

## NEWSLETTER FOR SIDMOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Happy New Year and welcome back

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all, It has certainly been a very frosty and chilly start to the new term. Despite the chilly conditions the children have all settled back into the school routine quickly, they have been working very hard and have certainly enjoyed being back with their friends.

We operate a flexible drop-off system, allowing children to arrive anytime between 8:45 am and 8:55 am. Please ensure your child arrives within this window, as the school gates will be locked after 8:55 am. If you arrive later, you will need to report to the school office.

School finishes at 3:15 pm. Please be prompt in collecting your child as late collections disrupt the end-of-day routines for all children and place an unnecessary burden on our staff as we do not have any after-school club facilities.

Please take some time to read the Year Group curriculum letters on our website, which outline the exciting learning experiences your child will have this term. We look forward to a successful and rewarding term!"



This half term's Jigsaw piece is Dreams and Goals.

In this Puzzle the children talk about their hopes and dreams. They discuss how it feels when dreams don't come true and how to cope with / overcome feelings of disappointment. The children talk about making new plans and setting new goals even if they have been disappointed. The children will talk about group work and overcoming challenges together. They reflect on their successes and the feelings associated with overcoming challenges.



## This week's talking task:



# Picture News



## This Week's Story



### Reflection



Wherever you live, becoming more aware of local habitats can help you understand and support the wildlife within them.



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# In the news this week

Birdwatch is an annual UK-wide citizen science project held every January, inviting people to gather data to support the work of scientists. Both the Big Garden and the Big Schools' Birdwatch offer people the chance to count birds visiting gardens, playgrounds or school outdoor spaces. This simple activity helps identify bird populations and the most common species. The data collected then helps scientists monitor bird numbers and deduce whether any species are in decline.

## Things to talk about at home ...

- > Tell someone at home about Birdwatch 2025. Is it something your household would like to take part in?
- > Discuss with someone at home about your local area and the wildlife found there.
- > Do you know whether there are any schemes in place where you live to protect wildlife or nature?



**British Values**



### Rule of Law

There are rules and laws in place to protect and preserve wildlife and their habitats. It is our responsibility to uphold these rules and laws for the benefit of everyone.

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### Protected Characteristics



The beautiful diversity in birds and wildlife mirrors the diversity within our own communities. By celebrating our differences, we can treat everyone with fairness and respect.

## Whole School Attendance to Date:95.5%

## Attendance - Every Day Counts

|    | Class Name | Attendance Percentage |
|----|------------|-----------------------|
| 1  | Rowling    | 100%                  |
| 2  | Rosen      | 99.6%                 |
| 3  | Carle      | 99.5%                 |
| 4  | Browne     | 97.9%                 |
| 5  | Kerr       | 97.5%                 |
| 6  | Wilson     | 97.3%                 |
| 7  | Dahl       | 96.7%                 |
| 8  | Fine       | 96.3%                 |
| 9  | Hendra     | 96.2%                 |
| 10 | Cowell     | 95.7%                 |
| 11 | Jeffers    | 95.3%                 |
| 12 | Pullman    | 94.6%                 |
| 13 | Donaldson  | 94.4%                 |
| 14 | Blackman   | 92.8%                 |
| 15 | Child      | 90.5%                 |
| 16 |            |                       |

The table opposite shows you the attendance for the week ending 10/01/25.

We are aiming for all children to have 97% attendance. Well done to all classes that have achieved this.

Remember, to maximise your potential, you have to be here everyday,

| ATTENDANCE | DAYS MISSED | LESSONS MISSED      |
|------------|-------------|---------------------|
| 100%       | 0 DAYS      | 0 LESSONS MISSED    |
| 99%        | 1 DAY       | 5 LESSONS MISSED    |
| 98%        | 3 DAYS      | 15 LESSONS MISSED   |
| 97%        | 1 WEEK      | 25 LESSONS MISSED   |
| 96%        | 1.5 WEEK    | 37.5 LESSONS MISSED |
| 94%        | 2 WEEKS     | 50 LESSONS MISSED   |
| 93%        | 2.5 WEEKS   | 62.5 LESSONS MISSED |
| 92%        | 3 WEEKS     | 75 LESSONS MISSED   |
| 90%        | 3.5 WEEKS   | 82.5 LESSONS MISSED |



# LET'S TALK!

Being the parent or carer of a child or young person struggling to attend school can be difficult. Visit the Education Welfare Team at one of the following drop-in sessions and find out what help is available.



**Monday 20th January 10:30-12:30 noon**

Kingston Youth Centre, HU3 1YE

**Friday 24th January 13:00-15:30**

The Parks Family Hub HU6 9TA

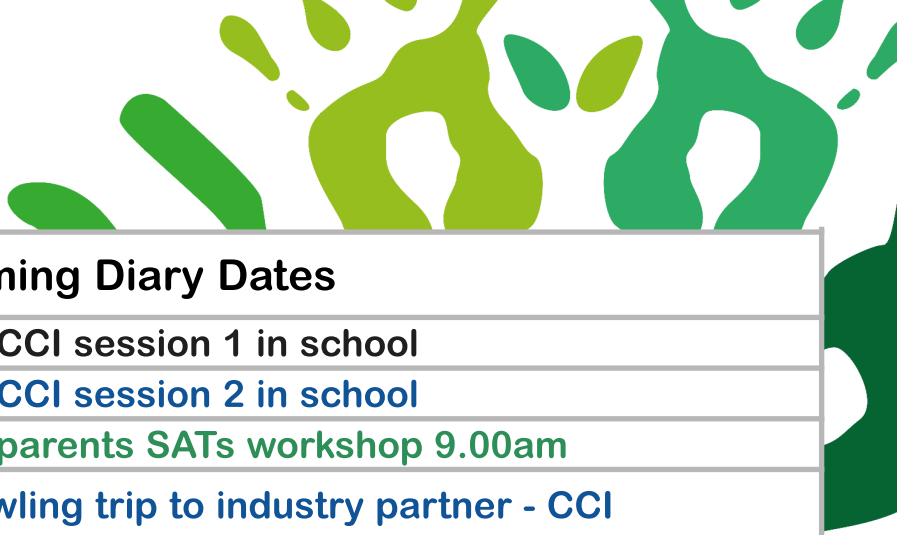


**Thursday 13th March 9:30-12:00noon**

Acorns Family Hub HU9 4DB

There is no need to book, just turn up.





## Upcoming Diary Dates

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Mon 13th January            | Y6 CCI session 1 in school                                |
| Wed 29th January            | Y6 CCI session 2 in school                                |
| Thursday 30th January       | Y6 parents SATs workshop 9.00am                           |
| Mon 3rd February            | Rowling trip to industry partner - CCI                    |
| Mon 3rd to Fri 7th February | Children's Mental Health week                             |
| Wed 5th February            | Foundation Stage Stay and sing                            |
| Fri 7th February            | NSPCC Number Day  |
| Tues 11th February          | PSHE - Key Awareness - Safer Internet Day                 |
| Tues 11th February          | F2 to Y6 Parents evening                                  |
| Wed 12th February           | F2 to Y6 Parents evening                                  |
| Wed 12th February           | Blackman trip to Tronox                                   |
| Mon 17th to Fri 21st Feb    | Half term break - school closed                           |
| Fri 7th March               | F2 Storyteller visit                                      |
| Mon 10th March              | INSET Day - school closed to pupils                       |
| Thur 13th March             | Science STEM parents afternoon                            |
| Mon 17th to Wed 19th March  | Yr 5/6 residential visit to Carlton Lodge                 |
| Thurs 20th March            | PSHE - Key Awareness Day - International Day of Happiness |
| Tues 25th March             | Year 5 ROH Create and Sing event                          |
| Wed 2nd April               | F1 and F2 Easter Extravaganza                             |
| April 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                              |
| Mon 26th to Fri 30th May    | Half term break - school closed                           |
| Fri 18th July               | Last Day of the Summer Term - school closes at            |

2pm

