



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.



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?



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.

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%**

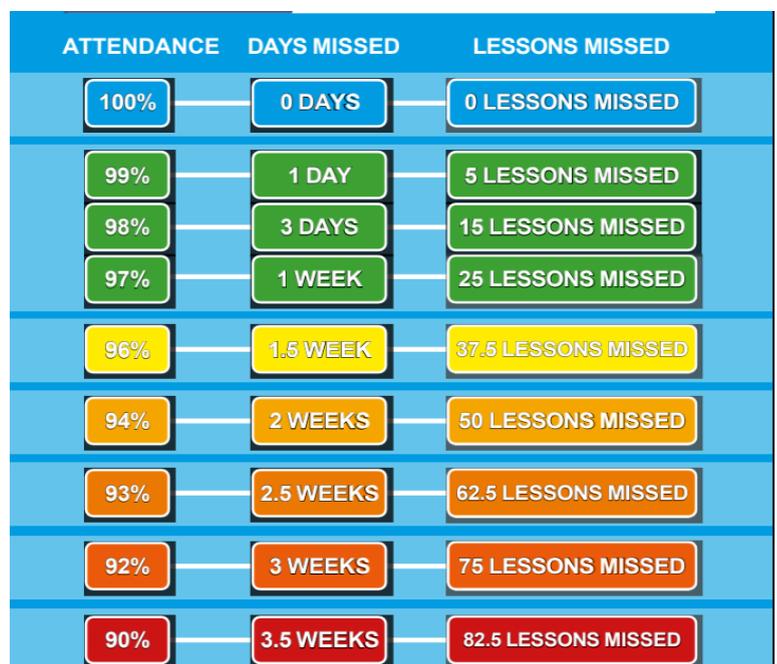
Attendance - Every Day Counts

	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%
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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,



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



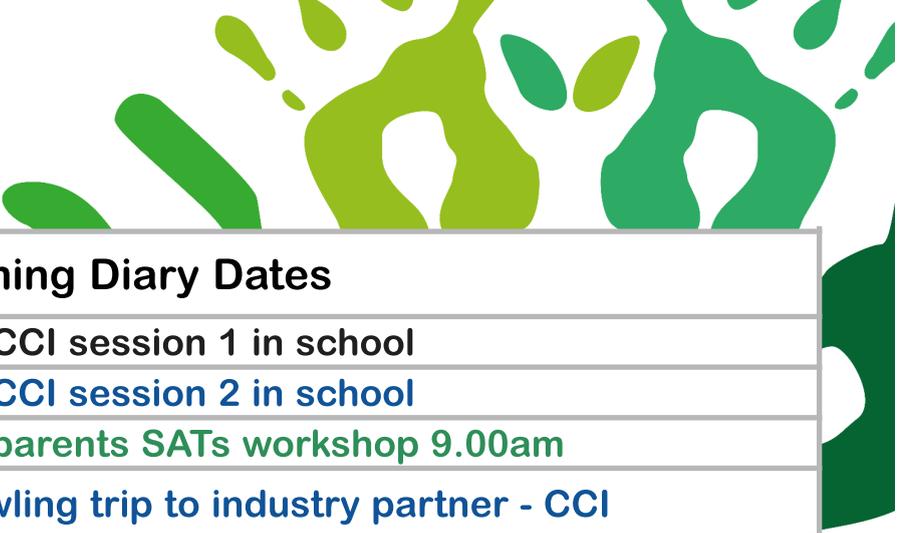
Thursday 13th March 9:30-12:00noon

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

