Newsletter

Sunningwell C of E Primary School – September 2025

Headteacher News

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the Spring Term Newsletter. It feels a very long time since we held the lovely nativity at Radley College. As ever, the children performed beautifully and it was a super way to mark the season. I was also very proud of our pupils who read lessons during the Sunningwell Carol Service at St Leonard's.

We were pleased to be ranked as a very high performing school by the Oxford Mail in December. Congratulations to all the children and staff for all their hard work. Thanks, must also go out to all the families who supported their children to achieve wonderful outcomes across the school.

The children have already had some exciting experiences this term including 'The Radley Zoo' visiting the school, getting together in mixed aged groups to compose, write and perform music based on the theme of weather and having an exciting talk on the solar system given by Dr Pearson's husband, Dr Pearson! We have also had the fire brigade and the police come in to talk to the children.

Despite some inclement weather, we have managed to allow the children to get out to play most days. Thank you for sending your children to school with coats, hats and gloves. This enables them to play outside even when it's a little chilly.

Yours

Anita Leech

Headteacher

Upcoming events

Mon	9th	Non school Uniform day
Wed	11th	Class 2 Sharing Assembly 9.00am
HALF TERM February 16th-20th		
March		
Mon	2nd	World Book Day
W/C	16th	Parent Consultations
Tues	24th	Class 3 Sharing Assembly 2.30pm

Information and Reminders

Staff News

We are pleased to welcome two new members of staff to our school. Mrs Smith has joined us as a part time SEN Teaching Assistant and part time School Administrator. Ms Clarke will be joining us in Class 2 as a Teaching Assistant on Thursday afternoons.

It is with sadness we write to inform you that Dr Pearson will be leaving us at Easter. We thank her for all her hard work and commitment to Class 3. She will be missed. Our best wishes go with her for the next step in her career.

School Lunches

Please do book school lunches on Arbor, even if your child receives free school meals. The booking system is set up so that bookings can be made two days in advance. If you do not book meals online for your child, they will now only be offered a jacket potato as a school meal option.

Wraparound Care

Our After School Clubs are almost fully subscribed for some sessions. Please do ensure that you book sessions online at Arbor 48 hours in advance to avoid disappointment. We cannot accommodate late bookings if our clubs are already at the maximum numbers.

Could we remind you that children should be collected by 5.15pm if they stay to 2nd club.

Drop off -Mornings

We would ask that all children in Year 1 and above are dropped off at the school gate in the morning and make their own way round to their classroom.

The idea of the 'drop off' is a quick drop off, rather than parking up to get things out of the boot etc, this just adds to the chaos on the lane and delays access for everyone.

Can we also remind parents/carers not to turn around by the school gate and to use the turning circle at the end of the lane.

Attendance

Our school has a very good attendance record, and we are thankful that parents ensure that children are in school on time; **at the classroom door for 8.40am**, despite the challenges of Abingdon traffic and roadworks.

If your child consistently arrives after 8.40am it disrupts the concentration of the other children in the class who will already be working when your child walks in, and teachers must stop teaching to register the child and to check lunch arrangements. When this happens regularly, it adds up to large amounts of lost learning each week.

We will be writing to parents each week if your child is late and will be referring to the county council attendance team if we do not see any consistent improvement.