

# My First Day



Welcome back to school, everyone. We hope you enjoy reading our first newsletter of the academic year and have fun meeting our new Reception recruits!

# At School



Convention on the Rights of the Child

Article 29: Goals of Education



Reception are off to a flying start! This week they have been making friends and learning classroom routines.



**We love Reception!**





We have been so impressed by their lovely manners, kindness and good behaviour.



**We love learning!**





The children have enjoyed exploring the indoor and outdoor learning environments.



**We love Reception!**





It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know our new pupils and we can't wait to see what they go on to achieve.



**We love learning!**



Rule 8: We look after each other.



# Our School Rules

As you know, we are very proud to be a Unicef Gold Right's Respecting school. This week, we have been thinking about our school rules —how they keep us safe, make things fair and ensure that everyone gets their rights.

In assembly, pupils explored what qualities they want to see in each other and reflected on how our rules encourage these traits and behaviours. Pupils have been trying hard to follow all of our rules and some of them helped Miss Glenny by designing freeze frames to demonstrate the behaviours we expect to see in school every day.



**Convention on the Rights of the Child**  
**Article 3: Best Interests of the Child**



Rule 1: We come to school every day and arrive on time.



Rule 2: We work hard—we don't waste our time or others' time.



Rule 3: We listen—we don't interrupt.

Rule 4: We are kind and helpful—we don't hurt other people's feelings.



Rule 5: We are gentle—we don't hurt others.



Rule 6: We are honest—we don't cover up the truth.





Rule 7: We look after property—we don't waste or damage things.

As a Rights Respecting School, we aim to provide pupils with a thorough understanding of their rights as well as rights respecting attitudes and language. We want our pupils to see themselves as rights respecting global citizens who advocate for social justice, fairness and children's rights at home and abroad.

Our code of conduct helps to underpin this ethos. Thank you to our children for following our school rules and to our parents and carers for supporting them.

**WE ARE A UNICEF GOLD RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL**

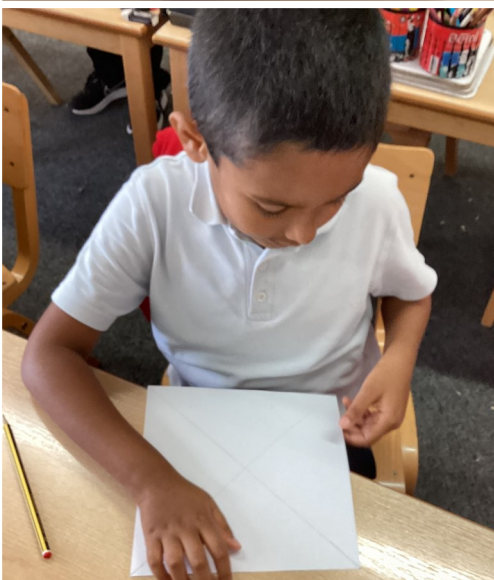
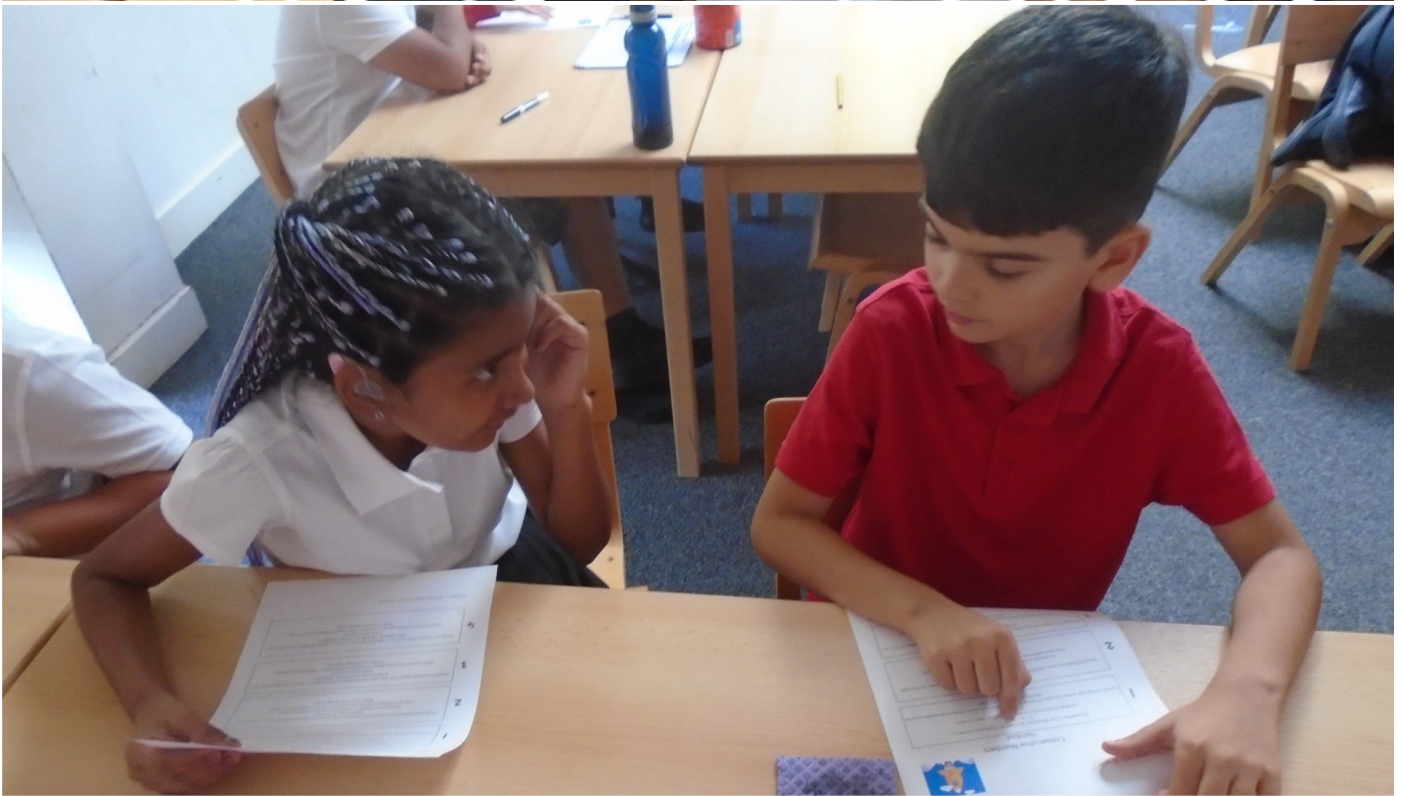


**Children's rights are learned, understood and lived in this school.**



This week, pupils across the school have been putting their growth mindset to work in Maths lessons.

# Maths Mindset





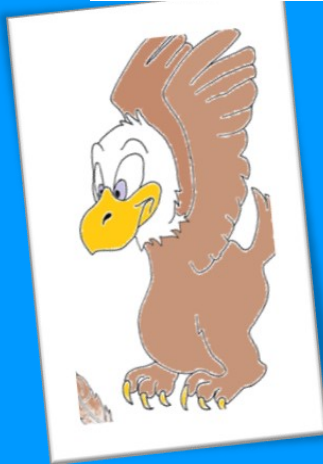
The children have tackled a range of problem solving activities requiring creative thinking and perseverance. Their frog and elephant Learning Characters have helped pupils to keep on improving and never give up.



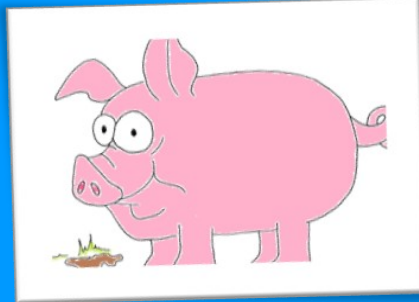
# Learning Characters

These are the characters we use at school to help us develop a good attitude to our learning and **GROW** our brains!

Concentrate.



Have a go.



Cooperate.

Be curious.



Never give up.



**In class this week we have been thinking about having a positive attitude to learning so that we keep on trying even if things are hard.**

**When we think like our characters, we become learning superheroes!**

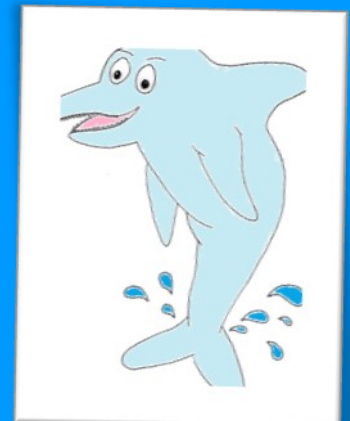
Keep on improving.



Enjoy learning.



Use your imagination.



# ART *in the* PARK FESTIVAL

Thank you to all the families who visited our pop-up gallery at Art in the Park over the summer holiday.





**Convention on the Rights of the Child  
Article 31: Leisure, Play and Culture**



Although Saturday was VERY soggy at the festival, the sun shone on Sunday and lots of people visited our gallery to admire pupils' work.

Earthbound (who worked in school with our Arts Ambassadors and Eco Rep's) were able to perform on Sunday using some of the costumes and banners made in school.

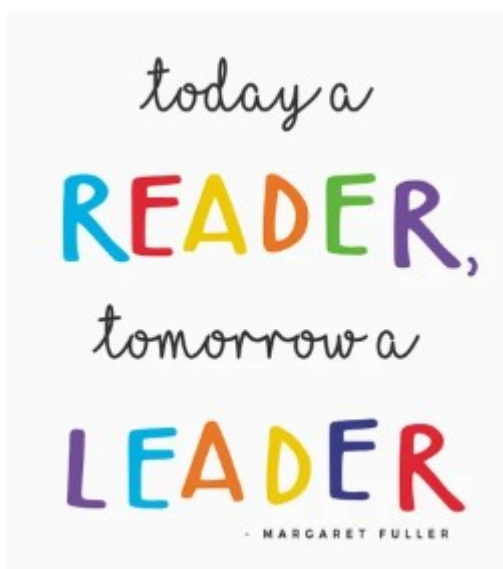



# Reading Diaries

Reading diaries have been tweaked a little this year. They are now pre-dated and so will definitely last for the whole academic year. Like last year, each page has a week-to-view, with a space for you to sign for every day that you hear your child read over the course of the week. Teaching staff will not complete this section of the reading diary as we keep reading records in school; but there is space at the bottom of each page for teaching staff to make any particular notes.

As a reminder for your child to take care of their diary, I have stuck a gold star onto every front cover. I explained in assembly that children who look after their diary and still have their original copy in July will receive a little prize - I hope this helps the children to see how much we value the reading that they do at home!

We really do love reading at our school, and hope that your child will enjoy taking part in all of the different reading activities throughout the year. Regular reading is rewarded, so please do help us to know that your child is reading at home by signing their diary!



Sydenham Primary  
School  
Reading Diary  
2023 2024   
Reception

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

# Celebrating Reading!

Well done to all of the children who took part in reading challenges over the summer holidays - these included our very own reading challenge (certificates will be given out next week!), and the Library Service's reading challenge. Here are Selina, Luca and Emilia looking extremely proud after receiving their 'Ready, Set, Read' badges from the library.



A special mention also needs to be made of a huge reading achievement that Defne set for herself this summer - to learn how to read in Turkish!



**You are all reading SUPER STARS!**

# Reading Incentives

I am really looking forward to sharing with you in next week's newsletter the Infant and Junior reading incentives for this year - watch this space!



**Happy reading, everyone! Miss Challand**



# An invitation to our Year 1 Reading River

**Year 1 Kingfishers Tuesday 3rd October 9.15-9.45**

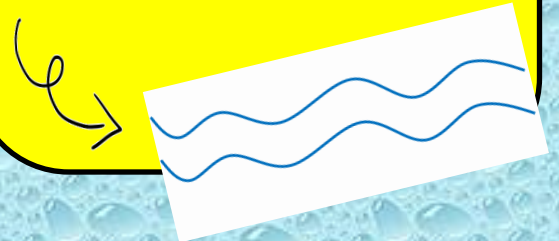
**Year 1 Puffins Wednesday 4th October 9.15-9.45**



We are once again holding this special reading session for our Year 1 children, parents and carers to come and listen to some lovely picture books being read aloud by members of staff.

The children will be need to be dropped off in the morning to their classroom as usual, and will then be brought down to the hall by their class teacher at 9.15am to meet you. We really hope that you can join us!

Look out for a linked piece of home learning that will be given out the week before your child's Reading River session!



Session includes a free raffle to win a book for your child!

# Diary Dates

Monday 11th September	Y6 swimming lessons begin in our pop-up pool.
Tuesday 12th September	Y4 visit to The Sealife Centre.
Wednesday 13th September	Y5 Kittiwakes start swimming at Newbold Comyn.
Monday 18th September	Y3 visit to Cadbury World.
Tuesday 19th September	Artistic Director of The Royal Shakespeare Company visiting school.
Tuesday 19th September	Y1 visit to Compton Verney.
Wednesday 20th September	Flu Vaccinations.
Thursday 21st September	Photographer visiting to take individual pupil portraits.
Monday 25th September	Y5 visit to The Space Centre.
Tuesday 26th September	Reception and Year One road safety assemblies.
Tuesday 26th September	Y2 CP Wrens class assembly at 10.15am.
Thursday 28th September	Reception visit to Compton Verney.
<b>Monday 2nd October</b>	<b>School closed for staff training.</b>
Tuesday 3rd October	Y1 EL Kingfishers Reading River, 9.15—9.45am.
Thursday 5th October	Y6 visit to WWII experience at Winchcombe Station.
Monday 9th October	Y5/6 Bikeability.
Tuesday 10th October	Hello Yellow fundraiser for MIND. Wear something yellow to school and make a donation via our Just Giving page.
Tuesday 10th October	Y6 visit to The Royal Opera House.
Tuesday 17th October	Y6 CB Moorhens class assembly at 9.15am.
Tuesday 17th October	Peer mediation training for Y5 JE Kittiwakes
Thursday 19th October	Peer mediation training for Y5 SD Woodpeckers
Tuesday 24th October	Y6 JvS Swans poetry slam.

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Wednesday 25th October	Y6 CB Moorhens poetry slam.
Friday 27th October	MUFTI (non-uniform) Day—bring 50p if your child wears their own choice of clothes to school.
<b>Monday 30th October—Friday 3rd November school closed.</b>	
Monday 6th November	Pupils return to school after the half-term holiday.
Tuesday 7th November	Y6 JvS Swans class assembly at 9.15am.
Thursday 9th October	Y2 visit Warwick Castle.
Tuesday 14th November	Y2 LM Swallows class assembly at 9.15am.
Thursday 16th November	Y5 and Y6 visit The Royal Shakespeare Theatre to watch “The Box of Delights.”
Tuesday 21st November	Y1 EL Kingfishers class assembly at 10.15am.
Thursday 23rd November	Y3 and Y4 visit The Belgrade theatre to watch “Cinderella.”
Friday 24th November	MUFTI (non-uniform) Day—bring 50p if your child wears their own choice of clothes to school.
Tuesday 28th November	Y5 JE Kittiwakes class assembly at 9.15am.
<b>Monday 4th December</b>	<b>School closed for staff training.</b>
Wednesday 6th December	Reception Nativity at 9.30am.
Monday 11th December	Reception, Y1 and Y2 visit Warwick Arts’ Centre to watch “The Gruffalo.”
Tuesday 12th December	Christmas crafts for Y1 and Y2 families.
Wednesday 13th December	Y1 and Y2 carol concert at 9.30am.
Thursday 14th December	Y3 and Y4 carol concert at 2.15pm.
Friday 15th December	Y5 and Y6 carol concert at 2.15pm.

# Diary Dates

Monday 18th December	Rocksteady concert at 2.15pm.
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<b>Monday 25th December—Friday 5th January school closed for Christmas holiday.</b>
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<b>Monday 8th January</b>	<b>School closed for staff training.</b>
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Tuesday 9th January	Pupils return to school.
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Please note that school is also closed on Monday 3rd June for staff training.
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## Other Information

### Mufti Days

You can see from the diary dates that we have some MUFTI Days planned. For those of you who are new to school, on MUFTI Days uniform is not compulsory and your child can come to school in their own choice of clothes. Please encourage your child to pick outfits which are suitable for the weather and safe for wear during play. We politely request that girls refrain from wearing skimpy clothing such as crop-tops. If your child comes to school in non-uniform, they must bring a donation of 50p for School Fund. This money is spent on additional and exciting resources not covered by our ordinary budget.

### Class Assemblies

Some classes will be sharing their learning in a class assembly this term (see diary dates.) If your child is performing in assembly, you are warmly invited to support them by coming along to watch.

### Nut Allergies

We have several children in school who suffer from a severe nut allergy and need to use an EpiPen. For these children, nuts can be very dangerous since they trigger anaphylaxis. With this in mind, we politely request that you refrain from putting foods containing nuts in your child's lunch box. Even spreads such as Nutella or peanut butter can be harmful. Thank you.

### Parking

Please walk, cycle or scoot to school as this is good for your child's health and the environment. If you must drive, we request that you park safely and within the law. Do not mount the kerb or block residents' driveways. Thank you.

### Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Funding

Please check to see if your child is entitled to a free school meal at <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals>. **Please apply even if your child is in Reception, Year One or Year Two and in receipt of a universal free school meal as school receives additional funding for each successful application.**



# Sydenham Superstars



## YR and Key Stage One

Enjoy a sunny weekend!  
Best wishes from Miss  
Glenny



## Key Stage Two