



From tiny seeds
beautiful minds blossom & grow

Newsletter

Dear parents,

What a fantastic start to this academic year. The children have settled into their new classes and it was so lovely to see so many of you at parent's evenings.

I understand the frustrations for everyone with the addition of the new app, School Spider; it is always difficult when new systems are implemented. Thank you for your patience with this and I know this will continue to improve as we become more familiar with it.

Over the summer we launched the new school website and I hope you can already see the improvements with this.

All dates for this academic year are on the calendar on the website; please do check this regularly as we are constantly updating it.

I will be putting a post on school story about an exciting job role for children in KS2 – this job will be to be part of a book review team. Applications for this post are due on Friday 3rd November. Please look out for this and encourage your child to apply.

We hope that you have a lovely half term break with your children and return ready for another exciting half term and the lead up to Christmas.

Mrs Nicola Hair

Year 6 SATs 2024

Year 6 SATS week will take place on:
Monday 13th May 2024 – Thursday 16th 2024

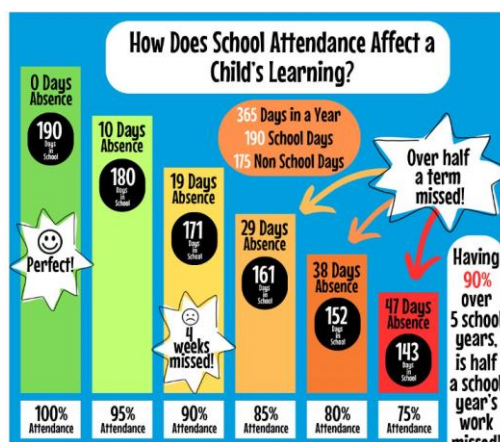
Attendance - Full school attendance – 95.4%

Thank you so much for your support in ensuring that your children arrive in school on time and attend well. Our school target is **96%** and we are continually working hard to achieve this.

In accordance with the law, we are unable to authorise holidays during term time. To discuss any issues related to absences from school please contact the school office or a member of the SLT team.

We will continue to follow our staged procedures for attendance; we know that you would prefer to know if we are monitoring a child's attendance in school. The school attendance policy is on the website.

The school day starts at 8:55am. Please make sure that your child is in school before this time. Whilst we understand that sometimes being late for school cannot be helped, we must stress that all lessons start at 8:55am and being late for school does have an impact upon your child's learning and their wellbeing for the rest of the school day.



Diary Dates

Some important dates for this term – as always these may be subject to change.

Date	Year group	Event
2.11.23	Y1 – Y6	FOS disco (see separate flyer)
7.11.23	Y5	Leadership training
Wk beginning 13.11.23	All	Anti-Bullying Week
13.11.23	All	Odd socks day
17.11.23	All	Children in Need day – wear spots.
6.12.23	Reception	Christmas Performance – doors open 9:15 am
6.12.23	Year 1	Christmas Performance – doors open 1:15pm
7.12.23	Nursery	Christmas performance - time to be confirmed.
7.12.23	Year 2	Christmas Performance – doors open 1:15pm
8.12.23	All	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper day.
14.12.23	Y3/4	Christmas Performance for Year 3 parents – doors open at 9:15am
15.12.23	Y3/4	Christmas Performance for Year 4 parents – doors open at 9:15am
19.12.23	Y5/6	Christmas Performance at St Chads church for Y5/6 parents – doors open at 9:45am
20.12.23	All	All children attend St Chads for final assembly – (no audience) Last day of the Christmas term

We hope that these are the dates for the Christmas performances but will let you know as soon as possible if anything changes.

Health and Safety

Please support the safety of all families by parking sensibly near school. Please do not block any driveways and please do not park on the no parking lines near the school entrance on Charter Drive. We have asked for support from the parking department at Sunderland City Council and traffic officers do regularly, and will continue to monitor this area.

During half term, we are starting to have some work completed in school on the heating system. This will take place over the next term and early into spring. There will be some fencing up near the school kitchen – please ensure that the children do not climb on this.

We thank you in advance for your support with this

Music Lessons

The children have restarted their music lessons and this is going very well.



Learning to play an instrument is such a wonderful opportunity for children and there is a lot of research to show how important this can be to support your child's development in many areas.

We currently have spaces available for KS2 children in drums, guitar, harp, clarinets, flute and piano/keyboard.

We would also like to start a rock band for children in KS2. There are eight spaces available for this. This currently takes place after school on Wednesday night from 3:15 – 4:00pm and costs £3.50

Please message the school office if you would like your child to play an instrument or join rock band.

