

Good afternoon and welcome to your first St Ethelwold's VA School newsletter of 2025.

What a cold and wintry start to the new year we have experienced! Thank you to you all for braving the sub zero temperatures to make sure that the children got to school safely and in good time - I know it is not the most appealing thing in the world to go out in the freezing rain first thing in the morning, especially after a couple of weeks off, but you have done it and we thank you for that.

It is so good to see the pupils back in school, still excited from Christmas but looking forward to getting back to learning. We are going to have quite a push on correct uniform and PE Kit this term and we noticed a little bit of jewellery and nail varnish creeping in towards the end of the year which, whilst being perfectly ok at home, is not allowed in school. A reminder here of the main points of our uniform policy, including the rules surrounding PE kit and jewellery.

The recommended uniform is as follows:

Boys Navy Blue St Ethelwold's Sweatshirt or Cardigan (not grey or black)

Pale Blue Polo Shirt (not white)

Grey Trousers or Shorts (not blue or black)

Plain Black Shoes/Trainers (trainers should be completely black)

Girls Navy Blue St Ethelwold's Sweatshirt or Cardigan (not grey or black)

Pale Blue Polo Shirt (not white)

Grey Skirt, Pinafore, Trousers or Shorts (not blue or black) Pale Blue Check Summer Dress

Plain Black Shoes/Trainers (trainers should be completely black)



P.E. Kit Navy blue shorts White Polo Shirt or T-Shirt Plimsolls – for outdoor PE Swimming Costume/Trunks – no beach shorts

Uniform is available at https://myclothing.com/st-ethelwolds-primary_school/8655.school

Jewellery & Make Up Jewellery is not a part of the school uniform and we strongly discourage it being worn because of the safety risks involved. It is essential that children with pierced ears wear studs only. Pupils with pierced ears who can not remove their ear-rings for PE will have them covered by a member of staff with hypoallergenic tape for safety. Make up, including nail varnish, is not allowed in school.

Hopefully the weather will treat us a little more kindly next week, the forecast is for it to become a little warmer so fingers crossed that that comes to fruition.

With thanks for your continued support, we look forward to seeing you all on Monday