up & tidy up

Beth S, Paul P, Katherine DA & family, Ben M, Martyn
B, Daniele S, Xander M, Aria M, Kate T, Mike G, Ollie
G, Tom G, Shannon F, Harriet N, Hanna D, Jon &
Katherine B & family, Stew M-D, Jan B

Fruit Machine

Makers

Helen R & mum

Teddy

Washing

Bex, Kirsty

Thank You

For your support

Fayre Stall Runners

Benedict C, Beth S , Mrs Reynolds & son, Luke C, Heather B, Hanna D,
Joe C, Mrs Angell, Mrs Metcalfe, Mrs Tiller, Katherine DA & Eliza,
Lindsay B, Ben M, Mrs Jones & family, David G & Theo & Mabel, Hazel
G, Charlotte C, Mrs Hugo, Harriet N, Daniele S, Jill D & Lara, Xander M,
Helen R, Louise G, Milo M-D, Kate T, Mike G, Ollie G, Tom G, Emma N
& family, Jess M, Aria M, Mrs Lammin

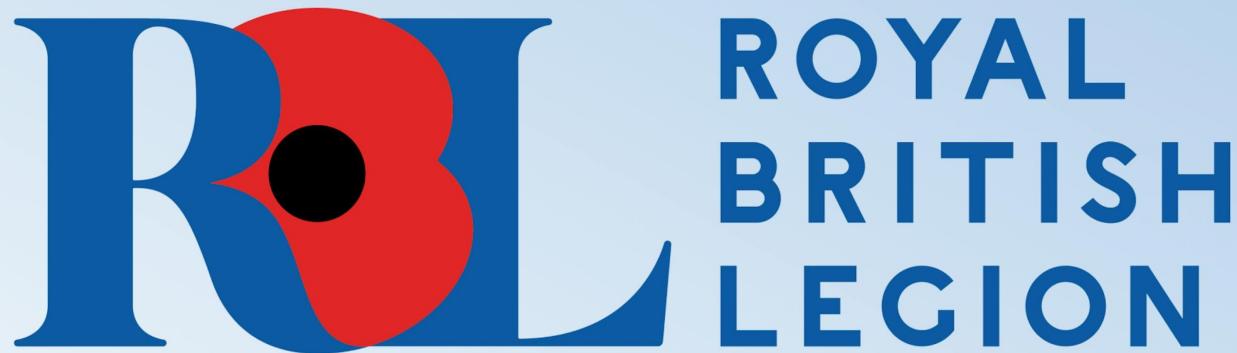
Grotto Team

Helen R, Jenny R & Katherine, Kate T, Benedict
C & Genevieve, Hazel G, Alison M, Kelly, Faith
C, Milo & Dinah M-D, Aria M, Ann, Jess M

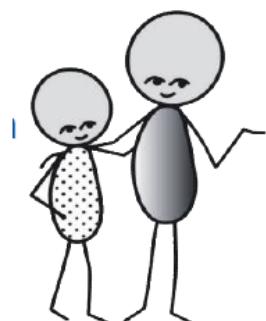
Present Wrapping

Helen R
Harriet N
Katie

Thank you, Ivy Lane School



**£583.64 raised this year
for the Poppy Appeal**



The Haven autism support group

Dates for Jan-Jul 2025

Wednesdays

9:30-11:00 a.m.

- Jan 15
- Feb 12
- Mar 12
- Apr 02
- May 07
- June 04
- Jul 02

Topics for discussion

- Bedtime/room
- Hygiene, toileting etc
- Emotions, meltdowns
- Socialising
- Friendships, relationships
- Negativity
- Diagnosis acceptance

Tuesdays

7:30-9:00 p.m.

- Jan 28
- Feb 25
- Mar 25
- Apr 23
- May 20
- June 17
- July 15

(Contact: Debbie Riall theautrm1@gmail.com)

Venue: Priory Street Baptist Church, Corsham SN13 0AS



Supporting My Teen With Wellbeing

Online Course
Friday 24 January 2025
10am - 12noon

Booking closes
Friday 17 January



- Understand the changes in a teenage brain
- Learn techniques to promote wellbeing
- Explore positive psychology

Contact familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk
call the FaCL team on 01225 770478
scan the QR code or visit
<https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-and-community-learning/>



Our courses are free, if you are 19+ years old, resident in the UK/EU for over three years (some immigration status exempt), have a Wiltshire postcode and meet any of the following criteria: earn less than £25,000 pa, in receipt of benefits, military family, foster carer/care leaver/carer, have a disability.

Family and Community Learning



Supporting My Teen With Transitions to Adulthood

5 Online Sessions Fridays 10am - 12noon
Starting Friday 31 January 2025

Book by
24 January

Session Dates: 31 January 7, 14, 28 February 7 March



- Promote emotional wellbeing
- Explore post 16 opportunities
- Support life skills, online safety and decision making



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Wiltshire Council

From the office...

Contacting the School

01249 652556

Email **Mrs Jones**

assistantadmin@ivylane.wilts.sch.uk

- Pick up arrangements.
- School absences
- Medical appointments
- School dinner bookings
- Wraparound care
- Club bookings
- Parking permits
- Dietary / Medical needs

Email **Mrs Nowosielski**

admin@ivylane.wilts.sch.uk

For all other enquiries, including admissions; and your first point of contact for any member of staff.

Changes to contact details

Please remember to let the school office know if there are any changes to your contact details, addresses, email addresses etc.



Medicines

If your child needs to have any medication in school please bring it to the school office and complete a medication form.



Dietary / Medical Needs

Please keep the office updated with any dietary or medical needs your child has. Please let us know if this changes throughout the year.



Lost Property

Please, please, please remember to label your child's uniform and school equipment. Particularly their jumpers, cardigans, PE jumpers and water bottles.

You can look for lost items at the end of the school day. Lost property is located inside the Y4/5 entrance near the tunnel gate.



Please remember to let Ivy Kidz know if someone different will be collecting your child. We follow the same procedures as the school and cannot let your child go home with someone different unless we have had authorisation from parents.

A gentle reminder that we cannot accept any late bookings for Ivy Kidz or Breakfast Club due to our staff rota organisation.

Please ensure all sessions are booked within the 2 week booking deadline. Text reminders and emails are sent out weekly to advise about dates that the Ivy Kidz booking system on SchoolMoney will be closing.

A gentle reminder that pick-up times for Ivy Kidz is **5.30pm**. Please ensure your child is collected promptly.

Please use the out of hours number to call Ivy Kidz **after 3pm** for any emergencies or late collections.

Phone: **01249 460822** / Email: ivykidz@ivylane.wilts.sch.uk

Please do not call this number during the school day.



Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notices issued from September 2024

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued to each parent for each child that was absent.

For Example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days. Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

When will a Penalty Notice fine be issued?

Penalty Notices will be considered for 5 consecutive days of term time leave or 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period (in the same or over different academic years).

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Third Offence (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court.

Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate, due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.



WILTSHIRE SUPPORT SERVICES

Wiltshire Autism Assessment Service

If your child is known to WASS and you would like some support with the service, please visit the website to find a range of useful links, resources, and information.

<https://wiltshirechildrensservices.co.uk/waas/>

Wiltshire Parent Carers Council

The Wiltshire Parent Carer Council (WPCC) can provide advice about local sources of support and information for families of children with special educational needs.

https://www.wiltshireparentcarercouncil.co.uk/en/Contact_us

FREE MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

Supporting the wellbeing of children has never been so important. To assist you in doing this, SSS Learning Ltd have produced two fantastic free parental resources:

[Child Mental Health & Wellbeing - 10 Top Tips for Parents](#)

[Parents' Mental Health & Wellbeing - 10 Top Tips for Parents](#)

I am sure parents/carers will find these free resources both informative and supportive.



Do you receive any of the following?

- Income support
- Employment Support Allowance (Income Related)
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Guaranteed Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit and your income (as calculated by the Inland Revenue) is less than £16,190
- Universal Credit
- Receiving support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act of 1999
- In the Armed Forces

If you can answer yes to any of the above you may qualify for free school meals/Pupil Premium

The school office will help with your application. If your application is successful not only will your child receive free school meals, but our school will receive £1,300 additional funding (per child). This is called Pupil Premium.

All applications are confidential.



Wiltshire's Wellbeing Hub

The Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub is available to anyone who is struggling during this difficult time – and will now be available on Saturdays.

The hub can help and provide support to those who perhaps don't have a network around them, and also signpost them to where additional help is available in their local area.

Hundreds of community groups, run by volunteers, are still set up across the county, providing invaluable assistance to those who need it.

The Wiltshire WELLBEING HUB

For vulnerable people in need of support

0300 003 4576

wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk

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