



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 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.



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 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 such a supportive and dedicated team, who enjoy contributing to school life and providing such memorable experiences for the children.

Term 5 Timetables and 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.



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 19th May**. This year, the theme for Arts Week is '**our world and damage being done to it**'; the children will be learning about different artists who have been raising awareness of this issue through their work. They will be using their work as inspiration for 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.

VE Day 80th Anniversary



Thursday 8th May marks the 80th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day, which symbolises the end of the conflict during World War Two. It is a day etched in the memory of everyone who witnessed it and a way to remember the sacrifices made by previous generations. We have arranged for a local historian to come into school and talk to Key Stage Two about VE Day and its significance. We are also planning to mark this occasion as a whole school during Arts Week. We will share this information with you when we have finalised the plans.



As a school, we are planning to hold a military themed 'Forces Day' in Term 6. This is to celebrate the important work that the armed forces do and to allow the children to learn more about what they do for the country and the world.

Mrs Claire Blair has already sent out a letter to our military families and we have been delighted with the positive responses we have received and the willingness to help us plan and organise this experience for the children. There will be a meeting on Friday 25th April at 3.30pm for anyone who wishes to help. This will be a chance to collate ideas together and begin to plan for the day. We look forward to seeing you there if you're interested in supporting this event.

ANZAC Day and Service



This year ANZAC Day falls on **Friday 25th April** and we will be marking the occasion with a service in the church 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 24th 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 25th 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.

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 12th May** and we wish Year 6 the best of luck.



eSchools and Parent Pay

At the end of April, we will no longer use eSchools for our school communication as we are trying to reduce the number of apps that we use in school. Instead, we will be sending out all of our school communication through Parent Pay from the end of this month.



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

Easter Holiday Work

During the Easter holiday we have had new flooring laid throughout the school. The corridor areas and Auckland Class have been fitted with a hard-wearing, non-slip vinyl and Geraldton Class has been fitted with new carpet tiles.

Staffing Update

Miss Berrington is currently expecting her first child and she will start her maternity leave towards the end of this term. Therefore she is not running any school clubs in Term 5. We wish her all the best as she starts her own family. Miss Berrington is planning to return to work in the future.



Bank Holiday

Please note that **Monday 5th 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 23rd May at 3.15pm**; we will be wishing all of our children and their families a Happy Half Term. Looking ahead: Term 6 starts on **Monday 2nd June 2025**.

Dyslexia Workshop for Parents and Carers

Mrs Bell, our Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO) in school, has organised an information and advice session about dyslexia for parents and carers. This will take place online on **Thursday 15th May**. Further information will be shared nearer the time.

Village Hall – Polling Station

On **Thursday 1st May**, the village hall is being used as a polling station for local elections. The school will not be able to use the hall on this day. The children entitled to a free school meal will be provided with a packed lunch by our school meal provider on this day.

Parent and Carer Forums

This year, we have been running Parent and Carer Forums to share aspects of school life with, learn from your experiences of school and respond to topics that you would like the opportunity to discuss. This term's forum will take place on **Thursday 22nd May** at 2.30pm and again at 6.30pm.

Attendance at these forums has been relatively low, considering the number of families we have at school. We would like to gather some feedback to try and see if there are any barriers to you attending as the feedback from those who have attended has been positive. We would be very grateful if you could complete a very quick Microsoft form survey to provide some feedback by following this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/6c1ukJkAT>



Thank you so much to everyone who supported Friends of School last term at the Canberra Cake Sale and with the Easter colouring competition. We are really grateful for your support and all the money raised goes straight back into school to provide experiences and resources for the children.

The order forms for the tea towels were sent home in school bags at the end of last term. We have a limited amount, so please do return your order form and payment back to the school as soon as possible. The tea towels are being sold on a 'first-come' basis.

In Term 5, we have the following events coming up:

- FOS Meeting - Wednesday 30th April at 9.00am, in the village hall.
- Brisbane Cake Sale - Friday 9th May at 3.15pm. Pre-loved uniform will also be sold after school.
- FOS Film Night on Friday 16th May. Timings and film choice TBC. If you're able to help out at the Film Night, then please do let us know.

Looking ahead to July, it is the very popular Sutton Veny Flower Show on **Saturday 12th July**. Friends of School are running a stall selling preloved books. Do you have any preloved books you would like to donate? If so then please drop them off at the school office. Any genre of book (information, children's, fiction, cookery, sport etc.) would be much appreciated. Also, if you have an hour to spare on 12th July, to help on our Friends of School stand then please do let us know.

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,
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