



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Ground Force Day

Parent and members of the Pitton community are invited to attend 'Ground Force day' this Friday and potentially Saturday (unless we get everything planted Friday—unlikely!) during the school day. Please do let the office know if you are able to attend. Any spare spades we could borrow would be greatly received too.

As communicated, BBC Wiltshire will be visiting tomorrow to interview staff and pupils about the planting.

Tea and Coffee provided for volunteers but it would be great if you could bring your own reusable cup :)

Parent Consultations

SEN bookings were released Monday and then Parent Consultations were available for all from Tuesday morning onwards, with the booking closing this evening to allow the timetables to be shared with teachers. Any issues, please let Miss Parker know in the office ASAP.

Dodgeball

10 pupils from yr 5 & 6 attended the dodgeball tournament yesterday, winning their first round group and moving on win 1 game in the final meaning we came a fantastic fourth out of thirteen schools! Lots of other adults commented on what a great team they were and Mrs Guymer was incredibly proud to feed back on their teamwork and resilience.



Best Wishes,
Emma Wilkinson

Dates for the Diary 2024-25

Thursday 20th March—AIM High Writing
Friday 21st March—Ground force day
Saturday 22nd March—Ground force day
WB 24th March—Parent Consultations
Wednesday 26th March—Preloved uniform sale (FOPS)
Friday 28th March—FOPS Mothers Day produce and bake sale
Friday 4th April—Easter Service at St Peter's
Friday 4th April—FOPS Easter Egg hunt after school
Saturday 17th May—Mini Marathon
Monday 9th June—Leavers Service (y6)
Tuesday & Wednesday 10th & 11th June—Bikeability (Y6)
Wednesday 25th June—Trafalgar open day (y5 pupils)
Wednesday 16th-18th July—Tile Barn residential trip (Y5 & 6)

Key

Whole School

KS1

KS2

Selected participants/clubs/year groups

Birthdays



None this week!



Remember you can wear your own clothes to school!

Under-16 Transport application form

for pupils attending school, years 0 to 11

Transport to school for pupils in Year 0 (Reception) – Year 11 (GCSE exam year)

Do not use this form if your child loses his/her pass or if it needs correcting. Ask for a lost pass or replacement pass form from the school.

This form should only be used for pupils living in Wiltshire (excluding Swindon Borough), who are starting a new school or changing address.

We arrange free or assisted transport for eligible school children who live in Wiltshire. You will need to apply for transport for your child at the start of his/her schooling, when he/she changes school, or if you change address. Otherwise, a repeat pass will be sent to you for the start of each academic year.

Free transport is provided to the closest school or the designated school for transport purposes subject to the following distance criteria;

2 miles for children under 8 years old;

3 miles for children aged 8 to 15;

Where the distance criteria is not met, the nature of the route in terms of safety for pedestrians can be considered.

How and when to apply

Applications should be received by **1st June** for transport requested for the start of the Autumn term. It may take up to 3 weeks for the application to be processed.

- 1• Read the guidance on pages 1 and 2**
- 2• Complete the sections on pages 3 and 4**
- 3• SAVE the form to your computer, CHECK that your details are saved then EMAIL it to:**

educationtransport@wiltshire.gov.uk

If you are unable to email the form, print it, complete it by hand and send it to:

Education Transport, Passenger Transport Unit, Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Trowbridge BA14 8JN

Conditions for the provision of home to school transport

By submitting this form, you are confirming that you and your child are fully aware of behaviour expectations on the transport. The conditions (detailed on page 2) are very important so that every child can travel safely.

All applications from Wiltshire residents are assessed fairly and equitably according to Wiltshire Council's [Policy on Education Transport](#), to see if they are entitled to help with transport to school.

This policy can be seen in full via the link above or phone 0300 456 0100 to request a copy.

Privacy notice

Wiltshire Council is the data controller for the personal information you provide in this form. The Council's Data Protection Officer can be contacted at dataprotection@wiltshire.gov.uk. This personal data will only be used for the purposes of providing transport, or purposes relating to this service. We will share your personal data where necessary and lawful within the Council and with transport suppliers, but we will not share your data with any other third parties unless we are required or permitted to do so by law. For further information about how we may use your personal data, including your rights as a data subject, please visit <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-transport-apply>

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Choosing a Secondary School?

Taking responsibility for finding whether school transport is available...

When your child moves to Secondary School next year, you may need to consider how he/she will get there. Free school transport is generally only available to the school designated for transport entitlement purposes or the nearest school for your address. Some families may qualify for an extra choice of schools if they are on various lower income levels – please see below.

Please note: Schools designated to your home address for admissions purposes may differ from transport entitlement.

If you choose for your child to attend a school which is not designated for transport entitlement to your address it will be your responsibility as a parent to make and pay for any transport arrangements for up to the next five years. This may prove to be too expensive for you to afford as your child progresses through secondary school.

To find out if we can help you, and which school is designated for transport entitlement purposes, you can:

1. Email us at educationtransport@wiltshire.gov.uk stating your address (including postcode), your child's name, and the schools(s) you are thinking of applying to. If you want to write to us instead, the address is at the foot of this page. NB: It is important to **tell us** if you are in receipt of either 'free school meals' or Universal credit for your case – you may be able to get extra help with transport.
2. We will reply as soon as possible advising you whether we can help with transport under the current policy. Please be aware though that if you are going to move house in the coming year then our advice would not be valid as transport entitlement is linked to your home address.
3. If we cannot offer you any transport assistance through the council, we will ask the bus network team to see whether there are currently any public transport solutions for you.
4. If there aren't any buses going to your chosen school, you would need to make reliable and sustainable transport arrangements for the next five years on your own. Lift-shares with other parents are a good idea to explore, or walking or cycling – ask the school about their travel plan which may have a lot of useful information on these options. Please remember that just because there is a bus serving the route now, we cannot guarantee it will be there in the future.
5. If you choose a school in the hope that a transport arrangement might be in place by the time your son or daughter starts at the school, please understand that the council will not be able to devise a solution for you if your plans fall through. Whilst we always try to be as helpful as possible, unfortunately we do not have the funding to enable us to help everybody and parental preference usually means that you have to make your own arrangements for transport.

Remember – if you don't enquire about transport help **now**, you could be left with expensive transport costs to fund for the next five years.



Please help us to help you by enquiring **now** about whether school transport is available.

Wiltshire Council Passenger Transport Unit,
County Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire BA14 8JN
Email: educationtransport@wiltshire.gov.uk



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