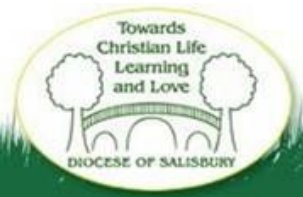


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And now I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples.' John 13:34-35

Dear All,

We are now at the end of term 2 of a very busy term. I hope this message finds you well and that you are enjoying the build-up to this busy time of year. The children and staff have been working incredibly hard in their classes, not only completing their work but also taking part in our Christmas events.

I was extremely proud of all the children last week in their performance of Silent Night. To see them sing and perform with such enthusiasm was a privilege. I would like to thank Mrs Oldham for all her hard work and organisation of the show. We are now looking forward to the nativity in church on the last day of term.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,  
Donna Young



Our Value this term is **Creativity**. It has been wonderful to see the children expressing this in so many ways. From their beautiful Christmas crafts to their fantastic singing and performing, their creativity has truly shone through.



Dear Lord,

Thank you for creating the world, help us to be more creative in our everyday lives.

Help us to love you more and be creative with what we have. Help us to know that you love and care for us.

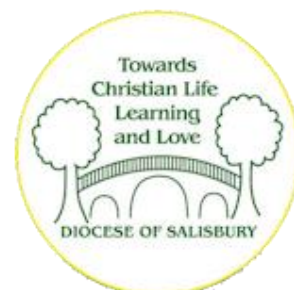
Amen

Prayer written by Elijah,  
Sam and Felix Yr 6

### Attendance

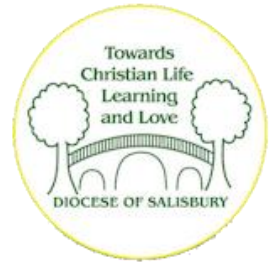
**Regular attendance is important for learning and success - please help us by making sure your child is in school on time. Remember, if your child is poorly, please contact the office on the day they are ill by 9.30 am.**

**Please can we remind you that children are not supervised until 8.30am -please do not send them into school before that time.**



## PTA Coffee Morning

Our friendly PTA hold a regular Friday morning coffee morning straight after drop off. Everyone is welcome -enjoy a coffee and a chat.



## Dates for your diary

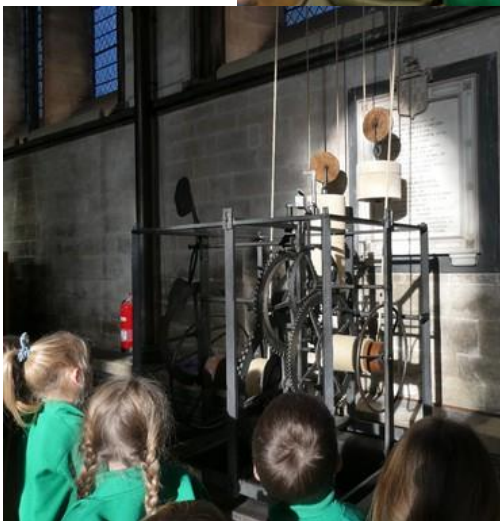
18th December- Christmas lunch

19th December- Christmas party day

20th December - Nativity in church- Lake and Netton class

20th December- Last day of Term 2

Return to school Monday 6th January 2025



Lower Woodford class enjoyed a day at Salisbury Cathedral

## Staffing News

We are very happy to confirm that Miss Kate Arrandale has been appointed as our Deputy Head Teacher.

I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Reavill best wishes and luck in her new adventures as she leaves us at the end of this term. We will miss her very much as she has been part of Woodford Valley for over fifteen years. I would like to say a huge thank you to her for all her work and support over the time she has been with us.

Miss Rackham will be teaching in Netton class from Tuesday to Friday and Mrs Massie will be teaching on a Monday.



### Governance Update

It has been a busy Autumn Term for Governors. As you are aware, we have appointed our new Headteacher and now, we have confirmed the appointment of Kate Arrandale as permanent Deputy Headteacher. Well Done Miss Arrandale!

### Pickwick Academy Trust

You may be wondering how things are going with our move to Pickwick. Because of the election, our regional Department for Education team have only just met yesterday, however, we have been given the go ahead to join Pickwick Academy Trust which is very exciting. We hope we will be able to join our new family of schools as soon as possible in the Spring Term. We will, of course, keep parents updated.

### New Parent Governor ... are you interested?

We have a vacancy for a parent to join our governing body. After Christmas, we will be inviting applications to join our friendly team. No qualifications necessary – just an interest in primary education and a commitment to helping Woodford Valley Academy provide the best education possible for our children. Please look out for more information after Christmas and take note that once we join Pickwick, there will be fewer formal meetings to attend.

On behalf of all the Governors, I would like to thank you all for your support over the last term. Many of you do so much for the school, especially over the Christmas period and it is greatly appreciated. I know too that you will support us in saying a huge 'Thank You' to our hardworking staff. Finally, we wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas with your families. As we move into 2025, let us all hope and pray for peace in our precious and rapidly changing world.

Jacqui Goodall Chair of Governors

