



Devizes Dispatch



Mr. Cave's weekly message:

It's been my pleasure this week to visit assemblies this week, and with Years 8, 9 and 10 we've considered the idea of progress- why it's important in life, what it looks like and how we can all experience it. There's a Chinese proverb that says "Be not afraid of growing slowly; be afraid only of standing still". The speed of our progress isn't the most important thing, but rather our mindset that we want to get better- World Heavyweight Boxing Champion Lennox Lewis famously said in an interview once that "whatever I do, I always want to get better".

But we also must recognise that progress is not an even path. It takes time, perseverance and a sense of grit & determination in the face of challenges & setbacks. So we thought about the skills we can demonstrate that aren't based on any talents, but rather on our mindset and the effort we put in- making sure we're coachable, learning how to deal with pressure, being organised and so on. There can be so many aspects of our lives that we can make progress in- both in and out of school- and we should always want to strive to improve. As Maya Angelou says- "do the best you can until you know better, then when you know better, do better".

REMINDER - Nasal Flu Vaccinations - November 26th

Devizes School will be hosting the School Age Immunisation Team on 26th November 2025, Nurses will be delivering nasal flu vaccinations to students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

If you have not done so already please follow the link below to consent **YES/NO** to this vaccine, using the school code: **WT138630**

www.bswschoolagedimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu

A leaflet explaining the vaccination programme for secondary aged young people can be accessed at:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/64a2e2e245b6a2000c3d47de/UKHSA-12388-protect-yourself-against-flu_information-for-those-in-secondary-school.pdf

If you have any queries, please contact the School Aged Immunisation Team directly on **0300 247 0082** or email us using vcl.immunisations@nhs.net



School Admissions Consultation 2027/28

Wiltshire Council is consulting on the proposed admissions criteria and admission arrangements for its Community & Voluntary Controlled Schools for the 2027/28 academic year. It is also consulting on the proposed schemes for co-ordination of admissions to all maintained schools and academies for the 2027/28 academic year. The consultation began on Wednesday 19 November 2025 and it ends on Wednesday 7 January 2026.

The consultation documents can be accessed by clicking on the link below.

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-admissions-consultation

All schools have been asked to share these proposals with parents and encourage them to email any comments to the Local Authority so that any returns, give an accurate reflection of the views of all school communities.

To respond to this consultation please send your comments by email to admissions@wiltshire.gov.uk or you can write to:

School Admissions Team, Wiltshire Council, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN

Please read our latest SEND newsletter at [SEND newsletter - Local Offer \(wiltshire.gov.uk\)](http://SEND%20newsletter%20-%20Local%20Offer%20(wiltshire.gov.uk))

This message has been sent on behalf of

Debbie Clare , School Admissions Co-Ordinator



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.

Dates for the diary

26th November – Nasal Flu vaccinations

27th November – Year 11 Parents Evening appointments available to book from 6pm.

11th December –Year 11 Parents Evening – Online event.