



NEWSLETTER FOR SIDMOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

It was so brilliant seeing all those smiling faces back last week– we hope you had a fun and restful break!

Can you believe it? We're now in the final stretch of the school year, and it's always a busy and exciting time. Just a little heads-up about some important dates for assessments this term:

- For our amazing Year 6 children, their Key Stage 2 SATs for Reading, SPAG (that's Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar!), and Maths will be happening during the week starting **Monday, 12th May 2025**.
- Our fantastic Year 4 pupils will be taking part in their Multiplication Tables Check sometime between **Monday, 2nd June and Friday, 13th June 2024**.
- And our super Year 1 stars will be doing their Phonics Screening Check between **Monday, 9th June and Friday, 13th June 2024**.

Please pop these dates in your diaries so you don't miss them! The teachers in Year 6, Year 4, and Year 1 have already shared more details about these tests with you.

The summer term is always a little bittersweet as we start to think about saying goodbye to our Year 6 children. Some of them have been part of our Sidmouth Primary family since they were tiny little ones! But before we do that, we have loads of fun and exciting things planned for everyone to enjoy this term.

Since it's the start of a brand new half term, we've sent you a link to the year group newsletters. You can also find them all on our school website here:

<https://www.google.com/search?q=www.sidmouthprimaryschool.co.uk/curriculum>

Please do have a read of your child's year group newsletter. It's packed with information about all the interesting things they'll be learning about over the next few

weeks. We also encourage you to have a look at the curriculum section of our website – it's full of details about what the children learn throughout the whole year.

We're really looking forward to a fantastic and fun-filled final term with all of you!

Jigsaw Update

This half term's Jigsaw piece is Relationships.

The pupils will be thinking about:

- Family relationships
- Caring friendships
- Respectful relationships
- Online relationships
- Being safe



For more information about this half term puzzle piece please see the year group Jigsaw progression map that we have shared with you. This document has a section called “Questions for Family Learning” which will help you support your child's learning.

This week's talking task:



Picture News



This Week's Story



Reflection



When we care for the place we live, we care for the people in it too. Even small actions, like putting rubbish in the bin, can help make our local area cleaner and better for everyone.



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In the news this week

Many workers in Birmingham have been on strike (choosing not to work) since January, because they believe they are not being treated or paid fairly. The workers on strike are the people whose job it is to collect rubbish and empty the bins from outside homes and streets. As an all-out strike has now been going on since 11th March, huge piles of rubbish are building up around the city.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Talk to someone at home about what happens to your rubbish. Where do you take it? Do you know where it goes? What about your recycling?
- > Tell someone at home about this week's story. What do you think it might be like for some people living in Birmingham at the moment?



British Values



Mutual Respect

Everyone deserves to feel valued and respected at school or work. By showing respect to others, we can help make sure everyone feels fairly treated and listened to.

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Protected Characteristics



Both men and women work as refuse collectors, but sometimes people wrongly think it's a 'man's job'. It's important not to stereotype. Everyone, no matter their sex, deserves fair pay and respect at work.



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Upcoming Diary Dates

Mon 5th May	Bank Holiday - school closed
Wed 7th May	Y4 inter schools sport tournament vs Stepney
Thur 8th May	Solihull parenting course - see flyer for book information
Thur 8th May	Yr 4 swimming parents meeting
WK Com 12th May	Year 6 SATS
Fri 16th May	Bee Lady day
Mon 26th to Fri 30th May	Half term break - school closed
Tues 3rd June	Yr 2 Amy Johnson trip
Wed 4th June	Wilson class play in a day Hull University
Thurs 5th June	Dahl Class play in a day Hull University
Fri 6th June	Yr 2 Amy Johnson trip
Wk com 9th June to 20th June	Yr 4 swimming lessons
Tues 17th June	School Photographer
Tues 24th June	Sports Day - All year groups
Wk Com 7th July	Yr 6 Secondary school transition week
Fri 18th July	LAST DAY OF TERM SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2.00PM