



TERM 6 NEWS

Sutton Veny CofE Primary

Together, through **friendship**, in **peace** and with **courage**, we reach for the stars.

Colossians 3:12: '**clothe yourselves** with **compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness** and **patience**.'

This is our termly newsletter and we hope that you will enjoy reading about what will be happening in school. Regular updates will be sent out via our eSchools platform throughout the term. Please keep an eye out for these. All of the dates for the term are available from the calendar section of our school website; you can access this page by clicking [here](#). Upcoming events are also listed on the homepage of our website. Please see the school notice board for weekly updates too.



Our Arts' Week provided a fantastic end to last term for the children. The school is currently awash with a wide range of work and colour. It was an absolute pleasure to welcome you all into school to join us for our open school event. We hope that you enjoyed the opportunity to look around school and see the work produced by the children. Thank you to Mrs Blair and the staff team and for making this week such a success.

Warmer Weather



Please make sure the children all have a refillable water bottle in school so they can keep hydrated. The children can also bring a sun hat in and wear sun cream to protect them from the sun rays. Please apply sun cream in the morning before school rather than sending the children in with their own supply. Thank you.

Towards the end of last term and at the beginning of this term, we have welcomed a number of new families to Sutton Veny. We know that everyone will all make them feel really welcome and we hope that they will all be very happy being part of our school community.

STAFFING

At the end of last term, Miss Elle Berrington, our sports coach who has been working in school, left to go on maternity leave and we wish her and her family all the best in the coming weeks.

This term, we welcome Mrs Mollie Williams, who has worked at the school before, back to Sutton Veny. We are delighted that she is returning to teach part of our Wednesday Enrichment programme and she is looking forward to working with Auckland Class during Term 6.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Attendance and Term Time Holidays

As a school, we are unable to authorise any absence unless under exceptional circumstances. Our procedure for requesting absence in school is for you to contact the school office and complete the relevant 'request for absence' form. This will then be returned to you and you will be informed whether or not your request has been authorised. The response may include information about the consequences of taking unauthorised absence from school, especially if you take a term time holiday that means your child(ren) will be absent from school for five school days or more.

We encourage you to be open and honest with us about your reasons for absence, because the children always are when they return to school. If you have provided us with a reason for your child's absence and on return to school your child(ren) tell us otherwise, we will contact you to clarify the reason for their absence.



School Traffic and Parking

As a school, we always encourage safe and considerate travel to and from school. We are aware of how busy the village can get at drop-off and pick-up times, but the safety of the children is paramount, particularly for those families who walk to and from school. Here are some important reminders to ensure the village is as safe as it can be during these times:

- Park considerably – avoid narrow areas of the village and residents’ driveways.
- Keep the left hand side of the road leading up to school clear – avoid parking between Bests Lane and the school car park.
- The school car park is for staff, taxis and emergency vehicles only.
- Think 20! Keep your speed to 20 miles an hour when driving to and from school.

If you, or any members of the school, or village community, have genuine safety concerns about unsafe, or inconsiderate road use, they will be encouraged to report this to the relevant authorities.

A reminder that the popular Warminster Bus service picks up from several locations around town each morning and takes the children back to Warminster for approximately 4.00pm. Using the service helps to reduce the number of cars in the village and reduces our school’s carbon footprint too.

Term 6 Timetables & Website

Every term, each class has a new timetable. This details when all of the subjects will be taught. Each class teacher uploads this timetable on to the class page of the school website. You will also find detailed, curriculum information here too.

New Auckland Starters for 2025

We look forward to welcoming our new reception starters to school this term. The new parents are invited to an information evening on **Thursday 12th June** and the children will have an induction afternoon on either the **24th or 26th of June**. Mrs Dale and Mrs Blair will be at all of these events and are looking forward to meeting the new children and their families.

Please look out for new families and give them a warm Sutton Veny welcome!



Compass Schools Collaboration

Throughout this academic year, Sutton Veny School has continued working in a local collaboration with five other schools, known as the Compass School Group. We have been supported in this work by the Local Authority and the whole experience has been very positive for all the schools involved. Working closely together has provided us with a different platform for school improvement. Staff across the schools have engaged in shared professional development opportunities; we have provided opportunities for the children, with school councils working together, as well as shared sporting events between the schools and community events for the children to take part in. It has also allowed us to save money, by sharing the cost of services and transport. We are extremely pleased with the impact the collaboration has had across our schools and we look forward to continuing our work and strengthening our partnership together.



Parent Appointments

The final appointments for parents and carers will be held in the hall on the evening of **Thursday 10th July**. This is an optional 5 minute appointment, should you wish to meet with your child’s class teacher.

The children’s books will be sent home with them at the end of the academic year and you will also receive information about their attainment and progress this term. You will be able to book your appointment, via our eSchools platform, from 9.00am on **Monday 23rd June**.



Mill on the Brue Residential Meeting

A reminder that a payment for the Year 5 & 6 residential visit to Mill on the Brue, taking place in September 2025, is now overdue. Please make sure any outstanding payments are made as soon as possible. Thank you.

There is a final meeting for parents and carers on **Monday 9th June at 5.30pm**.

Year Six Leavers' Service at Salisbury Cathedral

Nelson Class will be attending a Leavers' Service at Salisbury Cathedral on **Tuesday 10th June**, with other schools in the Diocese. As a school, we aim to take part in this service each year as it helps the children to reflect on their primary school journey, as well as helping to prepare them for the change ahead. Please note that this service is for the children and school staff only.

School Swimming Lessons



Geraldton Class will benefit from swimming this term. A separate letter, with further information, has been sent out and a payment item has been set up on Parent Pay for you to make contributions towards the cost of the swimming lessons.

Class Photographs



Each class will have their photograph taken on **Friday 13th June**. Auckland (FS2) and Nelson (Year 6) will have a special 'vista' photograph to mark their first and last year at the school. The children will need to wear their **full school uniform** on this day, even if they have PE. Please may Auckland and Nelson Class all bring a special prop in on this day that shows a subject, or activity, that they particularly enjoy; please ask your child's class teacher for ideas about what they can bring in.



Forces Military Day

Mrs Claire Blair has been working with our military families to plan and organise a Forces Day for the children in school. As a school, 30% of our children have parents who serve in the armed forces and this themed day is a way to celebrate this and share the work that they do. This will take place on **Thursday 17th July** and the children will experience a range of activities, led by a number of our parents and their colleagues. We are sure that this will be an exciting, memorable and enriching experience for the children.



A big thank you to everyone who supported Friends of School at the cake sale, pre-loved uniform sale and Film Night last term. We are very grateful for your support and all the money raised goes straight back into school to provide resources and experiences for the children.

In Term 6, we have the following events coming up:

- AGM - Wednesday 11th June at 9.00am in the village hall, followed by a meeting to finalise plans for the Sutton Veny Flower Show
- Auckland Cake Sale, with pre-loved uniform - Friday 27th June at 3.15pm
- School Disco - Friday 4th July (Times TBC)
- Sutton Veny Flower Show - Saturday 12th July

We are planning on running a stall, selling second hand books at the Flower Show and we are asking for anyone who is able to volunteer an hour of their time and help at the stall on Saturday 13th July. The Flower Show is a really fun community event and is sure to be a great day out for the whole family. Please get in touch with Friends of School (in the playground or via email) if you are able to help on this day.

EXCITING FOOD NEWS....we will be selling bacon sandwiches at Sports Day again this year, as well as having the usual hot drinks on offer. Full details to come nearer the time!

Thank you again for your continued support for Friends of School and for helping us to support the school. We are very grateful for all you do.

Best wishes,
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Sutton Veny Flower Show

This year the Sutton Veny Flower Show will take place on Saturday 12th July. This year the show celebrates its 56th year. Held on behalf of Bishopstrow, Norton Bavant, Sutton Veny and Tytherington Villages, it warmly welcomes over 1,200 visitors each year.

The Flower Show is run by the Sutton Veny Flower Show Committee, with the help of many generous supporters leading up to the show day.

Proceeds from previous shows have been reinvested into the local villages, contributing to essential community projects such as new heaters for Sutton Veny Church, a revitalised cricket pitch in Bishopstrow, and refurbishments in Norton Bavant.

The event is a celebration that brings our entire community together. With independent stallholders, exciting activities and entertainment for all ages, it promises a fun-filled day for everyone to enjoy.

As a school we always contribute to this important community event. The children's art work will be on display in the village hall and some of the children will be representing the school by singing some of our favourite school songs.

You can find out more about the Flower Show, including the full schedule, and how to enter the many categories of competitions there are, by following this link:

<https://suttonvenyflowershow.co.uk/>

The flower show committee are currently collecting donations for the Kids' Tombola, the Bottle Stall and also Raffle prizes. Anything you're able to give can be dropped off in the porch of 82 High Street. Any trophies awarded at last year's show, can also be dropped off here.