



# 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. For weekly updates please see the school notice board, in the playground, or visit the website to view our school calendar and up-and-coming events:  
[www.suttonveny.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.suttonveny.wilts.sch.uk)



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April	
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	Term 4 starts Clubs start this week
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>	Geraldton Class Swimming
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	Enrichment
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup>	The School's 150 <sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Victorian Dress-Up Day
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	Celebration Assembly 9.15am Voice Tuition
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	Canberra Steam Training Visit
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	Anzac Service 9.15am Geraldton Class Swimming
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	FOS Meeting 9.15am Enrichment Mill on the Brue Meeting 6.00pm
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	Celebration Assembly 9.15am Voice Tuition
May	
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	BANK HOLIDAY
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Geraldton Class Swimming
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Enrichment
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	Brisbane visit to Farleigh Castle Welcome Mrs Nicola Coupe
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	Celebration Assembly 9.15am Voice Tuition

Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	BANK HOLIDAY: King's Coronation
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Assessment Week (SATs) Geraldton Class Swimming
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	Enrichment Full Governing Body Meeting 6.00pm
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	Celebration Assembly 9.15am
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	Zoo Lab Visit to Auckland Class
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	Geraldton Class Swimming
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	Enrichment
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Celebration Assembly 9.15am FOS Disco
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	ARTs Week in School
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Geraldton Class Swimming
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	Enrichment
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	Celebration Assembly 9.15am Geraldton Cake Sale 2.00pm Term ends 2.00 pm



### SCHOOL NEWS



#### FOS Easter Egg Hunt

A huge thank you to Friends of School, and their helpers, for organising, funding and supporting our traditional Easter Egg Hunt on the last day of Term 4. It was a pleasure to see the children enjoy this much-loved school event. We are extremely lucky to have such a supportive and dedicated team, who enjoy contributing to school life and provide such memorable experiences for the children.

#### Term 5 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 their class page of the school website. There is also detailed, curriculum information for each class on the website too.



#### School Swimming Lessons

Geraldton Class will benefit from swimming this term. A separate letter, with further information, will be sent out via eSchools. There will be a payment item set up on Parent Pay for voluntary contributions towards the cost of the swimming lessons.



At the end of last term, we said a fond farewell to Mrs Mollie Williams as she begins a new chapter in her life. Mrs Williams wanted to pass on her thanks for the wonderful messages, cards and gifts that she received. Mrs Williams has left a gift for the children – a box with art and craft materials, which the children can use at break and lunch times. This was very thoughtful of her and we know the children will enjoy making use of these resources.



A very warm welcome to our new families who are joining the school this term. We know that you will all help to make them feel welcome and we hope that they will be very happy at Sutton Veny School.

This term we welcome Miss Isla Shrapnell to Sutton Veny. Miss Shrapnell is starting a work experience placement during the last week of term. Miss Shrapnell is training to become a teacher and we look forward to her helping out in school during ARTs Week.

### Staffing News

At the end of last term, the school made two successful appointments. Miss Rebekka Griffin, who has been working as a Midday Supervisory Assistant in school, has been appointed as a teaching assistant and will be supporting Darwin Class from the beginning of this term.

Mrs Karen Smith, who has been working in the school for Direct Cleaning, has been successful in her application for our Midday Supervisory Assistant Position. We wish them both every success within their new roles in school.

### Current Teaching Vacancy

The school is currently advertising for a class teacher for one day a week, from September 2023. The position is highly likely to be on a Friday, in Key Stage Two. If you know anyone who may be interested, the vacancy is currently advertised on the Wiltshire Council Jobs website.



### eSchools

A reminder that all of our newsletters will now be sent out electronically, via eSchools, and they are also uploaded to the school website too.



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 22<sup>nd</sup> May**. This year, the children will be learning about different artists and using their work to inspire their own creations. The children will take part in a range of different experiences to celebrate 'The Arts' and 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.

### NATIONAL STANDARD ASSESSMENT TESTS (SATs)

National assessment tests resumed last year after being suspended due to the pandemic. The children in Canberra Class and Nelson Class will be taking part in these assessments this term. The KS1 assessments for Canberra Class will take place over the next few weeks. In KS2, the assessments for Nelson Class will take place the week beginning **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May**.



### Our 150<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary

On **15<sup>th</sup> April 2023**, Sutton Veny Primary School celebrated its 150<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary! This occasion marks a huge milestone in the history of the school. The school was built 3 years after the church and it first opened its doors on **15<sup>th</sup> April 1873**. To mark this special occasion, we are holding a 'Step Back in Time' day on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April** and we are asking all children and staff to dress-up as Victorians for the day. The children will take part in traditional Victorian School activities and follow strict Victorian rules for the day. We hope the children will enjoy this enriching experience.



### Clubs

A reminder that our school clubs start the first week back, the week beginning **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April**. Afterschool clubs are now being managed through Parent Pay. You are able to sign your child(ren) for a place via this platform. This allows you to see how many places there are in each club, grant permission for your child to take part and see when the club starts.



## ANZAC Day and Service

This year ANZAC Day falls on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April** and we will be marking the occasion with a service in the church at 9.15am. ANZAC Day marks a proud and longstanding tradition at the school. For 107 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 **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 any 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](#).

## Parent Governors

Following our recent parent governor elections, we would like to say thank you to those parents and carers that nominated themselves to join the School's Governing Body; we were delighted to have so much interest in the vacancies. Mrs Anna Frapwell and Mr Alisdair Wigham received the highest number of votes and have therefore been elected to the Governing Body. We are all looking forward to working alongside them and hope that they will find their roles enjoyable and rewarding.



## School Uniform Reminder

Our School Uniform Policy has been reviewed and updated this year and a copy is available on the school website. A polite reminder that oversized hair accessories, jewellery and nail polish are not permitted in school. If you choose to allow your child(ren) to wear these outside school, they must be removed before coming into school. Furthermore, trainers are only allowed to be worn on PE days when the children wear their PE kits to school. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain our high standards of school uniform.



## Mill on the Brue Residential

Staff are busy planning for the Year 5 and 6 residential trip to Mill on the Brue which will take place early next year. An information evening is being held on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April, at 6.00pm**, for parents and carers currently in Elliston and Geraldton Class. We hope that you will be able to join us as we will be able to share further details about the trip with you.

## 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 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 has a negative impact on their progress and, ultimately, their life chances. 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

## Term Time Holidays



As part of our commitment to promoting positive school attendance, we are unable to authorise family holidays, trips or visits. This is not a school decision, but is a statutory requirement for all schools. If you choose to book a family holiday during term time and this results in your child(ren) missing more than 5 whole school days, then the Local Authority will issue you with a Penalty Notice. Our School Attendance Policy provides further details about this process.



## Breakfast Club

As you may be aware, we have been working with Wylde Coyotes and the village hall to try and start a breakfast club at school. This is in response to requests that we have received and informal chats with parents and carers on the playground. Unfortunately, we have not received enough interest for this to start after Easter as originally planned. However, now that we know that we are able to provide a breakfast club, we will continue to promote this opportunity, with a view to getting this up-and-running for September 2023.

## Cat Food Boxes Wanted!

Calling all cat owners ... Canberra Class need 28 cat food boxes for their Design and Technology project at the end of this Term. If you have any that you're able to donate to school, Miss Gee and Canberra Class would be extremely grateful. Thank you.

## Hot Lunch Orders

Please can you make sure that all hot lunch orders are placed on Parent Pay by Wednesday mornings ahead of the following week. We have to notify our hot lunch provider so they know how much food to order. Even if your child is entitled to a free school meal, it is still important to place your order on Parent Pay, especially if your child is in Auckland, Brisbane or Canberra Class, otherwise we will not receive enough food to provide them with a lunch. Thank you.



## Bank Holidays

Please note that **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> of May** is the May Day Bank Holiday and school will be closed on this date. There is also an additional Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> of May**. We hope you all enjoy these long weekends.

## Term Ends

At **2pm on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May**; we will be wishing all of our children and their families a Happy Half Term

Looking ahead: Term 6 starts on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023**.



## A MESSAGE FROM FOS

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the Elliston Cake Sale, whether by baking or buying. Together with the preloved uniform we managed to raise just over £210.05, which is fantastic.

We were thrilled to be able to run the annual Easter Egg Hunt in the church, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all involved. Huge thanks to all of our helpers.

In Term 5, we have our school disco on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May. It will be split into 2 groups, KS1 and KS2. Timings will be confirmed shortly. If you would like to help at either the KS1 or KS2 disco, then please do get in touch with Friends of School.

Friends of School now have a Facebook page for sharing information about upcoming events. Please follow this link if you would like to join the group.

<https://m.facebook.com/groups/1154539228562579/?ref=share>

We are delighted to have bought a selection of new equipment for the children to have at play time, including six large picnic tables for the children to use for reading, art and other quieter activities. We couldn't have done this without all of your continued support. A big thank you to the whole school community from the Friends of School team.

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 9.15am** in the hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

