Sutton St James CP School Weekly Update

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11th September 2026

Welcome Back

Welcome back—we hope that you have had a lovely summer break and enjoyed lots of special times with special people. We have had a fantastic start to the term at school and are really happy to see all of the children back again! Our new Wrens children have made a brilliant start to their school journey and settled in well. They have quickly learnt the school routines and are enjoying exploring all of the resources in their classroom.

Thank you to all parents for helping us to settle the children back into the school routine quickly—by working together we will ensure that they get the very best education possible. We look forward to continuing to work with you across the coming academic year with all of the exciting things that we have planned. As always, our door is always open, so if you have any concerns or questions (or achievements to celebrate) please don't hesitate to come in and talk to us—we will do our very best to help!

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Welcome to our New Staff

Not only have we had new children starting school, but we have also had new staff members join us this year.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Charli Hellen who has joined us to teach in Year 3 (Owls Class), Mr Perchard who has joined us as our new caretaker and Mrs Moughton who has joined us as part of our SEND team working with EHCP children. They have all settled in well and we hope that they enjoy working as part of our amazing team of staff.

Miss Johnson has moved from teaching Year 3 to teaching in Swans class this year and is enjoying this new experience. Both Miss Johnson and Mrs Hellen are Early Careers Teachers (ECTs) and are being mentored this year by Mr Richardson and Mr Quant. They have made a fantastic start and we are sure that they will continue to make great progress across their two years as ECTs.

Mrs Harwood has changed role in school on a temporary basis, teaching Robins class in the mornings, with Miss Willows teaching them in the afternoon.

Following Mrs Whittaker leaving, we underwent the recruitment process twice and on the last day of the summer term, were delighted to interview and appoint Mrs Wright, an experienced Key Stage 1 teacher, who will be joining us as soon as possible. Due to employment law, the earliest the she is able to join us is January, unless her current employer agrees to release her early. The current arrangement with Mrs Harwood and Miss Willows will continue until Mrs Wright is able to start with us.

Parent Governor

Following a parent governor leaving the Governing body due to their child leaving our school to move on to secondary education, we have a parent governor vacancy. Next week, you will receive a letter about this, including details of the skill set that the Governing body need to replace. Please look out for this letter on Monday, if you are interested in supporting the school in moving forwards and becoming involved in the strategic direction of it. A hard copy of the letter will be sent along with other supporting documentation.

Dates for Next Year

Just in case you missed the final weekly update last year, we have once again attached the dates for the forthcoming academic year for you to put in your diary. Please pop them in so that you do not miss any of our exciting events!

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Term 1 & 2 Dates

- 3rd Sep—Term 1 starts
- 4th Sept—Wow Day!
- 8th Sept—Swimming starts (Herons, Swans)
- 23rd Sept—Governing Body AGM—6pm
- 25th Sept—Macmillan coffee morning—8.45—10.30
- 29th Sept—Parents evening 4.30-7
- 30th Sept—Parents evening 3.30- 6
- 7th Oct—Open Morning—9—10.30
- 19th Oct—Individual Photographs
- 22nd Oct—Harvest festival at village Hall, 1.45
- 23rd Oct—Final Celebration Assembly—2.15
- 23rd Oct PTA Halloween Disco—6-7.30
- 23rd Oct—Term 1 Ends
- 2nd Nov—Term 2 starts
- 3rd Nov —Swimming starts (Robins & Owls)
- 4th Nov—Flu vaccinations
- 6th Nov—Open Day for Reception Sept 2027
- 16th Nov—Anti Bullying Week, Odd Sock day
- 17th Nov—Year 4, 5 & 6 Class visit
- 11th Nov—Remembrance Assembly, 10.30
- 9th Nov—Bikeability (Herons)
- 13th Nov—Children in Need day
- 7th Dec—Christingle, 6
- 4th Dec— PTA Christmas Disco—6—7.30
- 9th Dec—Whole School Library & Panto visit
- 8th Dec—Nativity play, 6
- 10th Dec—Nativity play, 2
- 16th Dec—Christmas Lunch day
- 17th Dec—Christmas Party Day
- 18th Dec—Final Celebration Assembly- 2.15
- 18th Dec—Term 2 ends

Term 3 & 4 Dates

- 5th Jan—Term 3 starts
- 5th Jan—Swimming starts (Robins & Owls)
- 8th Jan—Wow Day!
- 18th Jan—Roots to Food workshop—whole school
- 21st Jan—Open morning, 9-10.30
- 26th Jan—Y5 SATs & 11+ meeting, 6pm
- 5th Feb—Numbers Day
- 9th Feb—Safer Internet Day
- 12th Feb—Final Celebration Assembly—2.15
- 12th Feb—Term 3 ends
- 22nd Feb—Term 4 starts
- 23rd Feb—Swimming starts (Wrens & Swallows)
- 2nd Mar -Parents Evening, 4.30-7
- 3rd Mar—Parents evening—3.30—6
- 4th Mar—World Book Day
- 5th March—Mother's Day Break fast—7.30
- 12th March—Science Day
- 19th Mar—Comic Relief Day
- 24th March—Spring celebration, 1.45
- 25th March —Final Celebration Assembly—2.15
- 25th March—PTA Easter Event
- 25th March—Term 4 ends

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Term 5 & 6 Dates

- 14th Apr—Term 5 starts
- 20th Apr—Swimming starts (Wrens & Swallows)
- 16th Apr—Wow Day!
- 3rd May—bank holiday
- 10th May—KS2 SATs week
- 10th May—PTA AGM, 6pm
- 11th May—Residential meeting, 6pm (Herons)
- 14th May—Herons Sleepover
- 25th May—New Wrens Parents meeting—6
- 24th May—Class Photos
- 27th May—Picnic & Sports day, 12—3.15
- 28th May—Final Celebration Assembly—2.15
- 28th May—Term 5 ends
- 7th June—Term 6 starts
- 10th—11th June—Herons London residential visit
- 8th June—Swimming starts (Herons,& Swans)
- 18th June—PTA Colour Run
- 21st June—Father's Day Breakfast—7.30
- 26th June—Herons Car Wash
- 29th June—Residential '28 launch, 6pm
- 12th July—Key Stage 2 production, 6pm
- 13th July—Key Stage 2 production, 6pm
- 14th July—Optional parents evening, 3.30-5
- 16th July—PTA Summer Disco—6-7.30
- 20th July—Final Celebration Assembly—2.15
- 20th July—Leavers Party, 4.30-6
- 21st July—Leavers Assembly—2.30
- 21st July—End of Term 6

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Clubs!

As we are at the start of the academic year, we have not had the opportunity to organise clubs for this term prior to the holiday—so apologies for the short notice for booking places for our after school clubs on offer this term.

Please log on to your parent pay account as soon as possible and book your child into their chosen clubs, which will start next week.

Thank you.

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