

Unicef Gold Award



We are thrilled to announce that Unicef UK has awarded Sydenham Primary School the prestigious status of Gold Rights Respecting School .

Unicef is the world's leading organisation working for children and their rights. The Rights Respecting Schools Award is granted to schools that show commitment to promoting and realising children's rights and encouraging adults, children and young people to respect the rights of others in school. Gold is the highest accolade given by Unicef UK and shows a deep and thorough commitment to children's rights at all levels of school life.

The Award recognises achievement in putting the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child at the heart of a school's planning, policies and practice. A Rights Respecting School is a community where children's rights are learned, taught, practised, respected, protected and promoted.

The Unicef Assessors who visited our school described pupils as "happy, confident, articulate and enthusiastic." They were impressed by our school's inclusive ethos and environment as well as the many opportunities pupils are given to take on leadership roles.

Well done to our Rights Respecting Pupil Ambassadors who met with the assessors and thank you to Mrs Lloyd our Unicef Coordinator.



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Article 3: Best Interests of the Child



GOLD AWARD



Return of our Cycling Superstar!



You may remember that, last year, Scarlett was involved with the women's Ovo cycling tour as it passed through Leamington. This year, she has participated in the pre-race activities for the men's Ovo Energy Tour of Britain. This leg of the tour was from Warwick to Burton-Dasset Country Park. Scarlett rode out before the race and even had a turn riding a Penny Farthing! Well done, Scarlett.

Y6 Peer Mediation Training



This week, Year Six pupils received training in peer mediation from expert mediator, Mr Peter Timms. Pupils learnt how to solve problems and disputes in a calm and positive manner, encouraging those involved to take responsibility for their actions and understand how they make others feel.

Some pupils will be working as peer mediators on the playground this year, helping others to find peaceful solutions to any friendship issues.



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Article 12: Respect for the Views of the Child



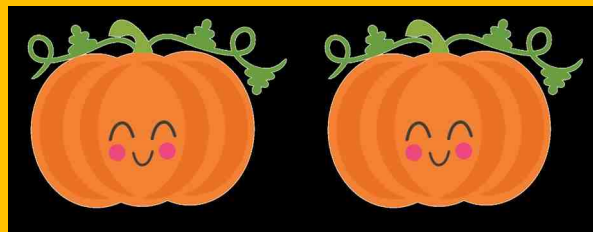
Y1 Harvest Festival

**Year One parents/carers are warmly invited to
attend a Harvest Festival on Friday 27th
September from 9.00—9.30am.**

**Y1 children will be performing “Jack and the
Beanstalk” as well as singing some special
Harvest songs.**

**We will be collecting dried and tinned foods on
behalf of St Mary’s Church food bank. Please
bring in any donations week beginning Monday
23rd September.**

**We would welcome donations from all parents
and carers in support of this very good cause.**



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Article 27: Adequate Standard of Living



Y2 Diwali Celebration

Year Two parents/carers are warmly invited to attend a special Diwali assembly on Friday 25th October from 9.00—9.30am.

Y2 children will be performing the story of Rama and Sita as well as singing some special Diwali songs.



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Article 14: Freedom of Thought, Belief and Religion.

PTA Meeting

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) are holding a meeting on Friday 20th September from 2.00—3.00pm. Everybody is welcome!

The meeting is to decide on events for this academic year

Please meet outside the school office.



Father Christmas



On Friday 13th December we will be taking children in Reception, Year One and Year Two to Warwick Arts' Centre to watch a performance of "Father Christmas" by Raymond Briggs. A letter containing more details, including payment information, will be sent to you shortly.

Join Santa as he awakes from a dream of sun, sea and sand only to find it is the busiest day of the year: Christmas Eve.

Watch as he prepares his Christmas deliveries, feeds his reindeer and finally takes flight into the snowy night.

This heart-warming adaptation is full of merry touches with plenty of live music, songs and playful puppetry. It's a perfect introduction to theatre for young children who won't be able to look away as secret doors and hidden hatches are revealed in this beautifully visual show.

"Magnificent" ★★★★★ The Observer

"Magical" ★★★★★ The Upcoming

"Enchanting" ★★★★★ The Sunday Times

"A cracker of a show" ★★★★★ The Mirror

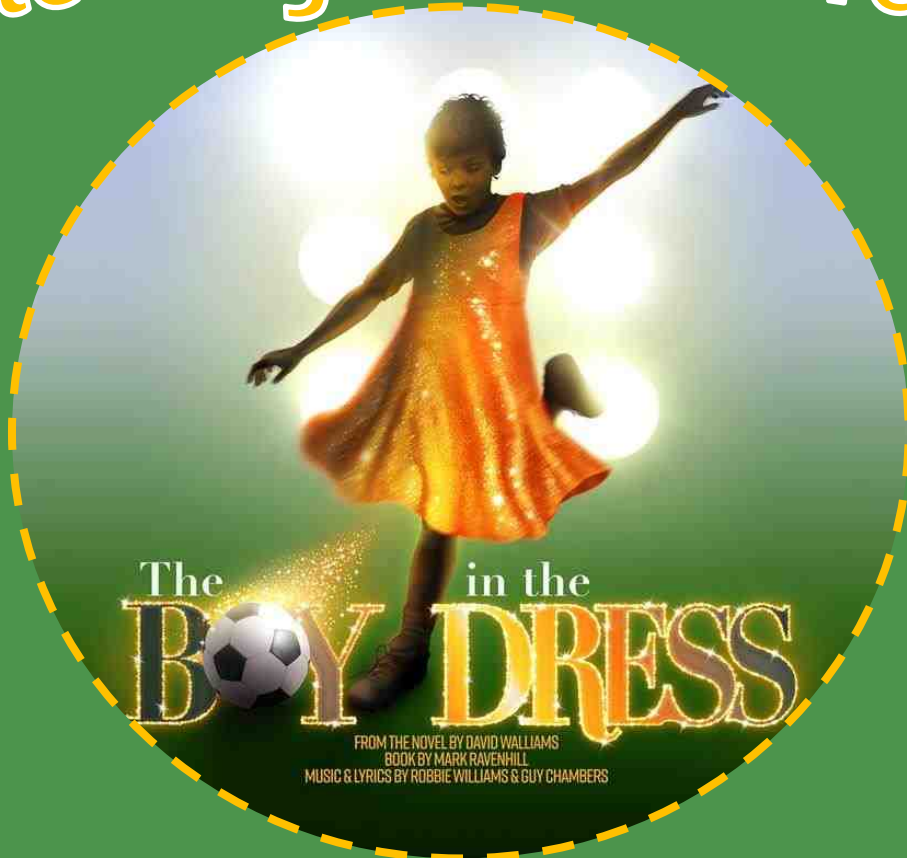
YR/1/2 Christmas Theatre Trip

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Article 31: Leisure, Play and Culture



The Boy in the Dress



On Wednesday 15th January, we will be taking children in years 3/4/5/6 to The Royal Shakespeare Theatre to see a production of David Walliams', "The Boy in the Dress." A letter containing more details, including payment information, will be sent to you shortly.

Dennis is 12 years old and his school football team's star striker. But when Mum leaves home, life is tough. The only reminder Dennis has of Mum is a photo of her in a beautiful yellow dress. A dress rather like the one on the cover of *Vogue* on sale at Raj's newsagents. And also a bit like the one that Lisa James, the coolest girl in the school, is sketching in her note book. What do you do if you like both football and dresses? And what will Mr Hawtrey the headteacher do when he discovers that his strict uniform code has been broken by a boy in a dress?

David Walliams' heart-warming comedy is brought to the stage for the first time in a musical with all new songs from Robbie Williams and Guy Chambers, script by former RSC playwright in residence Mark Ravenhill and in a production for all the family directed by RSC Artistic Director Gregory Doran.

KS2 Theatre Trip



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Article 31: Leisure, Play and Culture

Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club is currently **FULL** and we cannot accept any new applications at present. We can only accept children in to this service whose parents/carers have completed a contract prior to today.

For those parents who have secured a place in our breakfast club please note that with effect from Monday 16 September there will be a signing in system for you to complete when you drop your child off. All children should be brought to the Breakfast Club building and signed in by a parent/carer/responsible adult.

Please note the following:

- Breakfast is available until 8.40 am. If your child arrives after this time, supervision only is provided.
- The cost for breakfast club each morning is £4.50. Please make payment in advance or weekly via your parent pay account
- Should your requirements for this service change, please contact the school office and complete a new contract with your updated requirements

We would like to thank our families who use this service for their continued co-operation.

Sarah Beck
(School Business Manager)

Free Activities with your Child in School

If you are a parent/carer with a child in Reception, Year One or Year Two, don't forget to request a place at our Story in a Box session, run by The Family Learning Service. You should have received a flyer about this (see also last week's newsletter.)

We will also be running a Christmas Craft afternoon for families in Year One and Two as well as fun Maths and Cooking sessions called "1,2,3 Food" for Reception.

All these activities are free of charge. More information will be sent out soon.



**Well done to YR LS, Y3 JML, Y5 RA, Y6 KG
and Y2 CP who had the highest attendance at
school this week with a brilliant 100%**

Attendance for other classes this week was as follows:

Y4 KC	97%
Y5 CB	97%
YR RK	97%
Y3 JL	97%
Y4 FC	96%
Y1 EL	93%
Y1 CD	93%
Y2 AP	90%
Y6 JvS	97%

**Please note that our school attendance
target is 97%.**

**The minimum acceptable attendance, as
stipulated by Warwickshire Local Authority, is
95%. Low attendance results in poorer
educational progress and attainment.**

Diary Dates

Tuesday 17th September	Y6 KG class assembly at 9.15am in the hall. Y6KG parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.
Wednesday 18th—Friday 20th September	Y6 residential trip to Marle Hall, Wales.
Friday 20th September	PTA meeting at 2.00pm.
Monday 23rd September	YR information session for parents/carers, 4.30—5.00pm (meet outside the school office.)
Tuesday 24th September	Y2 AP class assembly at 10.15am in the hall. Y2 AP parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.
Tuesday 24th September	Family Learning, Story in a Box session for YR/1/2 children and parents/carers, 1.00—3.00pm in the hall.
Wednesday 25th September	School photographs—individual portraits.
Friday 27th September	MUFTI (non-uniform) Day. Please bring a donation of 50p per child if they choose to wear non-uniform.
Friday 27th September	Y1 Harvest Festival at 9.30am in the hall. Y1 parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.
Friday 27th September	YR information session for parents/carers, 9.00—9.30am (meet outside the school office.)
Tuesday 1st October	Y1 CD Reading River, 9.15—9.45am in the hall.
Thursday 3rd October	Tour of the school for parents/carers interested in a Reception place 2020/21 at 9.45am.
Thursday 10th October	Y2 trip to the Transport Museum at Gaydon.
Monday 14th October	Open morning for parents/carers of children in YR RK (Miss Knight's class) from 9.00—10.00am.
Tuesday 15th October	Y2 CP class assembly at 10.15am in the hall. Y2 CP parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.
Wednesday 16th October	Family Learning, parenting workshop, 9.15—11.15am. Please complete the slip on the letter sent home.
Monday 21st October	Flu vaccinations for all pupils, YR—Y6.
Tuesday 22nd October	Y1 EL Reading River, 9.15—9.45am in the hall.
Wednesday 23rd October	YR Diwali party, 2.15—3.15pm.
Friday 25th October	MUFTI (non-uniform) Day. Please bring a donation of 50p per child if they choose to wear non-uniform.

Friday 25th October

Y2 Diwali assembly at 9.30am in the hall. Y2 parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.

HALF-TERM, Monday 28th October—Friday 1st November

Monday 4th November

Return to school.

Tuesday 5th November

Y6 JvS class assembly at 9.15am Y6 JvS parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.

Tuesday 12th November

Y1 EL class assembly at 10.15am. Y1 EL parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.

Tuesday 12th November

Open morning for parents/carers of children in YR LS (Mrs Schole's class) from 9.00—10.00am

Friday 15th November

School closed—In Service Teacher Training (INSET) Day. Teachers will be attending Talk for Reading training, led by Pie Corbett.

Tuesday 19th November

Reading workshop for YR parents, 4.00—4.30pm. (Meet outside the school office.)

Friday 22nd November

MUFTI (non-uniform) Day. Please bring a donation of 50p per child if they choose to wear non-uniform.

Friday 22nd November

Reading workshop for YR parents, 9.00—9.30am. (Meet outside the school office.)

Tuesday 26th November

Y5 CB class assembly at 9.15am. Y5 CB parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.

Wednesday 4th December

YR Nativity at 9.30am—YR parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.

Wednesday 4th December

Parents' Evening, 3.30—7.00pm.

Thursday 5th December

Parents' Evening, 3.30—5.30pm.

Wednesday 11th December

Y1 and Y2 carol concert, 9.30—10.15am in the hall. All Y1/2 parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.

Thursday 12th December

Y3/4 carol and recorder concert, 9.30—10.15am in the hall. All Y3/4 parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.

Thursday 12th December

Christmas Crafts for Y1 & 2, 9.15—10.45am.

Friday 13th December

Y5/6 carol and recorder concert, 9.30—10.15am in the hall. All Y3/4 parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.

Friday 13th December

YR/1/2 visit Warwick Arts' Centre to watch a performance of "Father Christmas" at 1.30pm.

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A sunny weekend is forecast—hope you enjoy it.

Best wishes from Miss Glenney and Miss Challand