



NEWSLETTER FOR SIDMOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thanks to all the parents who attended the Year 4 swimming meeting this week, we hope you found it informative and reassuring. If you were unable to attend the meeting or have any further questions please speak with the Year 4 class teachers. Learning to swim is such a vital skill, offering children not only a fantastic way to stay active and have fun, but also essential knowledge for staying safe around water. Swimming lessons are part of the National curriculum and this is why we are able to offer all our Year 4 pupils two weeks of dedicated swimming lessons. This exciting opportunity will give every child the chance to build their confidence in the water, learn key techniques, and develop a lifelong skill. Get ready for some splashing good times!



Final preparations have been taking place over the last few weeks to help our Year 6 children feel prepared for SATs next week. The children have worked very hard in school to prepare and we are very proud of them and the effort they have put in. This is now their chance to shine and show off what they have learnt during their time at Sidmouth.

Remember that **ALL** Year 6 children can join us for SATs breakfast club next week from 8:30 am onwards. Make sure you get lots of rest and sleep this weekend. Good luck!

Good Luck!

Free School Meals

We know that life can get busy, and it can be tough for families to have the time to make lunches every day. Free School Meals (FSM) can be a big help! They offer a nutritious lunch at school, giving children the energy they need to learn and have fun. They can also give families a little extra breathing room in their budget, so they can use their money for other things.

What are Free School Meals (FSM)?

- Universal Infant Free School Meals (UFSM): All children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 are automatically entitled to these meals.
- Free School Meals (FSM): You can apply for FSM if you receive certain benefits/meet certain criteria (listed below).

Why Apply for FSM?

- Benefits for You: saves time preparing pack lunches and will save you money.
- Benefits for the School: Every child receiving FSM unlocks extra funding for the school. This helps:
 - Support all students with things like extra adult support, resources and activities.
 - Create a more inclusive and enriching learning environment.

Who is Eligible for FSM?

- You may be eligible if you receive any of these benefits:
 - Universal Credit (with income limits)
 - Income Support
 - Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
 - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
 - Certain types of State Pension Credit
 - Child Tax Credit (with income limits)
 - Working Tax Credit run-on
 - Some households with **no recourse to public funds**

If you have no recourse to public funds, you can still apply and it WILL NOT affect your immigration status if you have/are a

- right to remain in the UK on grounds of private and family life under A subset of failed asylum seekers supported under Section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights Spousal visa holders

- work visa holder
- student visa holder

If you are in this group and you are working you must also have an annual household income that is less than

- £22,700 for families with 1 child
- £26,300 for families with 2 or more children

How to Apply

- In Person: Visit the school office, and we'll help you apply.
- Online: Register on the Hull City Council My School Portal and complete the online form.

Key Takeaway

Even if your child gets UFSM, or you are unsure whether you are eligible please apply for FSM as if successful it will help you and help the school!

Upcoming Diary Dates

Mon 5th May	Bank Holiday - school closed
WK Com 12th May	Year 6 SATS
Fri 16th May	Bee Lady day
Tue 20th May	Thrive Spelling Bee Primary Semi Final
Wed 21st May	Yr 6 Solar Power Workshop
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	Thrive Primary Playday
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
Wed 2nd July	New to Year 1 parents meeting
Wed 2nd July	Hulls Gotta dance - Yr 5/6 children who attend club
Fri 4th July	Yr 5 and 6 PSHE growing up talks nursing team
Fri 4th July	Thrive Spelling Bee Primary Grand Final
Wk Com 7th July	Yr 6 Secondary school transition week
Wed 9th July	Year 4 Violin Concert - Bonus Arena
Fri 18th July	LAST DAY OF TERM SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2.00PM