

Sutton Valence Primary School

Encouraging respect, inspiring resilience and building positive relationships...



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of term 1, I want to take a moment to reflect on what a busy and successful start to the year it has been. The children have worked incredibly hard and shown great enthusiasm in all areas of school life — from their learning in the classroom, to the celebrations we've shared together such as MacMillan coffee morning, Jeans for Genes and ADHD day.

A huge thank you to our dedicated staff for their continued commitment and care, and to all our parents and carers for your support throughout the term. It's been wonderful to see our school community come together.

We sadly say goodbye to Mrs Hawkins who is moving on to take on a new endeavour. We all wish her the best and will miss her around school. We also shared the news of Mrs Latham-Parsons making the decision to not return after her maternity.

I wish all our families a joyful and restful holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back after half term, ready for another exciting term of learning and growth leading up to Christmas.

Kind Regard,
Mrs Vieira
Acting Deputy Headteacher

Y4 River Day Trip

Year 4 went to Lullingstone Country Park where we learnt all about the river Darent. The children experimented in the river to find out where it was the deepest and where it was the fastest flow.

From the experiment we found out that the water flows faster on the far bank and that this is where more erosion occurs which is why it was deeper than the near bank where the water flowed slower. We learnt about where the river (the source) started in someone's garden in Westerham and that it ended in the Thames at Dartford.

We also discovered that the Darent is a tributary of the Thames and that it is a chalk river. We saw fish of all sizes in the river and were really amazed by the crystal clear water. We had a lovely walk alongside the river and found out more about the water cycle. We saw a really old oak tree beside the river.

Our favourite part was definitely getting in the river!



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ADHD Awareness Day 2025

October is ADHD Awareness Month, to increase understanding and support for individuals.

Thank you for making our ADHD day at Sutton Valence a huge success.

Highlighting ADHD awareness contributes to a broader conversation about mental health, encouraging pupils to seek help and support when needed. It has also enabled pupils and teachers to share experiences and learn from one another.

Celebrating ADHD awareness day is a huge step towards creating a more understanding, inclusive and supportive educational environment for all students.

The day started with an assembly and with contributions from pupils about what it is like for a child in the classroom with ADHD and some drama performed by some of our 'Neuro Navigators'.

Please see some of the fantastic work that was produced during the day.



SEND updates

If you were unable to attend the meetings held this term with the class teacher and Mrs Deane, for parents of children with Pupil Personalised Plans (PPP), Mrs Deane will be available for ten minute slots on Wednesday 29th October. See the office to book your slot. Roberta Kane from the Kent Hub will be offering a drop in on the same day, sharing information on how to access SEND services that are available.

Friendly Reminder, it is parental responsibility to update the school with regards to any medical needs or changes that have taken place with your child, so that we are in the best position to support your child.

Sensory Circuits are set up daily for the children to help them with balance, coordination and gross motor planning. Sensory circuits help children develop a sense of stability and physical regulation, as well as developing bilateral coordination which helps to integrate both sides of the brain. For parents of children attending sensory circuits, if your child no longer needs to attend please tell the office, who will then inform the class teacher and Mrs Deane. Their place can then be offered to another pupil who may benefit from the support.

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Notices

- Please can we ask that you make use of the whole drive during drop off in the morning. This is to make sure the flow of traffic continues, the main road doesn't get clogged up with traffic and more children are able to exit their cars in one go. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, you are still able to drop them off at the end of the drive and an adult will be there to ensure your child walks to the KS1 and Reception gate.
- Please can we remind you to park at the village hall and walk down when picking your child/ren up from school. Thank you to all those who do this already, it is greatly appreciated.
- Parents and Carers should only be parking up in the school car park if you are collecting your child/ren from wraparound care.
- Please can we remind you to enter and exit the village hall car park using the correct entrance and exit.
- Please be mindful about parking when not using the village hall car park. Avoid parking on other people's driveways, or parking so paths are blocked as children are having to walk in the road.
- We are still looking for ideas for the play equipment at the Sutton Valence Village Hall, please send your ideas into the school office.

Key Dates

Friday 17th October	Inset Day	Monday 20th October — Friday 24th October	Half Term
Monday 27th October	Inset Day	Wednesday 29th October & Thursday 30th October	Parents Evening
Thursday 6th November	PTFA Halloween Disco	Friday 14th November	Children in Need
Tuesday 18th November	Y5 Science Trip	Wednesday 19th November	Y3 Stone Age
Thursday 27th November	YR & Y6 NCMP	Tuesday 9th December	iRock concert
Wednesday 10th December	KS1 Christmas Show AM <i>Information to follow</i>	Thursday 11th December	KS1 Christmas Show PM <i>Information to follow</i>
Monday 15th December	Y3 & Y4 Christmas Show PM <i>Information to follow</i>	Tuesday 16th December	Y5 & Y6 Christmas Show PM <i>Information to follow</i>
Wednesday 17th December	KS1 Christmas lunch	Thursday 18th December	KS2 Christmas lunch
Friday 19th December	Last day of term	Monday 22nd December — Friday 2nd January	Half Term
Monday 5th January	First day of term		

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Halloween disco

A cartoon illustration of a witch with a purple hat and dress, flying on a broomstick. She is positioned in front of a large, full moon. The background is a dark blue night sky with white stars.

£4 PER TICKET

PAYMENT INTO PTFA POST BOX OR VIA
PAYMENT LINK BY TUESDAY 4TH
NOVEMBER

SUTTON VALENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2025
KS1: 3.15-4.30PM KS2: 4.45-6PM

**FANCY DRESS
WELCOME**

**HOT DOG & DESSERT
INCLUDED**