

Sutton Valence Primary

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



I just want to start my first newsletter as Headteacher of Sutton Valence Primary School with a heartfelt thank you to the children, staff members and parents for making me feel so welcome at your fantastic school! I am very excited about the future here at Sutton Valence and if I haven't met you already, I look forward to doing so in the coming weeks!

One thing I do want to touch on is how many smiles I have seen from the children over my first two weeks here. The manners and politeness shown has been fantastic! I have heard a lot of 'How are you Mr Jones?' and 'Have a nice day Mr Jones!' which have really put a smile on my face.

I also want to say a massive well done to Year 1 for doing so well in their Phonics Screening Tests, Year 4 for doing brilliantly in the Multiplication Tables Check and Year 2 for all of their hard work in the Key Stage One SATs Assessments. You have all done us proud here at Sutton Valence Primary School.

I hope you have a fun but restful weekend. Thankfully, I believe that the weather is improving so enjoy some time in the sun and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday!

Autism Awareness Day!

We recently celebrated Autism Awareness Day at Sutton Valence. The theme was 'Kindness' and it was a wonderful occasion! So many children wrote and said kind things to each other and to the adults in school.

We started the day with an amazing assembly by our Neuro Navigators. They explained to Pupils what Autism is and did a short play to highlight the importance of 'Kindness'. Children and staff participated in engaging activities and wore blue attire to show their support. The event helped to create a welcoming environment, emphasizing the importance of being kind to everyone regardless of their differences.

Our whole school community came together to foster understanding, acceptance, and inclusivity. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this day a success!



Y6 Safety in Action

Year 6 recently took part in the Safety in Action event, where they learned about a range of important risks they may face as they prepare for the transition to secondary school. Through a series of interactive workshops, they developed their understanding of fire safety, road safety and basic first aid, as well as how to make safe and responsible choices in everyday situations. The children had a great time and they represented the school well.

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Changes to the school day

From 1st June, we will be making a small change to the school day to support a calm and positive start for all children.

Our new morning timings will be:

- 8:30am - Gates open and children can enter school for a rolling soft start
- 8:45am - Gates close and registers are taken
- 8.45am-9.00am - Your child will be marked as late
- 9am - Registers close (after 9am your child will be marked unauthorised)

The soft start will allow children time to settle into class and begin their learning calmly and positively.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring children arrive at school on time and ready to learn.

School Parking Requirements

Due to the continued increase in Breakfast and After School Wraparound attendance, we are reminding all parents and carers of the school's parking requirements.

For Breakfast Club, you must use the designated visitor parking spaces only and park correctly within a marked bay. The visitor parking spaces are on the right as you come down the drive, in front of the school office. The main car park is reserved for staff use to ensure they can arrive promptly and supervise pupils safely at the start of the school day.

For After School Wraparound, parents and carers may use the school car park; however, vehicles must be parked sensibly and fully within marked bays at all times.

For all other after-school clubs, parking is to be in the Village Hall car park only.

Incorrect parking causes disruption and creates safety concerns.

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 use the paths around school and NOT walk on the drive at drop off or pick up.**
- 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.

KEY DATES	Monday 15th June	Y6 Magistrates Talk	Tuesday 16th June	KS1 Sports Day
	Wednesday 17th June	Class photos (Y6 to wear school jumpers for photos)	Thursday 18th June	KS2 Sports Day
	Tuesday 23rd June— Thursday 25th June	Y6 Bikeability	Friday 17th July	Last Day of Term
	Tuesday 1st Sept— Wednesday 2nd Sept	Inset days	Thursday 3rd Sept	First day of term

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