

Devizes Dispatch



Mr. Cave's weekly message:

This week could be summed up with one word- courage. The ability to do something that may frighten, to demonstrate bravery, to show strength in the face of challenge and adversity, to do what is right when it isn't easy. It's one of our school values that we love to see demonstrated in our young people.

When we came together on Tuesday, we recognised & honoured the courage of so many as we took part in Remembrance Day. Throughout the week we've linked to the fact that it has been 'Anti-bullying week', and highlighted the courage

that is needed to stand up against bullying behaviour when it does occur. Today as a part of Children in Need we're donating to support those who both need our support as they show courage in the face of trying circumstances, and to those who courageously offer support as a part of the calling in their lives to help those most vulnerable.

Courage can be demonstrated in many ways- testing yourself by engaging with difficult learning topics that you haven't yet mastered. Standing by a friend who is going through a tough time, or a peer in school who needs an ally. Pushing yourself out of a comfort zone to try something new. Putting the needs of others ahead of your own and trusting that it's worth doing. Courage can be simply getting up and facing the day that poses many challenges. For all those- past, present & future- who demonstrate courage in so many different ways, we want to acknowledge you, thank you, and support you.

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 December.



Arbor Parent Portal

This week we enabled 'in app messages' on our Arbor Parent Portal, allowing you to receive notifications through the App of incidents, reports etc. As a result, we will now stop sending SMS messages to parents regarding rewards or behaviour from today. Absence follow up messages will continue to for now. If you haven't yet downloaded the Arbor Parent Portal App and logged in, we recommend you do so.



Canteen Meal Deals & Free School Meals

We wanted to inform all parents of a recent change to our canteen's meal deals that are available to students each day, particularly those in receipt of a free school meal. To encourage variety, a healthy diet & to make the most of the value of a free school meal, the canteen offers a variety of deals that students can take advantage of. These include:

- Main meal deal of the day – the main meal on offer, dessert & water bottle/juice box (this always includes options for those who are vegetarian or have dietary requirements, as well as Jacket Potatoes)
- The Grab & Go meal deal of the day- a selected grab & go item, dessert of the day & water bottle/juice box
- A sandwich item & water bottle/juice box
- A sandwich item and fruit pot/dessert pot

The meal deals are on offer to those in receipt of free school meals, or for a cost of £2.70 each day. Please note that the Grab & Go meal deal now specifies a different grab & go item each day, ranging from pizza, paninis and wraps. If a child wishes to have items that differ to the meal deals on offer, please note that these are not included in the deal, which may mean that their chosen meal exceeds their daily allowance for a free school meal, and have to then come at additional cost to the student via the student's ParentPay account. They therefore can either make the most of the deal on offer or select individual items within their own allowance and/or topped up by their personal budget.

As stated above, these deals encourage students to eat a wider variety of food and to choose ideally the main meal option, therefore maximising the value of the free school meal for each child. This in line with all schools across the White Horse Federation, as a part of their contract with Caterlink. If you have any questions about this, do please get in touch.



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 the school for further details and confirmation.

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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

"Nailed it November"!

From November 3rd-26th student Golden Tickets have REAL significance! Students need to keep their Golden Tickets safe for the next four weeks, because on Friday November 28th they'll get a chance to put them into a draw for one of four great prizes, plus eight runners up prizes:

A Laptop A pair of Apple AirPods A £50 Just Eat gift card A £25 Amazon Voucher

Runners up prizes: £10 Love Shopping gift cards



Football success

Our U12 and U14 Girls' Football teams had a fantastically successful week, with the U12s winning 5-3 and the U14s 8-1 against Abbeyfield.



DEVIZES WINTER FESTIVAL 2025
Young Urban Digitals
Are you interested in learning about high-level software, computer technology or projection mapping? This FREE course is for you.

For 16 to 20 year olds - up to 25 yrs for SEND
Limited spaces - info@docadevizes.org.uk for info

15th, 22nd November
9:30 - 13:00 and 14:30 to 17:00.
16:30 to 20:20 28th - event day

Hosted by The Lounge - 25 Sidmouth Street, Devizes SN10 1LD

[DOCADEVIZES.ORG.UK/WINTER-FESTIVAL](https://www.docadevizes.org.uk/winter-festival) DOCADEVIZES

Dates for the Diary

4th December- School Presentation Evening (invite only)

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