



Devizes Dispatch



Mr. Cave's weekly message:

When a driver gets in their vehicle & turns the key, there is what's called the 'moment of ignition'. I'm not a Scientist, engineer or mechanic, but this moment is the point where a spark plug fires & ignites the air-fuel mixture, with crankshafts and other elements all in the right position for the engine to start. This marvellous piece of technology, created by a German inventor called

Nicolaus Otto, went on to change the world. And it's a great analogy for what can happen in a person's life. With the right climate around them- the air-fuel mixture- a spark of understanding, interest or passion can be ignited.

It's what we aim to do in our school. Our vision statement's clear- we aim to produce a values driven culture of high standards that creates the character and excellence needed to succeed in life. To look to raise aspirations & build futures with life-changing possibilities. Everything we do builds towards this-the day to day diet of school that students have this week returned to, the key moments that build momentum like the mock exams sat so expertly by Year 11 students this week, and the special events such as the Year 13 Career Fair to help build futures and various wider aspects like our house events or 'Nailed it November' challenge. All of it looks to ignite the engine and see our students move forward.

Parent Governor Elections

We are looking to recruit a parent Governor, if you feel this role is of interest to you, and you wish to stand for election, please see the attached information sheet. Applications can be made via the QR Code or link below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/Kqr8GtCe0W>

The deadline for applicants is 12noon on Monday 15th April.

Punctuality to school

We're keen to ensure that students arrive promptly to school each day, to ensure a smooth start to their learning and teach effective skills for life around the importance of punctuality. As advised prior to half term, our **gates close at 8.28am** each morning, to ensure that all students are in their correct position (be that line up, prep classes or assemblies) by the required start time of 8.30am.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Parent Governor Election - Devizes
November 2025





SEN Camp Out

Sam Lush is the Community and Family Navigator for Wiltshire Family Hubs. Sam is organising a SEN camp out for next year and would love to find out from SEN families and children what they would want to see at the event. She has put together a short questionnaire for people to fill out, so if this event is something that may interest you, please take the time to complete the form. The event will be run by the secret camp out team [The Secret Camp Out | camping | Stockton Park, Warminster, Wiltshire, UK](#)

This event is for anyone who has SEN or neurodivergence of any age. Information on how to purchase tickets will be released soon. The cost of the event will be kept as low as possible.

[SEN Campout 25-27th August 2026 – Fill in form](#)



Christmas Fayre

We are hosting our first 'Christmas Fayre' on Friday December 12th from 17:30-20:00 in the Main and Small halls. This will include music performances, stalls, refreshments and activities. Please see the details on the poster or following the link below to book tickets: Devizes School Christmas Fayre at Devizes School - Main Hall event tickets from TicketSource

We are also looking for donations for our raffle, so if you have any unwanted gifts you are willing to donate, please send them into school to be delivered to Mr. Stephens in D68.

If you, or someone you know, owns a small business and would like to make a donations to set up a stall to sell goods at the event, please contact m.stephens@devizes.wilts.sch.uk for further details and confirmation.

Christmas Card House Competition 2025

Do you send and receive Christmas Cards?

Have you ever wondered 'I could do better than that?'

Now is your chance! You can design the Christmas card for Devizes School 2025!

This is a House Competition and points will be earned for your house, plus an Amazon Voucher for the winning design.

Please see the attached Flyer for more details

Dates for the Diary

12th / 13th November – Year 11 Geography Students field trip

11th December – Year 11 Parents evening – Details to follow.