



TERM 5 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 ParentPay 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.



FOS Easter Egg Hunt – Thank You

A huge thank you to Friends of School, and their helpers, for organising, funding and supporting our traditional Easter Egg Hunt at the end of last term. It was a pleasure to see the children enjoy this much-loved school event. We are extremely lucky to have a supportive and dedicated team, who enjoy contributing to school life and providing many memorable experiences for the children.

Auction of Promises – Thank You from FOS

Thank you so much to everyone who donated a pledge, or placed a bid on our Auction of Promises. It was such a fun event, and made us feel very lucky to have a wonderful and supportive school community. We were blown away by everyone's generosity, and delighted to have raised £2,913. It will all go towards buying 30 new i-Pads for the school, which will enhance the resources available to the children.

Staff are busy planning an exciting programme of events for the children to enjoy during our annual Arts Week! This will take place the week beginning **Monday 18th May**. This year, each class will use the work of an artist as inspiration for their own creations across the week. The children will take part in a range of different experiences to celebrate 'The Arts' and will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in these areas of the curriculum. A separate Arts Week newsletter will be sent out nearer the time, confirming the plans for this special week in school.



School Uniform Update: PE Hoodies

At the end of this academic year, the old, green PE hooded top will no longer be part of our school uniform. New UK school uniform laws start from September 2026, limiting primary schools to three branded uniform items. These are our book bags, sweatshirts/cardigans and PE tee-shirts. Scholars, our school uniform provider have not stocked the old hooded tops for a while now, in preparation for the new law. At present, some children are wearing old hooded sweatshirts. However, many are looking very worn and it is also inconsistent across the school. Phasing them out means that it is fair for each child in the school and our uniform will be consistent.

Summer Works Confirmed



The school have been notified that Wiltshire Council have been successful in their bid to upgrade aspects of the school environment this summer. We are looking forward to having a full heating upgrade throughout the school, the aluminium windows in Auckland and Brisbane class replaced and a full refurbishment of the Key Stage One toilets. The work will help improve the school environment and improve our energy efficiency too.

Term 5 Timetables and Website

Every term, each class has a new timetable. This details when all of the subjects will be taught. Class teachers upload this timetable on to their class page of the school website. This will let you know which days the children will need their PE kits.



ANZAC Day and Service

This year ANZAC Day falls on Saturday 25th April and we will be marking the occasion with a service in the church on **Friday 24th April** at 9.30am. ANZAC Day marks a proud and longstanding tradition at the school. For 109 years, the children at Sutton Veny School have paid their respects for the fallen, who are laid to rest in the churchyard, by laying specially made posies on the graves as part of our ANZAC Service.

Each year, we kindly ask our families for donations of flowers to make the posies and we are always overwhelmed by your generosity. Please could we ask that any donations are bought into school on **Thursday 23rd April**, as the children will be making posies on this day, ahead of the service. Thank you in advance for supporting this special tradition.

The children are very welcome to make ANZAC biscuits to bring in for the service if they wish. Last year, we shared the left overs out and the children took some home with them. The recipe is on the school website and can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

All the children must wear their full school uniform on **Friday 24th April** for our ANZAC Service. If they have PE on this day, you can send in a pair of trainers for them to change in to. Thank you.



Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL)

As a school, we are currently evaluating the opportunities that the children have at break and lunch time in school and we want to provide them with greater opportunities to engage in different types of play. Over the coming months we will be collecting a range of different resources and equipment to inspire the children's play and interactions at social times of the day. We will provide more details shortly about the type of equipment that we hope to collect to enrich the play and experiences that the children have at break and lunch time.



School Attendance Reminder

Regular and sustained school attendance has a significant impact on a child's social, emotional and academic development. As a school we aim to have a minimum school attendance figure of 96%. A child's attendance becomes a concern when it falls below 95% and becomes a serious concern if it drops below 90%, which is when a child becomes classed, by the Government, as persistently absent from school. Children only get one chance at each lesson in school and poor attendance means that gaps will appear in their knowledge and understanding, which impacts negatively on their progress. Missing time in school also has an impact on their social and emotional development. The table below shows the relationship between attendance percentages, days off and learning hours lost.

Attendance %	Whole Days Absent	Learning Hours Lost
100%	0	0
99%	2	10
98%	4	20
97%	6	30
96%	7.5	38
95%	9.5	48
90%	19	95
85%	29	143
80%	38	190



Late Arrival Procedure

An important reminder that we introduced a new late-arrival signing-in procedure last term. This means that if your child arrives at school after the bell has gone and there are no staff on duty to greet them, you must take your child(ren) to the school office yourself and sign them in, providing a reason for them arriving late.

It is not appropriate to drop your child off at the roadside and expect them to find their own way into school as there is no guarantee that they will. If you are late for any reason, please make sure that you adhere to this to safeguard your child(ren). Thank in advance for your understanding.

Parent Support Advisor (PSA)

Our Parent Support Advisor (PSA) is Mrs Kimberley Muller and she is available to provide valuable support for our school community. Mrs Muller is experienced in supporting families and helping them to access the help and support that they may require. She is available to provide information, guidance and support around many aspects of school and family life. Mrs Muller's contact details are listed on the PSA page of our school website, which can be accessed by clicking [here](#). Her first day in school this term is **Thursday 16th April**.

National Standard Assessment Tests (SATs)

National assessment tests always take place in Terms 5 & 6. The children in Nelson Class will be taking part in these assessments this term. The Key Stage One assessments for Canberra Class are now optional, so are no longer a statutory requirement for schools. In Key Stage Two, the assessments for Nelson Class will take place during the week beginning **Monday 11th May** and we wish Year 6 the best of luck.



Bank Holiday

Please note that **Monday 4th May** is the May Day Bank Holiday and school will be closed on this date. We hope that you all enjoy the long weekend.

Term Ends

Term 5 ends on **Friday 22nd May at 3.15pm**. Looking ahead: Term 6 starts on **Monday 1st June 2026**.



Thank you so much to everyone who supported Friends of School last term with the hugely successful Auction of Promises and the Canberra Cake Sale.

We are extremely grateful for your support and all the money raised will be going towards helping the school buy 30 new iPads, which will improve the educational resources available to the children and will ensure that the school can use the most up-to-date educational apps on newer devices.

In Term 5 we have the following events coming up:

- FOS Meeting - Wednesday 22nd April at 9.00am, in the village hall.
- Brisbane Cake Sale - Friday 8th May at 3.15pm. Pre-loved uniform will also be sold after school.
- FOS Film Night on Friday 15th May. Timings and film choice TBC. If you're able to help out at the Film Night, then please do get in touch by emailing fos@suttonveny.wilts.sch.uk

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

Best wishes,
FOS

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