DATE: 21st October 2026

News from St Mark's

A message from Mrs Fielder:

As we come to the end of another busy term, I would like to say a huge thank you to all our families for your continued support, kindness and partnership with the school. We really appreciate the part you play in our school community and all you do to support your children and our school.

I hope you all have a lovely, relaxing and well-deserved half term break, with plenty of rest, recharge and time together. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for Term 2 on **Tuesday 3rd November at 8.40am.**

Year 3 tours

These are now on the school calendar. Please book via the school office. Although, every year, approximately 98% of Wyndham Park families choose St. Mark's for their child/ren's Junior education we never take this for granted. Please do come and see for yourself what we can offer your child and do tell your extended families and friends too!

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

Applying for an infant, junior or secondary school place September 2027 intake

Some important deadlines for you:

Infant & Junior Applications 2027 -The closing date for applications is **Friday 15 January, 2027.**

Secondary Applications 2027 -The closing date for applications is **Saturday 31 October, 2026.**

Admissions - https://parentportal.wiltshire.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/parents/admissions

Christmas is coming!

Our wonderful Christmas Carol Service will take place on Thursday 10th December at 7pm this year – save the date for your diary! This is always a lovely event with our choir leading the carols and the school community coming together to sing and celebrate. We look forward to seeing you there!



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Car park reminders

Once again, I am sorry to have to report irresponsible driving in and around our school site. There have been many observed incidents of unsafe behaviour including parking across driveways, parking on grass banks, leaving the car for extended periods, driving at speed and stopping in the middle of the road to drop off children before whizzing off again. Please remember that the safety of our children, your children, is the priority; we must all work together to keep all children in our school community safe, and driving on site and on the roads outside is one area with which you can help.

Something to celebrate as a school community:



Personal Best Education – Football Holiday Club

Our wonderful new Wraparound provision is offering a football themed holiday club at school during October half term. I have included the flyer on the newsletter for you. Parents have the option to pay for just one day or more. The holiday club runs for three days from 27th to 29th October with Personal Best staff the children are familiar with. Sign up through the Personal Best website.

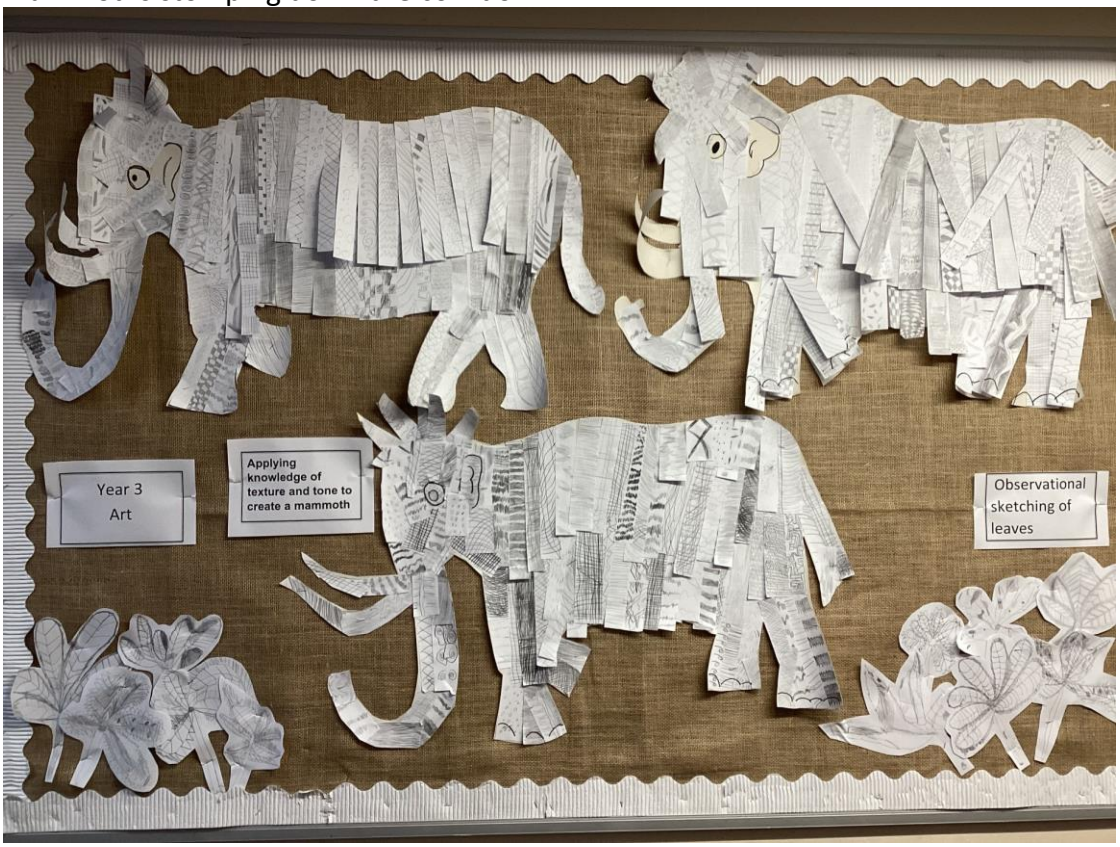


News from around the school:

Last week, Year 4 led our school in our Harvest Festival Service at St Mark's Church. Their 'Easy Peasy' harvest service explored the concepts of farm to fork and allowed time for the children to share their artwork and poetry. The children also expressed their thanks and gratitude for the food they are lucky to enjoy each day. Thank you to all of the parents and carers that were able to come and support the children, and a big thank you to all our school families for their generous donations to Salisbury Foodbank.



Year 3 have been learning how to create texture and tone using pencil marking. Here are each classes mammoths stomping down the corridor.



On Monday, Year 4 took a trip to Salisbury City Centre to explore how our buildings help us learn about the past. Some of the highlights were the Fisherton Clock Tower, which we learnt used to be part of the County Jail, the Poultry Cross and the neighbouring streets which were used to sell meat and fish, and Salisbury Cathedral, which interestingly had people abseiling down! On our journey to town, we stopped at the original site of our school and compared the old building with our school today. We learnt so much about why buildings and streets were built the way they were and how they have changed over the years.



Attendance

Attendance figures for the while of Term 1:

Year 3 – 96%
Year 4 – 97%
Year 5 – 95%
Year 6 – 92%

Our aim is to maintain 96% across the year.

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

Term 2 Academic Year 2026/27	
Monday 2nd November	**Teacher Training Day** **School closed for children**
Tuesday 3rd November	**School starts for term 2** **8.40am**
Wednesday 4th November	School photos Individual and school siblings
Tuesday 10th November	Year 3 tour (for September 2027 start) 9.30am
Monday 23rd November	**Christmas Pantomime**
Thursday 26th November	Year 3 tour (for September 2027 start) 3.30pm **WASP School Disco**
Wednesday 2nd December	Flu vaccinations School nurse
Thursday 3rd December	Year 3 tour (for September 2027 start) 3.30pm St. Thomas' Christmas Tree Festival School Choir 5.20pm
Thursday 10th December	Christmas Carol Concert 7pm
Friday 18th December	School closes at 1.15pm for Christmas Holidays
Term 3 Academic Year 2026/27	
Monday 4th January	**Teacher Training Day** **School closed for children**
Tuesday 5th January	**School starts for term 3** **8.40am**

Delivered by our own Wraparound provider Personal Best Education



Community Messages

Café on the Green

A community space provided by the Methodist Church

Open THURSDAYS 9am-12 noon
(Term time only)
All ages are Welcome

Drinks and light refreshments

Space to play

Hampton Park Pavilion,
Ash Crescent
Bishopdown Farm SP1 3GY

For more details find us on Facebook
or contact Mel outreach@salisburymethodistcircuit.org.uk

JOIN US FOR

GAMES, LEGO, CRAFT, SONGS, STORY AND FOOD

TOGETHER ON THE GREEN

ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS/CARERS

MONTHLY ON TUESDAYS
DROP IN FROM 3:15-5PM

HAMPTION PARK PAVILION, BISHOPDOWN FARM

8TH SEPTEMBER 2026
6TH OCTOBER
3RD NOVEMBER
1ST DECEMBER
12TH JANUARY 2027
2ND FEBRUARY
2ND MARCH

FREE DONATIONS WELCOME

For more information contact Mel - 07704 994157
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HOLIDAY FUN



TOGETHER ON THE GREEN

ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS/CARERS

THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER
10-11:30AM

HAMPTION PARK PAVILION, BISHOPDOWN FARM

FREE DONATIONS WELCOME

TOYS, CRAFTS, GAMES, SNACK AND STORY

For more information contact Mel - 07704 994157
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HERO LIGHT PARTY

ST MARK'S CHURCH, SALISBURY

31 OCTOBER • 4–6PM

LIGHT QUESTS!

BUILD HERO GEAR!

GLOW DISCO!

TUCK SHOP FUN!

WEAR YOUR BRIGHTEST & SPARKLIEST CLOTHES!

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

FREE Online Tickets

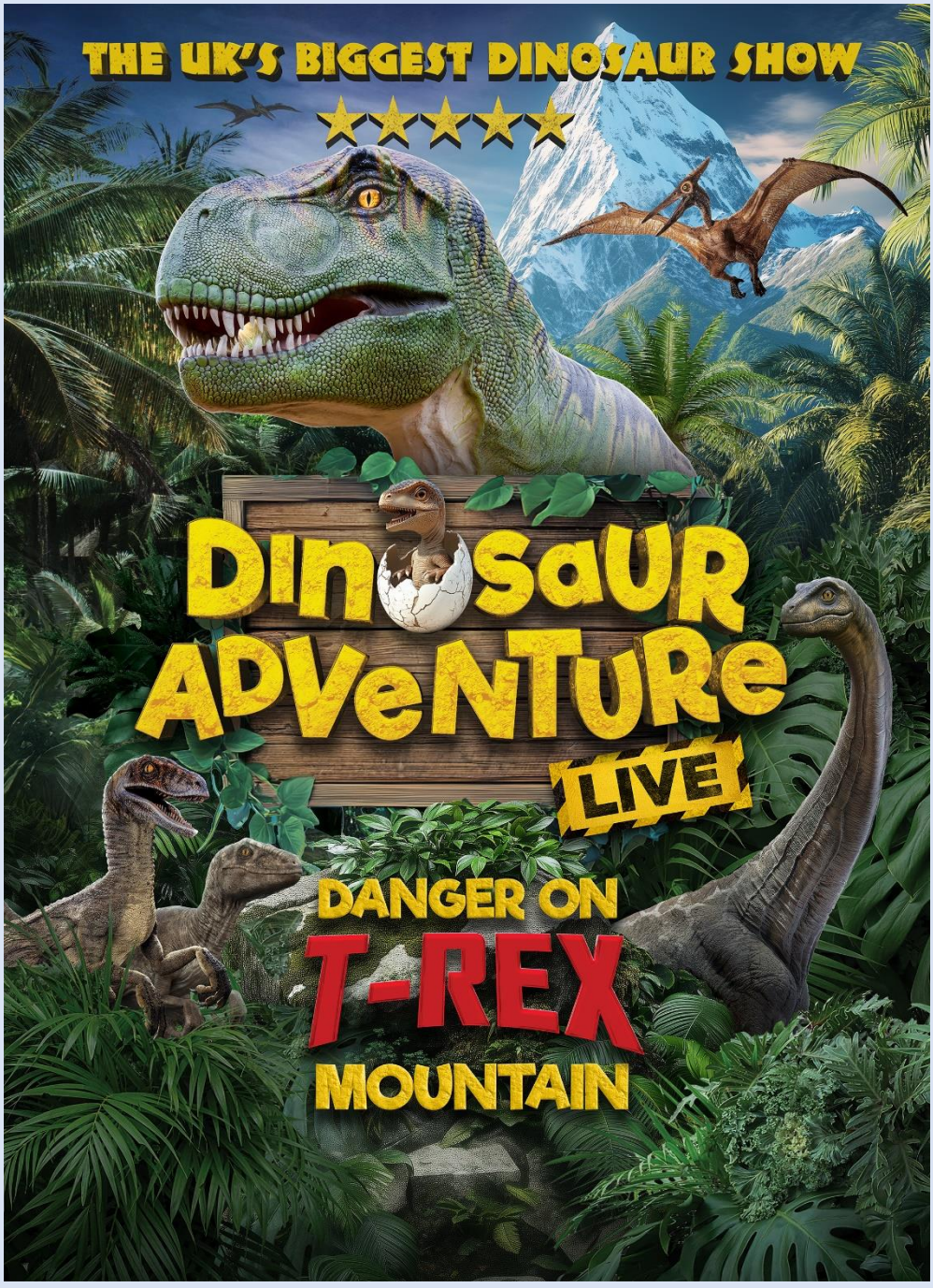
A CELEBRATION OF LIGHT & FUN FOR R-KS2!


ARMY FLYING MUSEUM
JOIN US FOR HALF TERM
HALLOWEEN FUN
26th to 30th October
Themed trail and Bat hunt all week
Halloween themed crafts each week day 10.00 – 12.30
26th Oct and 1st Nov Models for Heroes 10.00 – 15.00
28th Oct Meccano at the museum! 10.00 – 15.00
29th Oct Crazy Creatures 10.00 – 14.00
armyflying.com 01264 781086

Salisbury City Hall Event

We have a Dinosaur Adventure Live event happening at Salisbury City Hall on Saturday 20th February 2027. We thought this may be of interest to children and parents of your school. Please feel free to share this.

I have attached some images and text about the show. For more information, visit https://www.salisburycityhall.co.uk/event/dinosaur-adventure-live/



OCTOBER HALF TERM

ASTRELLA PRIMARY STARS
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HALLOWEEN CAMP

THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER - FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER

8:30 - 15:30

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
SALISBURY

£20.00 PER DAY

BREAKFAST & LUNCH PROVIDED

DISCO THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER (FANCY DRESS OPTIONAL!)

TEA & COFFEE AVAILABLE FOR PARENTS ON DROP OFF!



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A MIX FOR **EVERYONE!**
TRY NEW THINGS!





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YEAR 1 - YEAR 7

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