

Dear Parents/Carers,

The summer term has arrived and so, it would seem, has summer! We have enjoyed a lovely, sunny start back to school and it is definitely time to bring in those sun hats and slap on that sun cream so that outdoor activities can be safely enjoyed.

With outdoor activity in mind, so much has happened on the school field! See the full update from Mr Johns in this newsletter.

Our children have settled well into new learning themes and our Year 5 classes have also enjoyed a glimpse of life beyond Ivy Lane with a taster day at Sheldon School. Additionally, we have been delighted to welcome a specialist drama teacher to further whet the appetite of Year 5 for the joys of secondary school. The provision made to enable a successful transition from primary to secondary school for both our Year 5 and Year 6 children is excellent and we appreciate the strong links we enjoy with all of the town secondary schools.

Meanwhile, in Key Stage 1, our Year 1 children are very excited about their visit to Roves Farm next week. We look forward to hearing all about it!

Don't forget to book your tickets for the FOILS Brick Show here at school on Saturday 10th May! It's a must if you have a LEGO fanatic in your house.

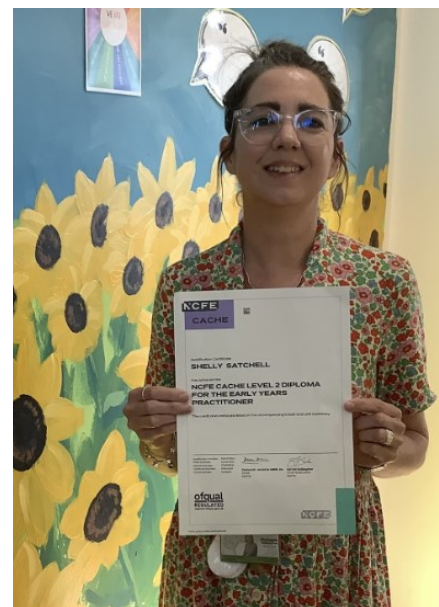
Here's hoping that the sunny weather holds for the long weekend! I wish you all a happy Bank Holiday and look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Tuesday 6th May.



Mrs H Lammin
Headteacher

Well Done, Mrs Satchell

Congratulations to Mrs Satchell for working very hard and completing her Level 2 Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner. This involved a lot of additional time and studying. A very well deserved achievement!



Date	Event
06/05/25	Y1 Trip to Roves Farm
10/05/25	FOILS Brick Show
12/05/25	Year 6 SATs Week
13/06/25	Sports Day
18/06/25	Y6 to Chippenham Games (details to follow)
23/06/25	TD Day
26/06/25	Y6 Production 9.30am and 6pm
30/06/25—02/07/25	Y6 Residential to Hooke Court
01/07/25	Reception Trip to Weston-Super-Mare (details to follow)
05/07/25	FOILS Summer Fair 12-3pm
10/07/25	FOILS Summer Discos Reception—Y2: 4.15-5.25pm, Y3-5: 5.30-6.30pm
10/07/25	Y6 Transition Day for Sheldon School only
11/07/25	Whole School Move Up Day
11/07/25	Y6 Transition Day for Sheldon, Hardenhuish and Abbeyfield Schools
16/07/25	Open Classrooms, 3-5pm
17/07/25	Y6 Ivy Fest, 5-6.30pm
24/07/25	Y6 Leavers Assembly, 9.30am
24/07/25	End of term. Early finish at 1.30pm

Library Books!

A reminder that all children visit our lovely school library every week with their class and have the opportunity to borrow a library book of their choice. This book should be looked after and returned to school the following week so that it can be either returned or renewed - the books are on loan.

We work hard to maintain a good stock of books and are very proud of what we are able to offer in our library. However, this situation absolutely depends on all families taking responsibility for keeping track of school library books and ensuring they are returned to school on time.

We currently have 99 books that are well overdue!

We understand that books do get lost or damaged from time to time. Should this be the case, please just let us know so that we can remove the book from our system. If you are able to replace the book or offer a £2 contribution towards our replacement costs this is much appreciated.

Please help us to maintain our wonderful library!



Year 1

DONALDSON & Hargreaves

We hope that you all had a relaxing Easter Break, the children have returned to school with a positive attitude towards their learning.

We recently completed our maths unit on mass and volume, where we compared and discussed different measurements. We are now focusing on counting in 2s, 5s and 10s to support with multiplication.

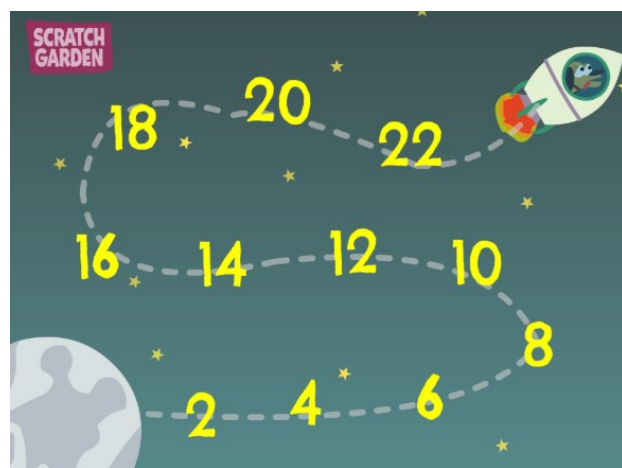
In writing, the children have been introduced to the new text, Monkey see, Monkey Do. We will be focusing on different ways to start sentences, character's feelings, conjunctions and adjectives. The children are enjoying learning this text and we are sure that they will enjoy retelling it to you!

We are looking forward to our Roves Farm trip next week, where we will take part in a range of exciting activities.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Burrows and Mrs Murray,

The Year 1 Team



Year 2

Milligan & DAHL



We have started Term 5 with a new Talk For Writing text - Jack and the Beanstalk.

You may have noticed that we have planted our own beanstalks and we're keeping our fingers crossed that they grow strong and tall, a bit like the beanstalk in the story!

Our new focus in Maths is fractions - we are learning to recognise and find $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$ of numbers and shapes.

This week we ended our enquiry, "What did Brunel do for Great Britain?" by becoming engineers; designing, making and evaluating bridges. Ours were made out of A4 paper rather than steel and some even managed to hold the weight of at least 5 toy cars!

We've lots more planned over the next few weeks, Term 5 is a short but busy term!

Mrs Reynolds, Mrs Angell, Mrs Weedon and the rest of the Y2 team.

Which of these shows one third?



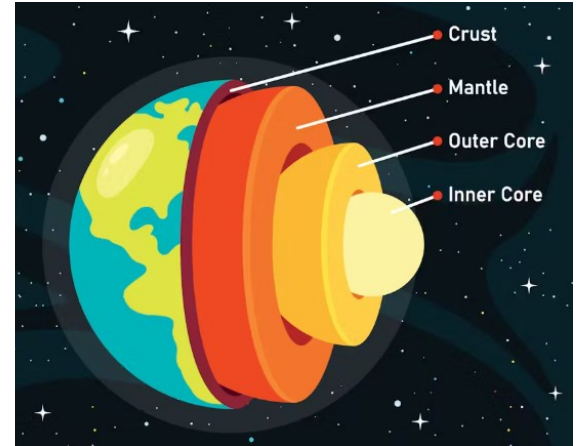
Year 3

Griffiths & Williams

Year 3 have been really enjoying answering our enquiry question 'What is underneath our feet?'.
We have learnt about different rocks, volcanoes and what the earth looks like on the inside - the children will amaze you with some amazing facts if you ask them!

Our new text this term is a suspense story called 'The Manor House'. We are looking forward to reading all of their stories over the coming weeks.

It has been a great start to Term 5 - well done Year 3!



Mrs Horan, Mrs Hugo, Mrs Metcalfe, Miss Vernon and the rest of the Year 3 Team

Year 4

MORPURGO & Hughes

Year 4 have jumped straight back into another busy term with gusto. We have been building upon our existing knowledge of fractions to help us in understanding tenths as a decimal and dividing one- and two-digit numbers by 10. Our Enquiry question 'where does our water come from?' has opened up many conversations within the classroom and this week we have been exploring the water cycle and creating our own miniature water cycles so that we can see evaporation, condensation and precipitation in action. Additionally, we have had some kind volunteers come into Ivy Lane to teach us some Ceilidh dances ahead of our folk festival workshop on the last day of term. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank parents in providing a pebble. Our painted pebbles will be used to create a pebble path in our outdoor wildlife area.



Mr. Butterfield and Ms. Keogh.

Year 5

PULLMAN & BYARS

In English, we've been putting the finishing touches on our own suspense stories—full of mystery, tension, and dramatic cliffhangers! The children have worked incredibly hard on crafting atmosphere and building excitement, and we can't wait to share these with Year 4 very soon.

Over in Maths, we've been exploring statistics—reading and interpreting different graphs and charts with growing confidence. Next up, we're diving into angles... which should be right up their street! (Sorry, couldn't resist the pun!)

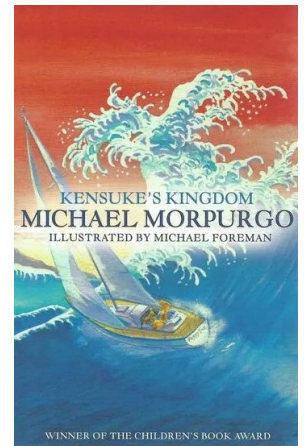
Our Enquiry lessons have taken us closer to home, as we've been learning all about Chippenham's twin towns: Friedburg in Germany and La Flèche in France. It's been really interesting to discover how and why towns build these international connections.

In PE, we are about to start developing our teamwork and tactics with a mixture of rounders and tchoukball. It's been great to see the children trying new sports and showing real sportsmanship.

And in Reading, we're just about to start an exciting new class novel: *Kensuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo. The children are already intrigued by the blurb and front cover, and we're looking forward to diving into this gripping adventure together.

Thank you again for your continued support—it's wonderful to see the children throwing themselves into everything with such enthusiasm.

Mr Johns and Mrs Harvey, Year 5 Class teachers



Year 6

ROWLING & Lewis

Term 5 has had a really successful start in Year 6. Every single member of the year group has worked incredibly hard and shown a real determination to do their best as we head towards SATs week during week 4 of this term. The efforts of every member of Year 6 has been simply brilliant.

So, a huge well done to all, and we will soon be celebrating the finish of this stage of Year 6 before concentrating on our end of year production (to be announced soon), our residential trip to Dorset and transition to secondary schools

Mr MacMahon & Mrs Storey

Year 6 Class teachers





Big News from the Field

Thank Yous, Sandpits and a Boat (Yes, really!)

If you've been hearing stories about exciting changes on our school field, you're not wrong! In the last week of term 4, we were working hard to set up a brand new sandpit and start transforming the outdoor space for even more adventurous play.

(Rest assured, if you're missing a wheelbarrow or two, we promise they're not lost—they were just helping us make playground history and can be collected in due course.)

Now, for the reality check—although you'll spot some impressive new features out there, the field and sandpit aren't open for children just yet. We are still waiting for the delivery of the all-important sand, and some areas are fenced off to allow the ground to settle and be covered with grass seed. This is while we finish making everything safe and ready for action. As much as we'd all like to let the children loose immediately, we're committed to making sure every mound and corner is up to scratch before anyone sets foot on the newly created areas.

A **special mention goes to Elliot Noyes**, who put in a frankly heroic amount of time and effort steering the project, moving earth, and sculpting the new landscape. Huge thanks as well to our wonderful parent volunteers, and to **Laura Deeprise** for recruiting extra help from Wincanton. And let's not forget **Mrs Murray's husband, Vinnie**, for his impressive feat of helping us get an actual boat onto the field. (Yes, really—because why not make playtimes a little more interesting?)

Speaking of boats, here's where you come in: if you, your friends, family, or that mysterious handy neighbour that has a boat sat on their driveway know anything about boat repairs, making things safe for kids, painting them, or just "doing up" things in general, please get in touch with me or the school office. We'd love to call on your expertise. The boat is currently looking more 'castaway' than 'cruise liner' so the more knowledge, the better.

And while you're at it, take a look at the OPAL board by the tunnel entrance or see the Bingo boards below for **a list of items we're hoping to gather this term**—your help could make a real difference (and clear out your shed at the same time).

Just to add a bit of friendly competition, the class that brings in the most items will win **VIP access to the sandpit** when the sand finally arrives. Yes, you read that right—your children could be the first to fling sand everywhere (responsibly, of course) as a reward for your collective effort.

Thanks once again to everyone who has supported, volunteered, donated, or just cheered us on from the sidelines. We'll keep you posted as soon as the sand has landed and it's safe for the children to enjoy these new spaces—in the meantime, please bear with us as we continue to improve our site.

Here's to another term of progress on the field and lots of sunny lunchtimes.

Mr Johns, Curriculum lead for Play



OPAL



EYFS and KS1

Suitcases



Watering cans



Toy animals



Pool noodles



Instruments



Wooden planks



Seaside toys



Umbrellas



Chalk



Small Buckets



Cones



Small gardening tools



Cake moulds



Wheelbarrow



Old electronics



Plastic tubes



OPAL



KS2

Washing baskets



Toy dinos



Guttering



Old electronics



Toy characters



Play doh



Corrugated pipes



Cable spools



Wooden dowels



Office chairs



Tree trunk chunks



Fancy dress masks



buggies



Wheel chairs



Microphones



Musical instruments





Well done to these children who have impressed their class teachers over the last two weeks.

Olive Y, Isla H (Carle)

Arthur J, Arlo G (Rosen)

Michael M, Thomas N, Rupert C (Donaldson)

Dimi R, Nova C (Hargreaves)

Harry C-S, Ben G (Dahl)

Maya L, Cillian B (Milligan)

Bella C, Oliver M (Griffiths)

Amelie L, Blair A-C (Walliams)

Rayan C, Louie K (Hughes)

Leo F, Mia S (Morpurgo)

Oliver K, George S (Byars)

Erin H, Iris O (Pullman)

Bailey M, Kit W (Lewis)

Carys J, Megan C (Rowling)

Well done to the children on the **Golden Ivy Leaf** over the last two weeks and joined Mrs Lammin for a Headteacher's breakfast!

Carle: Henry L, Olive Y

Hargreaves: Reuben P

Dahl: Jeenlada W

Walliams: Joseph M, Alfie S, Oliver B

Morpurgo: Freddie C

Byars: Lilah R-W



Thank you to those who have donated books to their classes reading corner in celebration of their birthday:

Martha R (Carle)

Beatrice B (Rosen)

Imogen C (Rosen)

Florence G (Milligan)

Pippa L (Morpurgo)

Scarlett L (Griffiths)

Ivy C (Walliams)

Mrs Spyer



**GERT
LUG**

FOILS Brick Show

Saturday 10th May • 10am to 4pm • Ivy Lane School

Join us for a day full of Lego!

Together with Bristol based Lego enthusiasts GertLug, welcome to our first Brick Show, where GertLug will showcase their amazing creations!

Brick play pit and activities

Lego prizes to be won

Colouring competition

Lego displays

£3 per person • £10 for a family ticket for 4
(children under 3 go free!)



Book online at ticketsource.co.uk/foils
or buy tickets on the door

Only 1 week till the FOILS Brick show on Saturday 10 May!

Join us for a day full of Lego, where Bristol-based Lego enthusiasts GertLug will showcase their incredible creations and builds.

In addition, there will be a brick pit for the kids to play in, a colouring competition, activities, a tuck shop for snacks, and Lego prizes to be won.

We have already sold lots of tickets, but if you haven't already booked yours you can do so here: www.ticketsource.co.uk/foils or just pop along on the day to get tickets on the day. We'll be there from 10am-4pm!

We hope to see you on the day, the FOILS trustees will be out in force volunteering for the whole event, but we could do with some extra help! If you can spare even a few hours, please [sign up here](#) . Thank you!

SKIN CARE ADVICE FROM **Wiltshire Council**

Children's skin is particularly vulnerable to sun damage, even when the sun doesn't seem strong. Teaching your pupils about sun safety is essential to help them avoid skin damage both now and in the future. The teaching of sun safety should cover key statutory health education requirements, ensuring that pupils learn about safe and unsafe exposure to the sun, the associated benefits and risks, and how to reduce the risk of sun damage, including skin cancer.

Key reasons for teaching sun safety:

Prevent Skin Damage: Children's skin can be easily damaged by the sun, leading to immediate and long-term health issues.

Risk Assessment and Management: Pupils should learn how to assess and manage risks related to sun exposure and make effective choices as to how to reduce the risks from sun exposure.

Enjoying Summer Safely: By understanding sun safety, pupils can make the most of the summer months while staying safe.

Excellent resources, including classroom resources, posters, sun safety codes and presentation materials, are available to support the teaching of this topic. Please see the links below (copy and paste the links into your browser) for a selection of available resources;

<https://www.sunsafeschools.co.uk/resources/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/seasonal-health/sunscreen-and-sun-safety/>

<https://melanoma-fund.co.uk/ok-sun-safety-code/>



The Sun is out!

Please remember your child needs a water bottle & sun hat every day.

Please apply sun cream before school.

Thank you

MAY HALF TERM

MULTI SPORTS COURSE

27TH - 29TH MAY 2025 (9AM-4PM)



Our popular Multi Sports Programme is open to boys and girls of all abilities aged 5 -13 and offers a fantastic variety of sports & activities each day.

Sports include Archery, Inflatable obstacle course, Football, Mini Olympics, Tennis, Martial Arts, New Age Kurling, Street Dance, Handball, Hockey, Cricket, Ultimate Frisbee, Dodgeball, Lacrosse, Basketball, Tag Rugby, Team Building Challenges along with daily competitions, prizes and certificates.

Our activity days are structured around teamwork and working together and are delivered in a fun and engaging atmosphere.



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Chippenham
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£90 for all 3 days (discounted)



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This is our game.

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Join us at:

Chippenham Cricket Club, Bristol Road, Chippenham, SN15 1NH

Session dates:

GIRLS ONLY SESSIONS - Every Tuesday, 13th May to 1st July

Session timings:

6.15-7.15PM

Contact:

Jo Parsons, Lead for Girls' cricket at Chippenham CC, jojoparso22@gmail.com, 07921 711172



CHIPPENHAM CC



Game On

Making team sports more accessible to children in Chippenham

Enjoy new friendships, grow in confidence, handle the losses and celebrate the wins.

Want your child to keep healthy and active without the worry of costs?

Game On is a new charity dedicated to enabling children grow physically, socially and emotionally through team sport.

We offer:

- Financial support with club membership fees for primary school children
- Provision of sports kit, gear and equipment
- Access to a wide network of local clubs - football, netball, hockey, rugby & cricket

Participating clubs

- Chippenham Town Youth FC
- FC Chippenham Youth
- Chippenham Hockey Club
- Chippenham Netball Youth
- Chippenham Cricket Club
- Chippenham Rugby Club

Want to learn more?

Contact the club and ask about "Game On"



www.gameoncharity.com



From the office...

Contacting the School

01249 652556

Email **Mrs Jones**

assistantadmin@ivyane.wilts.sch.uk

- Pick up arrangements.
- School absences
- Medical appointments
- School dinner bookings
- Wraparound care
- Club bookings
- Parking permits
- Dietary / Medical needs

Email **Mrs Nowosielski**

admin@ivyane.wilts.sch.uk

For all other enquiries, including admissions, and your first point of contact for any member of staff here at Ivy Lane.

Changes to contact details

Please remember to let the school office know if there are any changes to your contact details, addresses, email addresses etc.



Medicines

If your child needs to have any medication in school please bring it to the school office and complete a medication form.



Dietary / Medical Needs

Please keep the office updated with any dietary or medical needs your child has. Please let us know if this changes throughout the year.



Lost Property

Please remember to label your child's uniform and school equipment. Particularly their jumpers, cardigans, PE jumpers and water bottles.

You can look for lost items at the end of the school day. Lost property is located inside the Y4/5 entrance near the tunnel gate.

Reporting



Absences

If your child is ill, please leave a message on our **dedicated absence line**, 01249 652556 (Option 1). It really helps us if you leave a voicemail rather than email in.

Please let us know your child's symptoms rather than saying they are 'ill' or 'sick' as we require this information for our attendance records.

For absence requests in advance, (eg. appointments / holidays external exams) please complete an absence request form, available from the office or download from the website and email in to assistantadmin@ivyane.wilts.sch.uk



Please remember to let Ivy Kidz know if someone different will be collecting your child. We follow the same procedures as the school and cannot let your child go home with someone different unless we have had authorisation from parents. A gentle reminder that we cannot accept any late bookings for Ivy Kidz or Breakfast Club due to our staff rota organisation.

Please ensure all sessions are booked within the 1 week booking deadline. Text reminders and emails are sent out weekly to advise about dates that the Ivy Kidz booking system on SchoolMoney will be closing.

A gentle reminder that pick-up times for Ivy Kidz is **5.30pm**. Please ensure your child is collected promptly.

Please use the out of hours number to call Ivy Kidz **after 3pm** for any emergencies or late collections.

Phone: **01249 460822** / Email: ivykidz@ivyane.wilts.sch.uk

Please do not call this number during the school day.



Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notices issued from September 2024

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued to each parent for each child that was absent.

For Example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

When will a Penalty Notice fine be issued?

Penalty Notices will be considered for 5 Consecutive days of term time leave or 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period (in the same or over different academic years).

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days. Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Third Offence (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court.

Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate, due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.



WILTSHIRE SUPPORT SERVICES

Wiltshire Autism Assessment Service

If your child is known to WASS and you would like some support with the service, please visit the website to find a range of useful links, resources, and information.

<https://wiltshirechildrensservices.co.uk/waas/>

Wiltshire Parent Carers Council

The Wiltshire Parent Carer Council (WPCC) can provide advice about local sources of support and information for families of children with special educational needs.

<https://www.wiltshireparentcarercouncil.co.uk/en/Contact-us>

FREE MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

Supporting the wellbeing of children has never been so important. To assist you in doing this, SSS Learning Ltd have produced two fantastic free parental resources:

[Child Mental Health & Wellbeing - 10 Top Tips for Parents](#)
[Parents' Mental Health & Wellbeing - 10 Top Tips for Parents](#)

I am sure parents/carers will find these free resources both informative and supportive.

Wiltshire's Wellbeing Hub

The Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub is available to anyone who is struggling during this difficult time – and will now be available on Saturdays.

The hub can help and provide support to those who perhaps don't have a network around them, and also signpost them to where additional help is available in their local area. Hundreds of community groups, run by volunteers, are still set up across the county, providing invaluable assistance to those who need it.

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Do you receive any of the following?

- Income support
- Employment Support Allowance (Income Related)
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Guaranteed Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit and your income (as calculated by the Inland Revenue) is less than £16,190
- Universal Credit
- Receiving support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act of 1999
- In the Armed Forces

If you can answer yes to any of the above you may qualify for free school meals/Pupil Premium

The school office will help with your application. If your application is successful not only will your child receive free school meals, but our school will receive £1,300 additional funding (per child). This is called Pupil Premium.

All applications are confidential.



The Wiltshire
WELLBEING HUB
For vulnerable people in need of support

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wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk

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