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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to you all after the half term break. All the snowdrop art looks wonderful in St James’ church, I hope you’ve had a chance to go in and have a look at it.

**World Book Day – Thursday 6th March – Dress Up as a book character and enter the decorated plate competition**

World book day this year is the 6th March, the children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character for the day.

We are also running a competition for the whole school to turn a paper plate in to your favourite book character. Please bring these on the day and we will share them in assembly. A prize for the most creative will be awarded (one winner in each class).

**Numbers Day**

£134.80 was collected for the NSPCC on Numbers Day, thank you for your contributions.

**Swimathon – Sunday 16th March at Coombe House pool**

**We hope that all our children who can swim will take part in this big new event to raise money for locally based charities.**There is a sponsorship form attached to this newsletter and a link below to select the time you would like your child to do their swim (if you have more than one child, please click on the link for each child separately). They have 20 minutes to swim as many lengths of the pool as they can. We will let you know if too many children are booked in for a time slot, to see if you can do it at a different time. Please arrive 15 minutes before your allocated time with the children changed and ready to swim.

Prizes will be awarded for the best participants and fund-raisers.

All the details are on the information sheet attached.

**This will be a fantastic community event, with swimmers from our school and Shaftesbury Primary coming together to raise money for our local charities. Please encourage your children to take part!**

[**Swimathon**](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=JL1ZvEsvOUSih0_sDC0CtWpXICym8w1NoiYCXomrRuhUMlNNUU04OFlTNVBKU01PNVlOWElMVkxNTi4u)

**New Football club on Fridays**

Book the Friday football club for boys and girls from Year 2-Year 6 (3.20-4.20pm) at

[**www.tcwsports.co.uk/book-online**](http://www.tcwsports.co.uk/book-online)

**Forest School – Wednesday afternoons**

Staff have asked that all children wear really warm clothes (including thick socks) when the weather is cold during Forest School sessions.

Year 1 start their three Forest School sessions this Wednesday, 26th February. Year 3 will be next, from 19th March, then Year 4 from 2nd April.

Children need to have trousers and long-sleeved tops, wellies and a **waterproof coat** (with over-trousers if they have them). The Forest School philosophy is to wear the right clothing to go out in all weathers.

Michael Salisbury, Head teacher

**TERM DATES 2024 – 2025**

**Spring Term**

Children  start back                                      Monday 6th January 2025

Spring half term                                            Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2025

Spring Term ends                                          Friday 4th April 2025

Easter holidays                                              Monday 7th April to Monday 21st April 2025

**Summer Term**

Schools due to start back                            Tuesday 22nd April 2025

MAY DAY Bank Holiday                                 Monday 5th May 2025

Summer half term                                           Monday 26th May to Friday 30st May 2025

**INSET DAY                                                          Monday 2nd June 2025**

Summer Term ends                                       Tuesday 22nd July 2025

**INSET DAY                                                          Wednesday 23rd July 2025**