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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are so sorry that the school had to be closed today. The heating failure only became apparent as the morning went on and we waited for the engineers to arrive. The part needed is difficult to source, we don’t yet know if they will get it running in time for school tomorrow. There will be an email to let you know as soon as we know.

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you had a nice time over the Christmas break and that your children are well-rested and looking forward to the term ahead. We welcome three new children to our school today, I’m sure you and your lovely children will help them settle in.

**Clubs this term**

Please see the attached list of clubs for the Spring Term. Most of them start next week, apart from the Forest School club and Mr Faulkner’s Sports Clubs which start this week.

**Swiped - The School that Banned Smartphones**

This documentary went out on Channel 4 just before Christmas but is searchable on the C4 steaming service.  It’s a truly shocking documentary, but one that I would urge every parent or carer of children of any age to watch. It very clearly demonstrates how harmful smartphones and screens can be to children from pre-school age onwards. Please make time to watch it.

**Forest School – Wednesday afternoons**

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)

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**