



## NEWSLETTER FOR SIDMOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

It was lovely to welcome all the children back on Tuesday, I hope you all had a well deserved and enjoyable break.

We now find ourselves at the beginning of the last term of this academic year, which is always one of the busiest terms. The summer term is when we have our main assessment periods so I thought I would remind you of these important dates:

- Year 6 Key Stage 2 SATs for Reading, SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar) and Maths will be completed during the week commencing the 13th May 2024.
- Year 4 will participate in the Multiplication Tables Check between Monday 3rd June and Friday 21st June 2024
- Year 1 will participate in a Phonics Screening Check between the 10th and 14th June 2024

I would ask parents to add these dates to their calendar. I know that the teaching staff, in the relevant classes, have already shared additional information with you about these tests.

The Summer term always holds some sadness for us as it's when we start to prepare to say goodbye to our Year 6 children, some of whom have been with us since they were 3 years old. However, before we get to that point we have lots of fun and engaging activities for all the children to take part in.

As it is the start of a new half term we will have sent you a link to the year group newsletters which are all on our website: [www.sidmouthprimaryschool.co.uk/curriculum](http://www.sidmouthprimaryschool.co.uk/curriculum)

Please take some time to read this newsletter as it informs you about the topics your child will be studying over the next half term. We would really encourage you to visit the curriculum section of our website as you will find lots of information about what the children are learning throughout the year.

Home/School Challenge: Mi casa es su casa... My home is your home  
We'd like to say a massive thank you to all the pupils who took part in our Home/School Challenge over Easter - all your doors looked wonderful! Keep an eye out for future Home/School Challenges that you can take part in.

# Picture News



## This Week's Story

The Royal Family's right to privacy has made news headlines worldwide over the past few weeks. Catherine, the Princess of Wales, recently released a video explaining her health issues and continued treatment, following an operation and diagnosis. King Charles III also announced he is receiving treatment for a different illness, making them a large focus of media attention. Interest in the personal lives of the Royal Family and other celebrities is very high, with many news outlets choosing to write stories about them. Following both announcements, the Royal Family has released statements requesting privacy.

### Reflection



We all have a right to live as we wish, controlling what we choose to share with others. This is true, whoever we are.



### Things to talk about at home...

- > Share any knowledge you have about the Royal Family. Ask others at home what they know; can they remember different members of the Royal Family?
- > What do you imagine life would be like as a member of the Royal Family? What do you think you would find hard? What do you feel you might find easier?



### Rule of Law

The government must put laws in place to protect children's right to privacy. We understand that these laws are to ensure our safety and wellbeing.



**Whole School Attendance to Date:**  
94.2%

## Attendance - Every Day Counts

	Class Name	Attendance Percentage
1	Pullman	93.5%
2	Rosen	92.9%
3	Jeffers	91.5%
4	Child	91.2%
5	Cowell	90.9%
6	Browne	90.4%
7	Blackman	88.4%
8	Carle	88.0%
9	Potter	87.5%
10	Rowling	85.8%
11	Dahl	85.3%
12	Fine	85.0%
13	Wilson	81.7%
14	Donaldson	71.9%

The table opposite shows you the attendance for the week ending 12th April 2024.

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

## 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.

## Upcoming Diary Dates

Tue 16th April	Y4-6 PSHE Parents Workshop - <a href="#">letter attached</a>
Fri 19th April	EYFS closed to pupils - <a href="#">letter attached</a>
Fri 19th April	Y5 Growing Up Talks - <a href="#">letter attached</a>
Fri 19th April	Y6 Growing Up Talks - <a href="#">letter attached</a>
Mon 6th May	Bank Holiday - school closed to pupils
Mon 13th to Thu 16th May	Y6 SATS Week
Mon 20th May	School Photo Day - individual and class
Mon 27th to Fri 31st May	Half term break - school closed
Fri 19th July	Last Day of the Summer Term - school closes at 2pm
Mon 22nd Jul to Fri 30th Aug	Summer Holidays - school closed

## 2024-2025 Term Dates

Mon 2nd September	INSET Day - school closed to pupils
Mon 28th Oct to Fri 1st Nov	Half term break - school closed
Fri 20th December	Last day of Autumn Term - school closes at 2pm
Mon 23rd Dec to Fri 3rd Jan	Christmas Holidays - school closed
Mon 6th January	INSET Day - school closed to pupils
Mon 17th to Fri 21st February	Half term break - school closed
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