

# COVINGHAM PARK NEWS

December 2023



Dear Parents/Carers

As we reach the end of the autumn term and the end of 2023, we would like to wish our families and members of the school community a wonderful Christmas break.

We have had some lovely Christmas celebrations in school, at St Paul's and at Dorcan over the last couple of weeks. Our younger children excelled themselves during their performances of 'A little bird told me', our older children enjoyed their visit to Dorcan for their Christmas show and we are always grateful to be able to enjoy Christmas carols and songs in St Paul's. As well as these long-standing school Christmas traditions, we would also like to thank you for coming along to our Christmas Crafts in class.

As we look forward to 2024 and the spring term, children return to school on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January and will begin the term with our history led curriculum. Please look at the class pages on our school website in January for more information.

On a personal note, as I leave Covingham Park Primary School to begin my retirement, I would like to thank children, families, staff and governors for their continued support for our children and our school. I have enjoyed over 13 very happy years at Covingham, I consider CPPS to be at the head of the Covingham community and I know I will miss everyone. I wish you all the very best for the future.

This will be the last newsletter from Mrs Crabbe and I (as Co-Headteachers) I will be retiring On 31.12.23, Mrs Crabbe will continue as Deputy head teacher and Mrs Andrews will be the new Headteacher from January 2024.

Thank you once again, have a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mrs Caroline Polley

Please refer to our website [www.cpps.swindon.sch.uk](http://www.cpps.swindon.sch.uk) for more information.

**2023/24 academic year test dates:**

Reception baseline assessment for each child in the first 6 weeks after they enter reception.

**KS1** test period: May 2024

**KS1** phonics screening check: Week commencing Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**KS2** (Year6): the key stage 2 tests are timetabled from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024

**KS2** (Year4): Multiplication tables check within the 3-week period from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

**2024/25 academic year test dates:**

Reception baseline assessment for each child in the first 6 weeks after they enter reception. Key

stage 1 test period: May 2025

**KS1** phonics screening check : Week commencing Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025

**KS2** (Year6) the key stage 2 tests are timetabled from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**KS2** (Year4): Multiplication tables check with the 2-week period from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025



**We are now a cashless school all payments to me made through PlusPay.**

**School Lunches**

School lunches are available to order on ParentMail for Term 3 and can be booked up to Thursday before the week required.

**Reminders**

Upper school healthy snacks for breaktime: fruit/vegetables/cereal bars (nut free).

**Please be respectful to our neighbours when parking outside the school.**

We require a 10 day notice for absence requests. Holiday should be taken in school holidays, not term time.

If your child requires medicines in school please fill in a form from the office.

Any change to contact detail please contact the office for a change of data form e.g change of address or phone number etc.

**When reporting a child's absence please ring a.s.a.p and give a reason i.e cold, cough upset tummy etc.**

**You can now find us on  
Twitter/Facebook/Instagram**

**School Start times**

Please make sure your child/children arrive at school at the correct time, as we have noticed there are too many children coming in late through the main office. This also means they miss registration and then get a late mark, also the first part of their phonics lesson which is important to the rest of the days learning.

Half Term Camp

# PREMIER HOLIDAY CAMPS

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### PREMIER CAMPS NEAR YOU

**Mountford Manor Primary School**

Christmas: 18th to 22nd Dec 23  
 18th & 19th - Holy Family Primary School  
 20th - 22nd Dec 23 - Mountford Manor  
 February: 12th to 16th Feb 24  
 Easter: 2nd - 12th April 24  
 Whitsun: 28th - 31st May 24

Age: 5-11    08:45-16:15    £20.99 Per Day

**PLEASE BRING**  
Plenty of water  
Suitable clothing  
Loads of energy!

Mix it up this half-term with our multi-activity holiday camps!

These camps are a perfect blend of activities for all ages, combining different sports with a variety of team games.

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before - from roller skating to fencing, lacrosse to cheer.

Book now for a half-term full of fun!

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## A handy list of dates

19<sup>th</sup> December Last day of Term2

19<sup>th</sup> December School Disco

4<sup>th</sup> Jan Term3 Children return to school

5<sup>th</sup> Jan Jungle Jonathan in to visit FS

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Jan Maple class swimming

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Jan Junior voice Festival

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Jan Rowan class swimming

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Jan Special Pizza day

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Jan Bikeability Yr6

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan Young voices concert

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan Bikeability Yr6

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan Bikeability Yr6

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February TD Day

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March TD Day

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May TD Day

STFCfoundation

We are delighted to announce that our boys won their Utilita Kids Cup Final last week and they will now move forward to represent Swindon against other teams from Sky Bet League Two in the Southern section of the competition. A huge achievement for our school so well done!

## FOUNDATION CENTRES

### Mini Foundation (U2s - U4s)

U2s-U3s	MONDAY	10:00 - 10:45AM	NIGEL EADY TRAINING CENTRE
U2s-U3s	WEDNESDAY	10:00 - 10:45AM	NIGEL EADY TRAINING CENTRE
U2s-U3s	FRIDAY	10:00 - 10:45AM	NIGEL EADY TRAINING CENTRE
U2s-U3s	SATURDAY	11:00 - 11:30AM	COMMONWEALTH
U2s-U2s	SATURDAY	8:30 - 9:00 AM	NIGEL EADY TRAINING CENTRE
U3s-U4s	THURSDAY	10:00 - 10:45 AM	FOUNDATION PARK
U4s	MONDAY	10:45 - 11:30 AM	NIGEL EADY TRAINING CENTRE
U4s	FRIDAY	10:45 - 11:30 AM	NIGEL EADY TRAINING CENTRE
U4s	SATURDAY	11:30 - 12:00 PM	COMMONWEALTH
U4s	SATURDAY	9:00 - 9:30AM	NIGEL EADY TRAINING CENTRE

### Junior Foundation (U5s - U8s)

U5s-U6s	TUESDAY	4:30 - 5:30 PM	NIGEL EADY TRAINING CENTRE
U5s-U5s	SATURDAY	9:00 - 10:00 AM	COMMONWEALTH
U5s-U6s	SATURDAY	10:00 - 11:00 AM	COMMONWEALTH
U5s-U5s	SATURDAY	9:30 - 10:30 AM	NIGEL EADY TRAINING CENTRE
U7s-U8s	MONDAY	4:30 - 5:30 PM	FOUNDATION PARK
U7s-U8s	THURSDAY	4:30 - 5:30 PM	NIGEL EADY TRAINING CENTRE
U7s-U8s	FRIDAY	4:00 - 5:00 PM	FOUNDATION PARK
U7s-U8s	SATURDAY	9:00 - 10:00 AM	FOUNDATION PARK

### Youth Foundation (U9s - U14s)

U9s-U9s	TUESDAY	4:30 - 5:00 PM	FOUNDATION PARK
U9s-U10s	FRIDAY	5:00 - 6:00 PM	FOUNDATION PARK
U9s-U11s (Beginner)	TUESDAY	4:00 - 5:00 PM	FOUNDATION PARK
U9s-U11s (Intermediate)	TUESDAY	4:00 - 5:00 PM	FOUNDATION PARK
U11s-U12s	WEDNESDAY	5:30 - 6:30PM	FOUNDATION PARK
U11s-U12s	THURSDAY	4:00 - 5:00 PM	FOUNDATION PARK
U13s-U14s	MONDAY	4:30 - 6:30PM	FOUNDATION PARK

### ...And More!

GOALKEEPERS	WEDNESDAY	5:30 - 6:30 PM	FOUNDATION PARK
U5s-U7s GIRLS ONLY	SATURDAY	9:00 - 10:00 AM	FOUNDATION PARK
U8s-U9s GIRLS ONLY	SATURDAY	9:00 - 10:00 AM	FOUNDATION PARK
U8s-U11s GIRLS ONLY	FRIDAY	4:00 - 5:00 PM	NIGEL EADY TRAINING CENTRE
U12s-U14s GIRLS ONLY	FRIDAY	5:00 - 6:00 PM	FOUNDATION PARK

Email [Ellie@STFCfoundation.com](mailto:Ellie@STFCfoundation.com) or book your spot at [booking.STFCfoundation.com](http://booking.STFCfoundation.com)