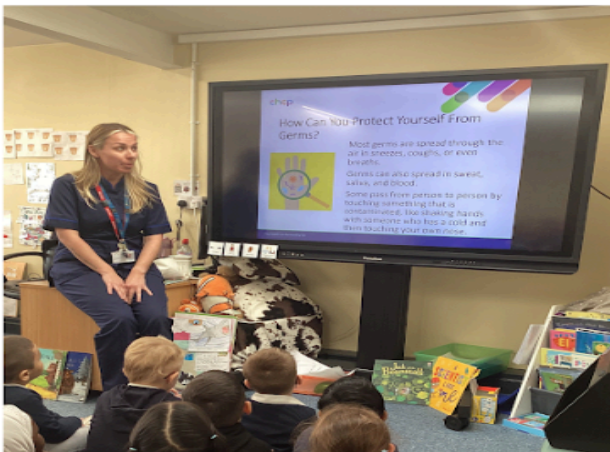


NEWSLETTER FOR SIDMOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

There have been lots of exciting things happening at over the last fortnight, here are some of the highlights

EYFs and Year 1 children had the opportunity to have a special handwashing lesson from our school nurse, Sam this week. As part of our Healthy Me Jigsaw lessons, we looked at the germs on our hands under a special light. We then used soap to wash our hands properly to see that the germs had disappeared! Thank you Sam!



PIC • COLLAGE

Year 1 went to Streetlife Museum on Wednesday 12th March to take part in their 'Toys From The Past' experience. The children loved getting to see and even play with toys from almost two hundred years. Some of them even said they enjoyed playing with these toys more than their toys at home!



Year 3 had an incredible time during their trip to Colliderfest. First they learnt a flash mob dance linked to the headscarf revolution. They were also lucky enough to learn about and meet lots of amazing animals, including a snake! Finally they went to watch YouTuber and Tv presenter Maddie Moate live on stage! The children all had such an amazing day and they represented our school brilliantly.



Thank you to all the parents who joined us for the 'Stay and Stem' afternoon on Thursday 13th March 2025, which was part of our science week activities. We hope you enjoyed taking part in the fun activities with your child, here are some of the highlights



F2 children used plastic bottles and rice and pulses to make their own music makers

Year 1 invited our parents in to help us make playdough. We adapted ingredients to create something new, then we adapted it using food colouring and glitter. We all had great messy fun.



Year 2 had lots of fun exploring with colour during our science week parents afternoon.

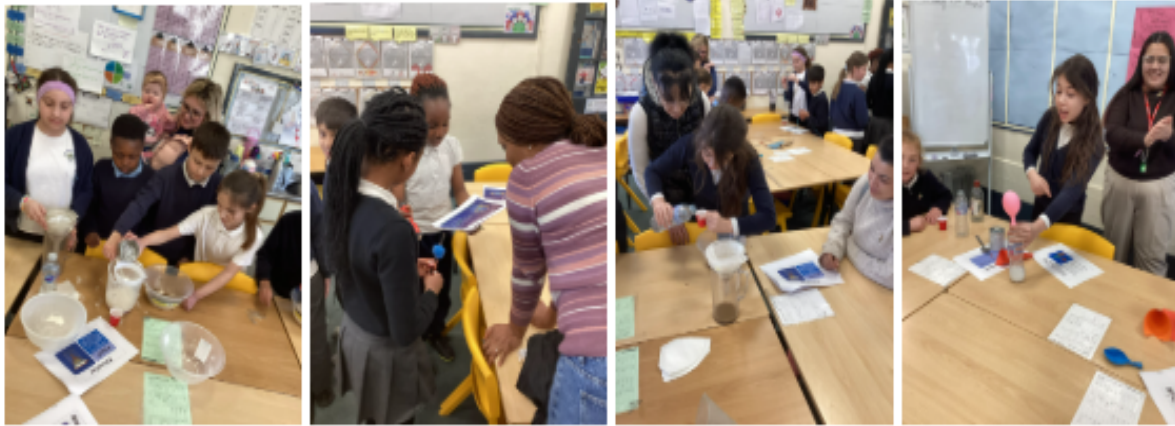
We Investigated what pigments made up the colours of felt tip pens. We used kitchen paper and water to complete this experiment and the children were able to record their results themselves, watching the colours separate in front of their eyes! Thank you to all of our parent helpers for making the event a success, the children thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon.



Year 4 took part in a carousel of activities with each one focusing on a different scientific topic. The children had the chance to create their own species of plant, build their own lolly stick tower and conduct two science experiments looking at materials and irreversible changes. Thank you to all of the families that came along and became scientists for the afternoon with us!



Year 5 welcomed our grown ups into the classroom and taught them all the exciting investigations that we have carried out so far this year. Creating carbon dioxide, racing to separate mixtures, modelling day and night and parachute racing to show air resistance were just a few of the topics that we discussed, and the children's retrieval of knowledge was absolutely fantastic!



Year 6 and their parents/carers were given an engineering challenge: to build the tallest tower that could also support weight. They had just 20 minutes to create their towers from nothing but 30 sheets of paper and tape. It was a close call but the tallest was almost a metre in height and was able to support nearly 1.5kg!





BOOK SWAP

What a fantastic book swap we had! It was wonderful to see so many children excitedly choosing new stories to take home. A huge thank you to everyone who donated books. We hope you're all enjoying your new reads!



Highlight of the fortnight the Year 5/6 residential trip to Carlton Lodge



Day 1

We got settled into the lodge then it was onto the first activity. We explored raft building, canoeing, orienteering and problem solving. Then it was back to the lodge to eat.



Day 2

The day started early where we quickly got stuck in with raft building and testing it on the water. Then onto canoeing with our friends, it was a lot of fun!



Day 3

We have been exploring bush crafts, high ropes and the climbing wall this morning. We even got to go on the zip line!

Sidmouth Primary School Easter Egg Decorating Competition

How to enter our eggscellent competition !!!

**Hard boil your egg/eggs or buy some plastic ones
Decorate your egg/s in any theme you wish
Bring your entry to your class from Monday 31st March
Winners will be chosen on Thursday 4th April**

This week's talking task:



Picture News



This Week's Story



Is it important to have a morning routine?

Reflection



Having a good start to the day or following a routine can often help to make the rest of the day run smoothly.



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In the news this week

750 schools in England have been chosen to trial free daily breakfast clubs, to see whether they could work for all schools. Starting in April, the schools will provide breakfast and activities for children. Schools are encouraged to offer healthy, varied and nutritious breakfasts, such as wheat cereals, porridge, fresh fruit and yoghurt, as well as activities, including educational puzzles, reading and crafts.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Have you attended a breakfast club? Would you like to?
- What do you like to have for breakfast? What about others at home?
- Share your morning routine with someone and ask about theirs. Do you feel it's important to have a routine? Why?



British Values



Rule of Law

Rules help support fairness and wellbeing. Schools, that take part in the breakfast scheme initiative, must follow the government's guidelines, to ensure children receive a healthy start to the day.

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Protected Characteristics



Breakfast clubs help ensure children access a nutritious breakfast. We all deserve fair treatment, and access to the things that we need, no matter our age.



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Upcoming Diary Dates

Tues 25th March	Year 5 ROH Create and Sing event
Thurs 27th March	Year 5 & 6 Roche Challenge Days - Hull Schools
Fri 28th March	Year 5 intersports tournament physical foundations-school field
Wed 2nd April	F1 and F2 Easter Extravaganza
Fri 4th April	Vision Screening F2
Fri 4th April	Indigo Moon Puppet performance
Fri 4th April	Last day of Spring Term - school closes at 2pm
Mon 7th to Fri 18th April	Easter Holidays - school closed
Mon 21st April	Bank Holiday - school closed
Tue 22nd April	INSET Day - school closed to pupils
Mon 5th May	Bank Holiday - school closed
WK Com 12th May	Year 6 SATS
Mon 26th to Fri 30th May	Half term break - school closed