



On Thursday we enjoyed a delicious pirate lunch! Thank you to Claire and the kitchen staff for cooking the meal and dressing up!

Ahoy Shipmates!



We Loved Our Pirate Lunch!

Sydenham Primary School Newsletter

Watercolour artist, Clare Robinson, worked with KS2 pupils again this week. Pupils developed their watercolour technique and created some lovely pieces of artwork.

Watercolour Artists





My name is
Timmy and I
speak Russian.



My name is
Defne and I
speak Turkish.

Meet our Young Interpreters

At Sydenham, we're very proud to have twenty nine different languages spoken by our pupils. We love the fact that so many of our children have English as an Additional Language and think that bi-lingualism is a wonderful skill that makes your brain GROW! We encourage families to speak their mother tongue at home and know that fluency in multiple languages can boost learning across the curriculum.

We use pupil Young Interpreters to help children with English as an Additional Language who are new to school. Our Young Interpreters are, themselves, bi-lingual or multi-lingual. They undergo specific training for this role and are selected on the basis of different personal qualities they may have. The support they offer to a newly arrived pupil can be very reassuring and helps them to feel safe, settled and valued.



My name is
Kasia and I
speak Polish.



My name is Sophia
and I speak Mala-
yalam

My name is
Riddhima and I
speak Hindi.



My name is Aari-
zand I speak Urdu
and Punjabi..



My name is Seb
and I speak
Romanian.



On Thursday, Harriet's parents brought a very special visitor to meet Reception—Luna the owl! The children were fascinated to learn about what Luna eats and how she's cared for. For one magical moment, Luna took to the sky and flew, much to the amazement of the children. Thank you Dave and Becky for allowing us to meet Luna.

Special Visitor



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Harriet explains that Luna's favourite place to sit is in a tree.



Luna prepares to fly!



The children asking lots of brilliant questions.



PROUD TO BE A
MUSIC MARK
SCHOOL

2022 - 2023

Music Mark Award

We are thrilled to have been nominated by Warwickshire Music hub to receive the prestigious, national Music Mark award, which celebrates schools who are committed to providing a high-quality music education. Warwickshire Music have recognised the value that we place on music at Lighthorne Heath Primary School. Our school has:

- evidenced of a willingness to engage in development conversations related to improving music provision;
- Recognises the value of music education as part of a broad and balanced curriculum; and
- has a strategy for music in place which provides for all children.





PROUD TO BE AN
ASSOCIATE
SCHOOL

We'd like to introduce you to our wonderful Royal Shakespeare Company Ambassadors. Their role is to work alongside RSC practitioners to promote a love of Shakespeare. They were chosen for this role by their classmates because they demonstrate the qualities of creativity, clear communication and a love of drama. Well done to all our Ambassadors and keep up the good work!



RSC Ambassadors

National Poetry Day

Thursday 6th October was National Poetry Day and pupils were busy at school and at home writing their own verse.

Here are two lovely examples: Tayyaba's tribute to the power of poetry and Holly's beautiful descriptive verse.

Poetry

I'll pick up a pen and write a poem,

A poem,

A poem to tell people about my opinion,

With the words that fly out onto the magical paper.

Poems let your imagination run wild—so use your voice!

Find freedom with words like flaming, fabulous fireworks.

Let poetry bring your soul back to life.

By Tayyaba (Year Five)



**National
Poetry
Day**



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National Poetry Day

Set Her Free

Her hair curled like crunchy, Autumn leaves,
Her eyes lit up like summer sunshine,
Her nose, cold as ice like a winter breeze,
Her lips, a warm scarlet,
Her skin as pale as snow.
Her hopes were as hollow as a cold, dark cave,
Her bravery worth a pride of lions,
Her heart wounded like a soldier from the war,
Her hands filled with rage—ready to attack.

By Holly (Year Six)



**National
Poetry
Day**



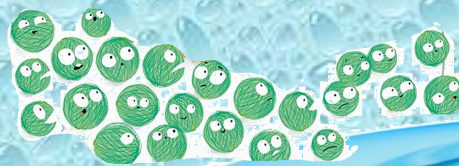
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Welcome to the Reading River!



It's six o'clock and we're ready for tea,
But look - what's that?
It's a RUNAWAY PEA!



We were absolutely delighted to have some visitors in school on Tuesday and Wednesday - our lovely parents and carers for the pupils in Year 1 who came to visit our Reading River! The children had worked really hard at home, reading everything and anything they could get their hands on, and creating these beautiful collages. They listened really carefully to three stories in the hall, learning some new vocabulary and joining in with the rhyming words.



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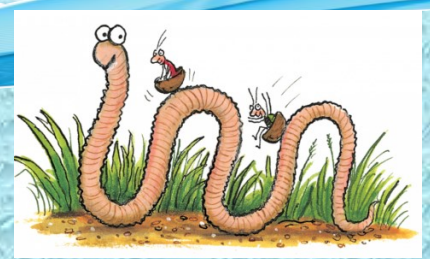


The WORRYSAURUS



RACHEL BRIGHT CHRIS CHATTERTON

He skipped along with happy legs,
across the golden sand,
And thought about the day that
he had plotted, sketched, and planned.



Superworm is super long!
Super worm is super strong!



Celebrating Reading



What a treat to find that Tommy was happily reading his book on the way to Compton Verney last week. A little book worm in the making!



J-U-M-P into Reading!

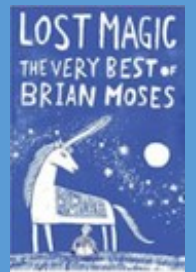
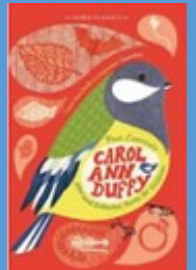
A reminder that Jump In Warwick are offering discounted tickets to children who read regularly:

'Reward your little book worms or encourage your strong-willed non-readers with a 50% off jump sessions at our ultimate trampoline and adventure parks!'

We have two of these special tickets for each class, and teachers will be picking two children's names from a hat who have read for 30 minutes for 10 days (10 minutes for Infants will do!) We will begin the challenge on Monday 10th October so please keep signing your child's reading diary!!

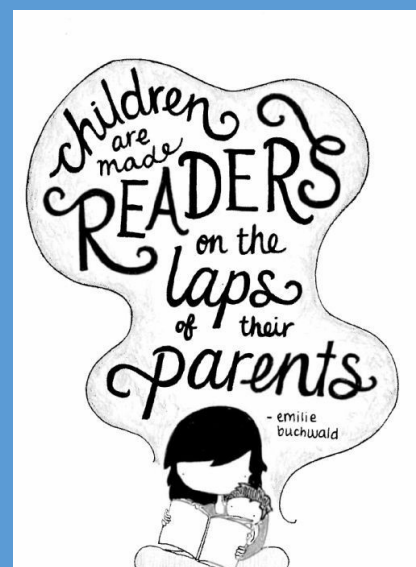


Infant and Junior home reading incentives



Poetry bags for pupils in the Junior classes, and teddy suitcases for the Infant classes are all up and running.

For your child to be nominated by their teacher to take a bag or suitcase home over the weekend, they need to have their reading diary signed every time they read please, and as often as you can. Reading daily makes such a huge difference to your child's ability to read fluently, and to develop good comprehension skills.



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SYDENHAM PRIMARY PTA
PRESENTS



FRIDAY
21
OCT

3:30-4:15 IN THE SCHOOL HALL
PAYMENT AVAILABLE ON PARENT PAY
UNTIL 14TH OCTOBER
**LIMITED AVAILABILITY - FIRST
COME FIRST SERVE**

£3
PER TICKET



SAFER



Sustainable and
Active
focussing on
Environment and
Road safety



Warwickshire Safe and Active Schools

This year we are proud to be working with Warwickshire County Council to achieve SAfER school status.

The Warwickshire Road Safety Education Team are committed to helping schools become safe and active and so we are offering this award alongside our support and guidance.

The Safer School Programme aims to:

- Promote safe and active travel to and from school and beyond
- Reduce the number of vehicles idling and parking outside schools
- Use SAfER school activities to link with the curriculum and other programmes already running in school
- Work together with the wider community to make a difference and keep children safe.

Over the next academic year, we will send in one of our dedicated Road Safety Officers to deliver assemblies to schools on themes such as: Crossing the Road Safely; Be Bright, Be Seen; and Sustainable Active Travel.

Our school champion, Mrs. Lee, will be working alongside the SAfER team and choosing activities which will be then delivered across the school.

As part of this award, we would be grateful if you could complete the attached survey about your journeys to school.

<https://forms.office.com/r/OYcWjLnr2u>

Helping Hands

Barnardo's Helplines



Support for Hong Kong BN(O) status holders arriving in the UK. The Helpline provides emotional support, advice and signposting. Families can access practical and therapeutic support.

Advisors speak English and Cantonese.

Monday- Friday 10am-8pm, Saturday 10am-3pm

0800 151 2605

boloh.helpline@barnardos.org.uk

helpline.barnardos.org.uk



Support for Adult Asylum Seekers across the UK. The Helpline provides emotional support, advice and signposting. Service users can also access practical and therapeutic support.

Monday- Friday 10am-8pm, Saturday 10am-3pm

0800 151 2605

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Helpline support for anyone impacted by the war in Ukraine. The Helpline provides emotional support, advice and signposting. Service users can access practical and therapeutic support. Callers can receive support in English, Russian or Ukrainian.

Monday- Friday 10am-8pm, Saturday 10am-3pm

0800 148 8586

ukrainiansupport@barnardos.org.uk

www.barnardos.org.uk



Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities

- Funded by Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.
- Support is available to adults and children across the UK.
- Therapeutic support is available through Barnardo's LINK service.
- Families can request 6-8 sessions of virtual therapy.
- Support is available via freephone, webchat, email or via a professional referral to the service.

Additional support:

Monthly online conversation Club



Home Office

- Funded by Home Office until March 2025 to support the emotional and mental wellbeing of adult asylum seekers across the UK. Advisors and therapists speak a range of languages, with access to interpreters when required.
- Therapeutic support is available through Barnardo's LINK service.
- Services users can request 8 sessions of virtual therapy.
- Support is available via freephone, webchat, email or via a professional referral to the service.



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- Therapeutic support is available through Barnardo's LINK service.
- Services users can request 8 sessions of virtual therapy.
- Support is available via freephone or email

Additional support:

Group therapeutic support for hosts



Adult Learning
Within Reach

2nd November until
16th November 2022

Wednesdays
12:30– 14:30 3 Sessions

Please try to enrol before
25th October by ringing
0300 303 3464 or click below
to be taken directly to further
course details and enrolment.

[Maths, Beginners: Supporting Your
Child with Maths and Numeracy
\(C3129383\) \(wea.org.uk\)](#)

Please quote course code
C3129383.

Supporting Your Child with Maths and Numeracy

A parent is often best
suited to consolidate the
learning of their child
without having an
extensive mathematical
knowledge.

Therefore, this short
course will provide
opportunities to fully
appreciate the national
curriculum in regards to
maths at primary
education.

It will guide you gradually
through the elements of
numeracy/maths which
your child will experience
as they progress through
Key Stage One and Two.

The intended outcome of
the course is to give you
the confidence to identify
where your child can
improve and how support
can be offered; all of
which will help your child
fulfil their potential.

Location:

This is an online course
delivered using Zoom and
Canvas for course materials.



Fee Waivers available.

If you receive certain
benefits you may be entitled
to a **FREE COURSE.**

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Numeracy and Maths Beginners



Education & Skills
Funding Agency



Adult Learning
Within Reach

2nd November until
16th November 2022

Wednesdays 3 Sessions
10:00– 12:00

Please try to enrol before
25th October by ringing
0300 303 3464 or click below
to be taken directly to further
course details and enrolment.

[Maths, Beginners: First Steps into
Numeracy \(C3129382\)](#)
(wea.org.uk)

Please quote course code
C3129382.



First Steps into Numeracy

This course is aimed at adults, of all ages, who need to revisit or start to understand the basics of numeracy/maths to help them in the workplace or in everyday life.

The sessions will look at the basic and initial principles of maths and numeracy so that you can progressively build your mathematical resilience.

It is aimed at those who may have a fear or experience anxiety when faced with a task which relies upon a basic understanding of calculation.

We aim to boost your confidence and master the fundamentals and perhaps use the course as the first step into further study.

Location:

This is an online course delivered using Zoom and Canvas for course materials.

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RISE MHST

Mental Health in Schools Team (MHST)

Tips For Wellness:

Strength

Don't be afraid to ask questions and to ask for help when you need it. Asking for help isn't a sign of weakness, it's a sign of strength. It shows you have the courage to admit when you don't know something, and to learn something new.

Tips for strength:

- Identify what your strength and weaknesses are and set yourself goals on things you want to develop.
- Try and challenge yourself to learn something new.
- Look at these affirmations in the link below and incorporate these into your morning routine. Or have a go at creating your own!

<https://peakperformancefortcollins.com/affirmations-for-mental-strength/>

Key dates:

**October is International
Walk to School Month**

**3rd-9th is Dyslexia
Awareness Week**

5th World Teachers Day

7th World Smile Day

#ThanksKids recognises the super efforts and kindness of young people and thanks them via personalised #NHSSStars certificates and pin badges. Please spread this message amongst your school community, all you need to do is let us know by nominating the young person using this email address: **cwp-tr.thankskids@nhs.net** and we'll do the rest!!

MHST are available to support you and your school throughout the school year including term time and school holidays. Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead for information and advice.

YOUNGMINDS

#HelloYellow

Wear something yellow to school on Monday 10th October to support the “Young Minds” charity.

JOIN THE FUN

TIME FOR CHANGE

WE ALL MATTER

Follow the link to donate:

www.justgiving.com/hy2022-243832



Visit
www.youngminds.org.uk for more information.

#HelloYellow



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Christmas Theatre Visit Year 3 and Year 4

Jack AND THE Beanstalk



This year's legendary Belgrade pantomime is the enchanting tale of Jack and the Beanstalk.

The children will be travelling to the village of Prickly Bottom where the evil giant Blunderbore is causing havoc! What the village needs is a hero brave enough to climb up to the giant's castle and send him packing. Will Jack and his mysterious beanstalk prove to be the heroes we are looking for? There's only one way to find out!

Jack and the Beanstalk will feature spectacular scenery, stupendous costumes, magical mayhem and a show stopping giant that make a trip to the Belgrade panto an unmissable Christmas treat.

Funny, festive and extremely feel-good, don't miss out on this absolute GIANT of a show.

On Thursday 24th November at 10.15am

The children will travel by coach to The Belgrade Theatre. School pick-up time will be at 3.20pm, as usual.

The cost of this visit will be confirmed soon, when we have received quotes from coach companies.

Please note that school will be subsidising the cost of the trip and meeting the costs for all adults. When costs have been confirmed, parents and carers will be able to pay in instalments via Parent Pay.

Christmas Theatre Visit Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

We are very excited to have booked tickets for the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to visit Warwick Arts Centre On Thursday 8th December at 10.30am to see Stick Man
The children will travel by coach to Warwick Arts Centre. They will eat lunch when they are back in school, and school pick-up time will be at 3.20pm, as usual.

The cost of this visit will be confirmed soon, when we have received quotes from coach companies.

Please note that school will be subsidising the cost of the trip and meeting the costs for all adults. When costs have been confirmed, parents and carers will be able to pay in instalments via Parent Pay.



What starts off as a morning jog becomes quite the misadventure for Stick Man: a dog wants to play fetch with him, a swan builds a nest with him, and he even ends up on a fire! How will Stick Man ever get back to the family tree?

This award-winning production, from the team behind *Zog*, *Tiddler* and other *Terrific Tales*, and *Tabby McTat* features a trio of top actors and is packed full of puppetry, songs, live music and funky moves.

Christmas Theatre Visit Year 5 and Year 6

Charles Dickens' festive tale of redemption and compassion. One of the most loved short stories ever written.

On Tuesday 8th November at 7pm.

The children will travel by coach to The RSC.

The cost of this visit will be confirmed soon, when we have received quotes from coach companies.

Please note that school will be subsidising the cost of the trip and meeting the costs for all adults. When costs have been confirmed, parents and carers will be able to pay in instalments via Parent Pay.



The smash hit of Christmas past returns to the Royal Shakespeare Theatre by popular demand following sell-out success in 2017 and 2018.

Adrian Edmondson will play Ebenezer Scrooge in David Edgar's critically acclaimed adaptation of Charles Dickens' much-loved classic, A Christmas Carol.

In 1843, Charles Dickens decided to write a political manifesto, exposing and condemning the abject misery of the Victorian poor. Instead, he wrote one of the most enduring popular short stories ever written. In one ghostly Christmas night, miserly businessman Ebenezer Scrooge discovers the limitations of his life and beliefs. He learns to pity himself and to love his neighbour – but is that enough?

A Christmas Carol is the perfect accompaniment to the festive season for ages seven to 107.

Diary Dates

Monday 10th October	World Mental Health Day—wear something yellow to school to support the charity Young Minds. Donate via our Just Giving page.
Tuesday 11th October, 9.15—9.45	Y6 JvS Swans Spoken Word event—Parents and carers of pupils in this class are warmly invited to attend.
Tuesday 11th October	Y3 trip to Cadbury World.
Wednesday 12th October, 9.15—9.45	Y6 CB Moorhens Spoken Word event—Parents and carers of pupils in this class are warmly invited to attend.
Tuesday 18th October, 10.15—10.30.	Y2 LM class assembly in the main hall — parents/carers of pupils in this class are warmly invited to attend.
Tuesday 18th October	Y5 Kittiwakes and Moorhens—trip to The National Space Centre.
Tuesday 18th October	Peer mediation training for Y6 JvS Swans.
Wednesday 19th October	Parent-Teacher Conferencing via Microsoft Teams, 3.30—6.00pm
Thursday 20th October	Parent-Teacher Conferencing via Microsoft Teams, 3.30—6.00pm
Thursday 20th October	Peer mediation training for Y6 CBMoorhens.
Friday 21st October	MUFTI (non-uniform) Day. Bring a 50p donation to School Fund if your child wears their own choice of clothes to school.
Friday 21st October	Parent-Teacher Conferencing via Microsoft Teams, 3.30—6.00pm

Friday 21st October—break up for Half-Term.

Monday 24th—Friday 28th October school closed for Half-Term holiday.

Pupils return to school on Monday 31st October.

Tuesday 8th November	Y5/6 theatre visit to see The Royal Shakespeare Company's production of "A Christmas Carol." 7pm performance.
Tuesday 8th November, 9.00—9.15.	Y6 JvS Swans class assembly in the main hall — parents/carers of pupils in this class are warmly invited to attend.
Monday 21st November	School closed for INSET (teacher training) - rehearsal room pedagogies, led by The Royal Shakespeare Company.
Tuesday 22nd November	School closed for INSET (teacher training) - Emotion Coaching, led by Dr Louise Gilbert.
Wednesday 23rd November	School closed for INSET (teacher training) - Attachment theory and PACE, led by The Educational Psychology Service.
Thursday 24th November	Y3/4 theatre visit to The Belgrade Theatre to see "Jack and the Beanstalk." 10.15am performance.
Wednesday 30th November	YR Robins and Goldfinches Nativity performance—Receptions parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.
Thursday 1st December	Pop-up planetarium for Y1.
Wednesday 7th December	Y1/2 carol concert—parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.
Thursday 8th December	Y3/4 carol concert—parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.
Thursday 8th December	Recorder players performing in the local community.
Friday 9th December	Y5/6 carol concert—parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.
Friday 9th December	Christmas jumper day! Wear a festive outfit to school.
Thursday 8th December	YR/1/2 theatre visit to see "The Stick Man" at Warwick Arts' Centre. 10.30am performance.

Friday 16th December—break up for the Christmas holiday.

Monday 19th—Friday 30th December school closed for Christmas holiday.

Monday 2nd January—school closed for bank holiday

Tuesday 3rd January—school closed for INSET—Inclusion training, led by The Education Psychology Service.

Pupils return to school for the Spring Term on Wednesday 4th January



Sydenham Superstars



EYFS & Key Stage One



Key Stage Two