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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Parents Evening Dates – 6th and 10th February, 3.30-6pm**

Our Spring Term parents evenings will take place on 6th and 10th February, both from 3.30-6pm. **Bookings will open on Monday 20th January**.

**Mental Heath**

The next ‘**Supporters Participation Forum’** takes place on **21st January 6.30-7.30**on Microsoft Teams. See the attached information for details of how to join the forum and share your views about how the Mental Health Support Team can best support children in our schools.

Children’s mental health week 2025 will take place from**3-9 February.**The theme for 2025 is **Know Yourself, Grow Yourself**, with the aim to equip and empower children and young people across the UK to embrace self-awareness and explore what it means to them. You can find more details here [Children's Mental Health Week - Place2Be](https://www.place2be.org.uk/about-us/childrens-mental-health-week/) .

**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.

It will be Y6 for the next few weeks, followed by Year 2 from 29th January and Year 1 from 26th February.

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

Forest School bookings for the after school clubs for Spring Term 1 and 2 can be made by clicking on the links below:

[Shaftesbury Abbey After School Club Spring Term 1 2025 - Booking by Bookwhen](https://bookwhen.com/forestyogiminds/e/ev-sjt0-20250108152000)

[Shaftesbury Abbey After School Club Spring Term 2 2025 - Booking by Bookwhen](https://bookwhen.com/forestyogiminds/e/ev-sl26-20250226152000)

**Sports Clubs**

Please see the attached information about a football and a netball club that your children might like to attend. We love to hear about the clubs our children attend out of school, and display photos of them at their clubs to inspire other children to join clubs.

Michael Salisbury, Head teacher

**TERM DATES 2024 – 2025**

**Autumn Term**

**INSET DAY                                                      Tuesday 3rd September 2024**

Children start back                                       Wednesday 4th September 2024

Autumn Half Term                                        Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November 2024

**INSET DAY                                                      Monday 4th November 2024**

Autumn Term ends                                      Thursday 19th December 2024

**INSET DAY                                                      Friday 20th December 2024**

Christmas Holidays                                       Monday 23rd December 2024 – Friday 3rd January 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**