

# Sutton St James CP School

## Weekly Update

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4th October 2024

- ♦ Mon 7th Oct—Open afternoon session, 1.30—3pm
- ♦ Tues 15th Oct—Open Day for New Reception '25 parents
- ♦ Fri 18th Oct—Harvest festival at village Hall, 1.45pm
- ♦ Fri 18th Oct—Term 1 Ends
- ♦ Tues 29th Oct—Term 2 starts
- ♦ Tues 29th Oct—Individual Photos
- ♦ Thurs 31st Oct—PTA Halloween Disco, 6—7.30pm
- ♦ Thurs 31st Oct—Swimming starts (Robins & Owls)
- ♦ Mon 11th Nov—Remembrance Assembly, 2.45pm
- ♦ Mon 11th Nov—Anti Bullying day
- ♦ Fri 15th Nov—Children in Need day
- ♦ Tue 26th Nov—Throwing & Catching Competition, KS1
- ♦ Tue 3rd Dec—Archery enrichment Sessions, KS2
- ♦ Fri 6th Dec—PTA Christmas Fair, 5-7pm
- ♦ Mon 2nd Dec—Christingle, 6pm
- ♦ Tues 10th Dec—Nativity play, 6pm
- ♦ Wed 11th Dec—Nativity play, 2pm
- ♦ Tues 17th Dec—Christmas Lunch day
- ♦ Wed 18th Dec—Christmas Party Day
- ♦ Thurs 19th Dec—term 2 ends

### 2024/2025 Term Dates

- TERM 1**— 4th September 2024 - 18th October 2024
- TERM 2**— 29th October 2024 - 19th December 2024
- TERM 3**— 6th January 2025 - 14th February 2025
- TERM 4**— 24th February 2025 - 4th April 2025
- TERM 5**— 23rd April 2025 - 23rd May 2025
- TERM 6**— 2nd June 2025 - 22nd July 2025

### 2025/2026 Term Dates

- TERM 1**— 4th September 2025 - 23rd October 2025
- TERM 2**— 3rd November 2025 - 19th December 2025
- TERM 3**— 6th January 2026 - 13th February 2026
- TERM 4**— 23rd February 2026 - 2nd April 2026
- TERM 5**— 21st April 2026 - 22nd May 2026
- TERM 6**— 1st June 2026 - 22nd July 2026

### KS2 Hand Ball Enrichment



Last week, Mr Pickett from Sport2day visited our school to teach our KS2 children the skills and rules of Handball. Handball is fast, paced invasion game like Netball, however the ball used is smaller and can be held in one hand so that it can be thrown easily into the goals used in the game (similar to the ones used in the game of Hockey). The sport is popular in many countries across the European continent. France are currently the women's Olympic champions, while Denmark are the men's. During their enrichment session, the children enjoyed playing small-sided games and will be taking their new learnt skills to a competition in October.

### Virtual Author Visit

Heron's class were blessed to receive a virtual author visit by the well-known children's author Jenny McLachlan, famed for her Land of Roar book series. Jenny took the time out of her busy schedule to inspire our children and let them know the ins and outs about writing a widely successful book. All children completed a range of activities which involved creating their own magic spells, completing a fun quiz, as well as designing their very own S.Tink character. This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity was important for our children to know the benefit of how important stories are for our imagination and creativity within the wider world. All children came away inspired and the feedback received from them was that they cannot wait until the next one!



### Macmillan Coffee Afternoon



A huge thank you to everybody that supported our Macmillan coffee afternoon on Thursday 26th September. We were really pleased to see so many children wearing green and



white on the day meaning that there were many donations for the charity. The school council did a great job of selling cakes at break time for two days, adding to the total and it was fantastic to see so many parents during the afternoon for a 'cuppa and cake'. A huge thank you to everybody that contributed in any way—you helped us to raise the grand total of £460 for this amazing charity that helps so many people.

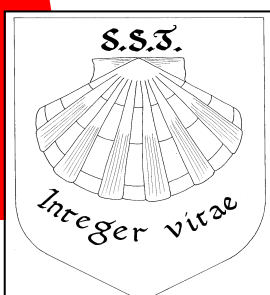
### Move a Mile



Our first Walk a Mile week of the new academic year took place last week and is now called Move a Mile to encourage the children to complete laps around our playground in any way they like. Despite brief rain showers and two missed days due to really bad weather, everyone enjoyed being physically active and tried to cover at least one mile (12 laps) to earn a certificate. The poor weather conditions didn't stop the whole school from completing a brilliant total of 77.5 miles or 930 laps. Our individual standout performances were Harper (KS1) who completed 3.83 miles (46 laps) and Amelia (KS2) 2.25 miles (27 laps). They both deserved a treat from our school Treasure Chest after their effort. Also, a special mention to Wrens - our new Reception class who completed an outstanding 20 miles or 239 laps! The most of any class in school.

### Swimming Hats

Due to a change in policy at Spalding Swimming pool, all children taking part in school swimming lessons are now required to wear a swimming hat / cap. This will help them to swim more efficiently, keeping hair out of their eyes and making them more streamlined. If your child does not have a swimming hat, school will provide this for them. If you would prefer to send in your child's own swimming cap then please feel free to do so. Thank you.



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