



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, the rest of the staff and our visitors 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.

Staffing News

At the end of term, we said a fond farewell to Mrs Dawn Elliott. Mrs Elliott has worked at the school for 33 years and we will all miss her. We have appointed a new admin officer to work in the school office with Mrs Wilbond. Mrs Laura Coughlan starts working at the school on Monday 3rd June and we are looking forward to welcoming her to the staff team at Sutton Veny.

This term we also welcome four work experience students to the school. We have three pupils joining us from Kingdown School in July and a pupil from South Wilts Grammar School coming in June. Three of the four are past pupils of the school and we look forward to inspiring them to become future teachers.

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

We look forward to welcoming our new reception starters to school this term. The new parents are invited to an information evening on **Thursday 13th June** and the children will have an induction afternoon on either the **25th or 27th 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!

Parent Appointments

The final appointments for parents and carers will be held in the hall on the evenings of **Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th July** (*this date has been put back a week due to the General Election and the village hall being out of use on Thursday 4th July*).

At this meeting, you will be able to discuss your child's progress and attainment for this year. The children's books will be on display, so that you can see the work that they have produced. You will be able to book your appointment, via our eSchools platform, from 9.00am on **Monday 24th June**.



Compass Schools Collaboration

Throughout this academic year, Sutton Veny School has been working in a local collaboration with four 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 networked and shared practice; we have provided opportunities for the children, with school councils working together, shared sporting events taking place between the schools and providing community events for the children to take part in. This term there is a singing event taking place in Warminster Park and the schools will be performing together. There are also more sporting opportunities for the children. 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 beyond this academic year.



Mill on the Brue Residential

A reminder that a payment item has been set-up on Parent Pay for the Year 5 & 6 residential visit to Mill on the Brue, taking place in September 2024. We have set this up early enough, so that you can spread the cost over a longer period of time. You can keep track your contributions on Parent Pay. Regular reminders will be sent out this term to keep you on track with payments. Thank you. Please note the trip will now be taking place from **Wednesday 11th to Friday 13th September**. This is one week later than previous communicated and was due to Mill on the Brue changing the date.

NHS Vaccinations



Wiltshire Council have asked schools to pass on information to parents and carers, regarding childhood immunisations and how they can prevent illnesses. The link below provides a wide range of information about vaccinations and when to have them.

<https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/>

New Statutory Attendance Guidance for Schools

The Department for Education (DfE) are committed to supporting schools to ensure strong attendance in our children and young people, so that they can receive the best possible education. This can only happen if they attend school regularly and consistently. The benefits of being in school are numerous and the DfE are introducing new statutory guidance that will take effect from August of this year. This means that the way attendance concerns are currently dealt with, will change from September 2024. These changes will be communicated with you nearer the time. However, in order to prepare for these change will we be working to support families, if their child's attendance is a concern, this term. Please note that if you are contacted about your child's attendance, the first thing we will do, as a school, is offer our support and work alongside you to see how we can help.

Year Six Leavers' Service Date Change

Due to an unforeseen clash of dates, our school Year Six Leavers' Service has moved from **Monday 22nd July to Friday 19th July**. The service will still take place at 1.30pm. We are sorry for an inconvenience that this may cause. Nelson Class will also attend at Leavers' Service at Salisbury Cathedral on **Thursday 20th June**, with other schools in the diocese. This service is for the children and schools staff only. Further details about both services will be sent out nearer the time.

School Swimming Lessons



Nelson and Canberra 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 **Wednesday 5th 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.



A big thank you to everyone who supported Friends of School at the cake sale, pre-loved uniform sale and Film Night last term. In Term 5, we made over £500, which is amazing. We have been able to provide the supplies used during arts week, a water table for Brisbane Class and to purchase furniture for a new reflection area in the school for the children to use.

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

- AGM - Wednesday 12th June at 9.00am in the village hall
- FOS Meeting - Wednesday 19th June at 9.00am, also in the village hall.
- Brisbane Cake Sale - Friday 28th June at 3.15pm
- School Disco - Friday 5th July (Times TBC) PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE. This is due to the Flower Show taking place.
- Flower Show - Saturday 13th July

We are planning on running a stall with some games 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 this year as well as having the usual hot drinks on offer. Full details to come nearer the time!

A date for your diary for the next academic year: Friday 18th October ... Friends of School are planning a Quiz Night. Teams of 6 will compete against each other, so book yourselves a babysitter because it is going to be a really fun night.

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

Contacts:

- Eleanor Everitt (Chair)
- Sam Allison (Treasurer)
- Charlie Pywell (Secretary)



Sutton Veny Flower Show

This year the Sutton Veny Flower Show will take place on Saturday 13th July. This year the show celebrates its 55th 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/>