

Friday 12th September 2025

School Office

Due to a planned staff absence, from Monday 15th September the school office won't be manned full time until half term.

If your child is absent due to sickness or you have an urgent message please phone the school and leave a message rather than emailing the office. The phone will be checked when staff are available throughout the day for messages. Thank you for your understanding.

Harvest Festival

Our **Friday 26th September** we will be having our Harvest Festival service in the church (St Thomas a Becket) at 9:15am and we really hope you can join us. The service will be led by Clair Southgate. As part of the service there will be a collection of long life harvest gifts, such as: tins, pasta, sugar, tea, coffee and nappies. These will be collected and taken to Bristol where they will be distributed by the 'Sisters of the Church' to the homeless and those in need in Bristol. Children should bring their harvest gifts in with them on the Friday morning to take to the church.

Music Lessons

All music lessons, except violin, have started this week. Violin will start next week. Woodwind, brass, keyboard and violin lessons are held on Thursdays; guitar lessons are on Fridays.

Our woodwind teacher can accept a few more children. If your child is in Yrs 4-6 and would like to sign up for woodwind lessons (flute, clarinet or saxophone) please email the school office.

Friday School Lockup

On Friday's our cleaning staff aren't in school and other members of staff do the school site lock up. This does mean the back gate may be closed earlier on a Friday.

Staff Development Days (SDDays)

We have four further SDDays this year, when the school is closed to the children: **Friday 14th November, Monday 20th July, Tuesday 21st July and Wednesday 22nd July.**

IRIS Connect - Sharing teaching excellence through collaboration

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School Diary**Autumn 2025****Term 1**

26/09/25 - Harvest Festival
9:15am in the church
20/10/25 - flu immunisations
22/10/24 - last day of term

Term 2

03/11/25 - first day of term
05/11/25 - individual photos
w/b 10/11/25 - Anti-bullying Week
11 & 12/11/25 - parents' evenings
3:40-6:40pm
14/11/25 - SDDay
11/12/25 - Nativity performances
2pm & 6pm
16/12/25 - KS1 Christmas dinner
17/12/25 - KS2 Christmas dinner
19/12/25 - last day of term &
Carol Service 10am in the church

Term 3

05/01/26 - first day of term
10/02/26 - World Safer Internet
Day
13/02/26 - last day of term

Term 4

23/02/26 - first day of term
02/03/26 - Sycamore class Wessex
Water workshop
05/03/26 - World Book Day
27/03/26 - last day of term &
Easter Service 10am in the church

Term 5

13/04/26 - first day of term
14/05/26 - Ascension Day services
18-22/05/26 - Yr 6 to Jamie's Farm
22/05/26 - last day of term

Term 6

01/06/26 - first day of term
19/06/26 - Sports Day
17/07/26 Leavers' service 2pm in
the church & last day of term
20-22/07/26 - SDDays

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FoBS event reminder—today!

The Big Neston and Box Ride



**Friday 12th September
6:00 - 7:30 Castle Combe**



All welcome - past and present members of our school communities and their friends and families

- **Castle Combe race track (3km circuit with separate area for less confident riders/scooters)**
- **Helmets are compulsory for ALL riders**
- **No electric bikes/scooters**
- **Drinks/snacks available, picnics welcome!**
- **Tickets £5/£3 (adults/children) available from September at the school gates and at the event**

