



## NEWSLETTER FOR SIDMOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

It was lovely to welcome everyone back; we hope you had a nice break. It's another short half term but we have filled it with lots of exciting learning opportunities. Don't forget that the school will be shut to all pupils on Monday 11th March 2024 as this is a training day.

This week we held a Year 1 parents meeting to explain the Phonics Screening workshop the children will be taking in June. The event was very well attended and thank you to all the parents who came. We hope that you found it informative and that you will continue to help us support your child to be as successful as possible when they sit this check in June.

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:

<https://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.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible next Wednesday and Thursday for parents evening. If you haven't arranged an appointment yet, please contact the school office by emailing [admin@sidmouth.hull.sch.uk](mailto:admin@sidmouth.hull.sch.uk)

### Jigsaw update

This half term's Jigsaw piece is Healthy Me.

The pupils will be thinking about :

- How they can keep themselves physically and mentally fit and healthy.
- Building inner strength and techniques to help them manage stress.
- How to deal with peer group pressure and making the right choices.



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.

# Picture News



## This Week's Story

Pupils in England will have the choice to take a GCSE exam in British Sign Language (BSL) from 2025. BSL is a form of communication using hand gestures and other movements. Pupils who take the subject will learn around 1,000 different signs, Fairfield High School (pictured in this week's poster) already runs a successful extracurricular club in response to pupils' interest in learning BSL.

### Reflection



Learning how to communicate with others ensures inclusivity, helps to break down barriers and increases understanding between different communities.



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

- > Have you ever used sign language or seen it being used by others?
- > Is sign language a language you would like to learn? What do you think are some of the advantages of learning sign language?
- > Are there any other skills or subjects you believe would be useful to learn at school?

### Mutual Respect and Tolerance

Learning about the many different ways people communicate can help us celebrate our differences and respect one another.

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Whole School Attendance to Date:  
94.3%

## Attendance - Every Day Counts

	Class Name	Attendance Percentage
1	Rowling	95.9%
1	Child	95.9%
2	Rosen	95.7%
3	Fine	95.6%
4	Donaldson	95.5%
5	Dahl	95.0%
6	Cowell	94.5%
7	Wilson	94.4%
7	Browne	94.4%
7	Blackman	94.4%
8	Jeffers	93.7%
9	Pullman	93.3%
10	Potter	91.4%
11	Carle	90.9%

The table opposite shows you the attendance for the week ending 23rd February 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



Y3 Fine and Browne classes are super excited to be starting a new book in Guided Reading. Chapter 1 here we come!  
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Pancake Day has arrived (albeit slightly late!) in Carle and Potter classes. We also learned a super poem about pancakes - ask us to tell you it! [@thrivetrust\\_UK](#)



Y3 Fine class are working incredibly hard this morning! They love demonstrating their understanding of column addition without regrouping. #Y3maths  
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## Upcoming Diary Dates

Tue 27th February	Fareshare
Wed 28th & Thur 29th Feb	Parents evening - <a href="#">book your appointment</a>
Tue 5th to Fri 8th March	Y6 Mock SATS Week
Tue 5th March	Fareshare
Tue 5th March	SEND Coffee Morning
Tue 5th March	Y6 Samba Workshop
Thu 7th March	KS1 & KS2 Science Workshop
Thu 7th March	World Book Day - <a href="#">letter attached</a>
Mon 11th March	INSET Day - school closed to pupils
Tue 12th March	Fareshare
Thu 14th March	FS2 Audiology Screening - <a href="#">opt out information</a>
Tue 19th March	Fareshare
Wed 20th March	McKee Easter Extravaganza - <a href="#">letter attached</a>
Wed 20th March	FS2 Easter Extravaganza - <a href="#">letter attached</a>
Thu 21st March	Year 2 Class Assembly
Fri 22nd March	Last Day of the Spring Term - school closes at 2pm
Mon 25th Mar to Fri 5th Apr	Easter Holidays - school closed
Mon 8th April	INSET Day - school closed to pupils
Fri 19th April	EYFS closed to pupils - <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