

# Pamphill First School Newsletter



## Message from Mrs Fairman

A Wonderful Start to the Academic Year!

What an inspiring start to the autumn term we have had! It has been an absolute joy to see our school community bustling with energy, curiosity, and enthusiasm. We have had the absolute pleasure of welcoming several new families to our school family this term. On behalf of everyone here, I would like to take this opportunity to extend a very warm welcome to you all—we are so delighted that you have joined us!

Our new class routines are already fully established, and the children have settled in brilliantly. Walking around the classes, I am always so proud of the pride the children are taking in their learning. They have already produced some truly outstanding work in their books. In fact, our school was recently highlighted in a local headteachers' meeting as a prime example of neat presentation and high standards! It is a wonderful recognition of the hard work our pupils put in every single day. Village school education at its very best! Our termly learning topics are capturing the children's imaginations. While we were naturally disappointed to have to cancel a recent trip at short notice, it has certainly not dampened the learning adventure; the children have enjoyed a fantastic range of memorable experiences right across this half term.

Our Year 4 pupils have also been stepping up as brilliant role models. They recently travelled to Ferndown Middle School for specialised Play Leader training to learn how to lead games and support younger pupils at break times. Mrs Hurlston was full of praise for them, complimenting the children on their exceptional behaviour, teamwork, and positive attitudes throughout the session.

# Message from Mrs Fairman continued!

Our children continue to take an active role in making our school a better place for everyone. They were captivated by an online Author presentation and are all rising to the challenge of three reads a week.

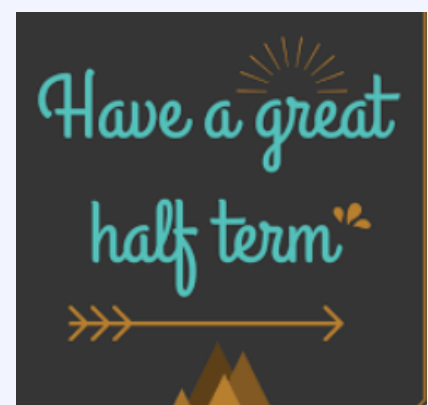
Our Eco Group, School Council, and Worship Leads have been hard at work behind the scenes, meeting regularly and putting their ideas into action to improve our school environment and support our wider community.

Music has also been echoing through the corridors! Our new school choir delivered a magnificent performance for Harvest Festival, and we have recently completed our recording for 'Christmas at Our Place'. Beyond choir, it is always a genuine joy hearing pupils make such steady, confident progress with their individual instruments during weekly practice.

As part of our Church School Flourishing initiative, we have been revisiting our core values: Love, Courage, and Inspiration. We continuously encourage the children to make meaningful links between the Bible stories they hear during worship and their daily lives. We focus particularly on the story of the Loaves and Fishes, exploring how even the smallest acts of kindness can inspire others, and how young children frequently show quiet courage in ways they might not even realise. Highlighting these moments brings such an uplifting feeling to our entire school family, and our pupils are so good at demonstrating genuine love, empathy, and kindness to one another. Looking ahead, we are starting an exciting new project to design and build a dedicated Spiritual Garden on site, a quiet space for reflection, prayer, and peace.

As we look forward to the second half of the autumn term and head towards the festive season, we have a wonderful calendar of events planned. I will hold back from sharing too much just yet, but there is plenty of magic to look forward to! Thank you all for your continued support, warmth, and partnership.

Have a wonderful, restful, and safe half-term break!



## Term starts on Tuesday 3rd November

# Attendance

*This school year, we are currently at 98% attendance which is amazing. I do know we are heading toward germ season, but please do support us to keep attendance levels high by thinking twice about that winter break! The following WEbsite may help decide if your child is well enough for school.*

Is my child too ill for school?

DfE animation



## Safeguarding

Benedict's Law was recently implemented across the UK. In response to this we are updating and strengthening our whole-school allergy protocols.

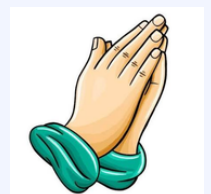
What this means for our school community:

- Comprehensive Staff Training: All teachers, support staff, and lunchtime supervisors undergo mandatory allergy awareness and emergency response training.
- Emergency Preparedness: Up-to-date Individual Healthcare Plans (IHPs) are maintained for every student with a known allergy, and spare emergency Adrenaline Auto-Injectors (AAIs) are stocked across the school site.
- Safe & Inclusive Activities: Risk assessments ensure food-based activities, crafts, breakfast/after-school clubs, and school trips are safe and inclusive for everyone.

## Time for prayer

Lay preacher Robin, who is a huge support to both schools in his LSC role and as a local lay preacher, is starting a prayer group for each school in the churches. Please do join him if you can for a moment of prayer or quiet. You are very welcome if this is your first visit or you have been to a similar thing before. It is the first time we have done this as a school, so we are starting together.

Pamphill St Stephen's Church 5<sup>th</sup> November 9am



# Christmas at our place

*The children thoroughly enjoyed wearing their Christmas jumpers in October to record our part in the charity Christmas song 'Christmas at our place'. We are very grateful for the opportunity which was provided by Verwood Choir. The song will be released on 17<sup>th</sup> November. Please download it and encourage your family to. All the proceeds from the song go to Amelia's rainbow.*

## Harvest Festival

Thank you to those who came to Harvest Festival and celebrated this time of year. We are always proud of the children but they did really well in Church this year, in particular our reception children who have only been with us a short time. Thank you for your kind donations for the food bank also. They are always so very grateful of our donations, and particularly this year when finances are hard for so many.

This definitely seems an odd way around to celebrate things! Christmas, then Harvest. Whatever next!

## Living out our faith and preparing for our SIAMS Inspection

### Living Out Our Faith: Preparing for Our SIAMS Inspection

As a formally Voluntary Controlled Church of England school within the Diocese of Salisbury, Pamphill First School is deeply rooted in its distinctive Christian identity. As we approach our upcoming Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS), we want to share what this means for our community and what parents can expect during the inspection process.

#### Our Church School Ethos & Vision

Our school vision is at the heart of everything we do:

"Shine like stars as we hold onto the word of life"

Supported by our core theological values—Love, Courage, and Inspiration—our vision shapes our curriculum, our inclusive relationships, our collective worship, and our pastoral care. It calls our entire school family to embody Christ's unconditional love through care, inclusion, forgiveness, and service.

Whether through daily worship, outdoor learning, or community leadership, we strive to ensure every child understands that they are uniquely made in the image of God (Imago Dei) and nurtured to flourish in mind, body, and spirit.

## What is SIAMS?

SIAMS is the inspection framework designed specifically for Church of England schools. Unlike an Ofsted inspection (which focuses primarily on academic standards and curriculum design), SIAMS evaluates how effective our theologically rooted Christian vision is in enabling pupils and adults to flourish.

## The inspector explores key areas including:

- Christian Vision & Values: How our vision drives strategic decisions, relationships, and pupil wellbeing.
- Collective Worship: How daily worship provides inspirational, inclusive, and invitational opportunities for spiritual growth.
- Religious Education (RE): How RE learning develops religious literacy, moral understanding, and respect for worldviews.
- Spiritual Development: How we nurture awe, wonder, reflection, and big questions across the curriculum.

## What Can Parents Expect During the Inspection?

SIAMS inspectors evaluate how the school's Christian ethos impacts our whole community—including our families.

1. Advance Notification: Parents will receive formal notice ahead of the inspection day outlining the schedule and details.
2. Parent Voice Opportunities: The inspector will invite feedback from parents. This may include:
  - 3. A short online survey or questionnaire.
  - 4. An informal discussion opportunity at the school gate or during drop-off/pick-up times.
5. Focus on Community & Pastoral Care: The inspector will be interested in how the school supports your child's emotional and spiritual wellbeing, how our core values translate into positive behaviour and relationships, and how well you feel included in the life of our church school family.
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## How You Can Support

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# Shout outs

## A Huge Thank-You to Our School Family!

It takes a village to make our school thrive, and we want to recognise some special groups of people this half term:

- Local School Committee: Thank you to our LSC members for offering challenge and support, conducting school visits, writing reports, and undertaking lots of training. We truly appreciate your time!
- Open the Book: Thank you to our amazing local volunteers who bring Bible stories to life through acting—the children love your visits!
- Parents Group: Thank you for all your hard work planning events and funding new equipment. We are delighted to announce that new books are on their way thanks to your generosity!
- Reading Volunteers: Thank you to the parents who come into school to hear readers; it makes a real difference to the children's confidence.
- Mrs Hurley: A special shout-out to Mrs Hurley for running our fantastic breakfast club - our numbers are really growing.
- Our Parents: Thank you for getting the children here on time and responding to our frequent letters. We know there's a lot of information, but we love creating as many enrichment opportunities as possible for the children!



Autumn is upon us and is always a nice time to think about shredding the layers and protecting ourselves by looking after ourselves and people close to us.

*As we step into the beauty of Autumn, how can we slow down and notice God's hand in the changing world around us—in the crisp air, the vibrant leaves, and the shifting seasons?*

*What is one blessing or moment from this new school year so far that you are thankful to God for, and how can you hold onto that gratitude as the days grow shorter?*

*How can you bring warmth and light to those around you this term through quiet acts of kindness, gentle words, or supporting a friend in need?*

*The Bible reminds us, "To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven" (Ecclesiastes 3:1).*

*As nature prepares to rest and reflect, what hopes, prayers, or quiet dreams would you like to place in God's hands for the term ahead?*



# November Timetable

All regular sessions delivered online via zoom, 90 minutes long  
**£24 each or FREE with School Membership**

Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](https://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

**Recordings available for 48 hours**

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|--------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Introduction to OCD                              | 2 Nov 10am   |
| Raising Self-Esteem                              | 2 Nov 7pm    |
| Supporting Healthy Sleep                         | 3 Nov 10am   |
| Decreasing Depression                            | 3 Nov 7pm    |
| Supporting a Child with ADHD                     | 9 Nov 10am   |
| Understanding Addictive Behaviour                | 9 Nov 7pm    |
| What is ACT?                                     | 10 Nov 10am  |
| Improving Family Communication                   | 10 Nov 7pm   |
| Autism: Improving Communication                  | 16 Nov 10am  |
| Supporting Healthy Screen Use                    | 16 Nov 7pm   |
| Understanding the Teenage Brain                  | 17 Nov 10am  |
| Understanding Anger                              | 17 Nov 7pm   |
| <b>FREE - Responding to Stress &amp; Anxiety</b> | 19 Nov 7-8pm |
| Anxiety Explained                                | 23 Nov 10am  |
| Facing Defiance                                  | 23 Nov 7pm   |
| Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness                    | 24 Nov 10am  |
| School Anxiety                                   | 24 Nov 7pm   |