

NEWSLETTER FOR SIDMOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Free School Meals

We know that life can get busy, and it can be tough for families to have the time to make lunches every day. Free School Meals (FSM) can be a big help! They offer a nutritious lunch at school, giving children the energy they need to learn and have fun. They can also give families a little extra breathing room in their budget, so they can use their money for other things.

What are Free School Meals (FSM)?

- Universal Infant Free School Meals (UFSM): All children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 are automatically entitled to these meals.
- Free School Meals (FSM): You can apply for FSM if you receive certain benefits/meet certain criteria (listed below).

Why Apply for FSM?

- Benefits for You: saves time preparing pack lunches and will save you money.
- Benefits for the School: Every child receiving FSM unlocks extra funding for the school.

This helps:

- Support all students with things like extra adult support, resources and activities.
- Create a more inclusive and enriching learning environment.

Who is Eligible for FSM?

- You may be eligible if you receive any of these benefits:
 - Universal Credit (with income limits)
 - Income Support

- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Certain types of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with income limits)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Some households with **no recourse to public funds**

If you have no recourse to public funds, you can still apply if you have/are a

- right to remain in the UK on grounds of private and family life under A subset of failed asylum seekers supported under Section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights Spousal visa holders
- work visa holder
- student visa holder

If you are in this group and you are working you must also have an annual household income that is less than

- £22,700 for families with 1 child
- £26,300 for families with 2 or more children

How to Apply

- In Person: Visit the school office, and we'll help you apply.
- Online: Register on the Hull City Council My School Portal and complete the online form.

Key Takeaway

Even if your child gets UFSM, or you are unsure whether you are eligible please apply for FSM as if successful it will help you and help the school!

This week's talking task:



Picture News



This Week's Story



Reflection



The area and home you live in are part of your quality of life and happiness. When new homes are being built, things like the location and existing wildlife should be considered to ensure the best places are chosen.



In the news this week

UK Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer, has stated that building new homes is a 'top priority.' The government has announced changes to planning rules, aiming to make it easier to build homes in the countryside. Local areas have been set targets to deliver a total of 370,000 new homes each year in England.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > What type of home do you live in? What are the advantages of where you live? Is there anything you find difficult about it?
- > Talk about the area around your home. What facilities are there?
- > Ask an adult whether they know of the nearest 'green belt' areas close to where you live.



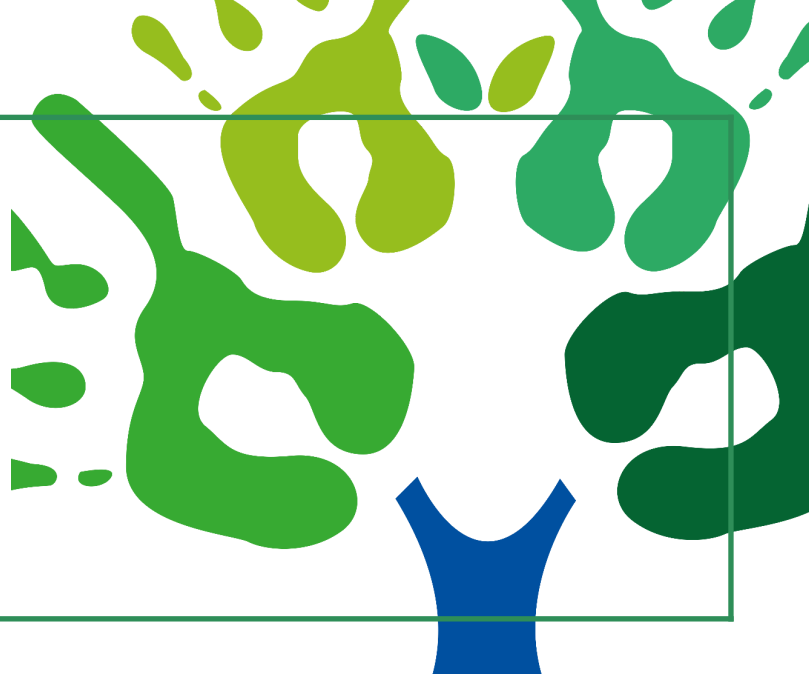
Democracy

Decisions about building homes can affect everyone. We can make these decisions together by learning about others' opinions and ideas through surveys, meetings, or votes.

Protected Characteristics



People of different ages have unique needs in a local area. Local areas should include something for everyone, regardless of their age, to make it a welcoming and fair place to live.



Whole School Attendance to Date: 95%

Attendance - Every Day Counts

	Class Name	Attendance Percentage
1	Murphy	100%
2	Dahl	97.4%
3	Jeffers	96.8%
4	Cowell	96.2%
5	Browne	96.1%
6	Wilson	95.6%
7	Carle	95.2%
8	Child	94.8%
9	Donaldson	94.1%
10	Rowling	93.9%
11	Rosen	93.8%
12	Blackman	93.7%
13	Fine	93.2%

The table opposite shows you the attendance for the week ending 17/01/25.

We are aiming for all children to have 97% attendance. Well done to all classes that have achieved this.

Remember, to maximise your potential, you have to be here everyday,

ATTENDANCE	DAYS MISSED	LESSONS MISSED
100%	0 DAYS	0 LESSONS MISSED
99%	1 DAY	5 LESSONS MISSED
98%	3 DAYS	15 LESSONS MISSED
97%	1 WEEK	25 LESSONS MISSED
96%	1.5 WEEK	37.5 LESSONS MISSED
94%	2 WEEKS	50 LESSONS MISSED
93%	2.5 WEEKS	62.5 LESSONS MISSED
92%	3 WEEKS	75 LESSONS MISSED
90%	3.5 WEEKS	82.5 LESSONS MISSED

14	Kerr	91.0%
15	Pullman	88.3%
16	Hendra	87.3%

LET'S TALK!

Being the parent or carer of a child or young person struggling to attend school can be difficult. Visit the Education Welfare Team at one of the following drop-in sessions and find out what help is available.



Monday 20th January 10:30-12:30 noon

Kingston Youth Centre, HU3 1YE

Friday 24th January 13:00-15:30

The Parks Family Hub HU6 9TA



Thursday 13th March 9:30-12:00noon

Acorns Family Hub HU9 4DB



There is no need to book, just turn up.



Upcoming Diary Dates

Wed 29th January	Y6 CCI session 2 in school
Thursday 30th January	Y6 parents SATs workshop 9.00am
Mon 3rd February	Rowling trip to industry partner - CCI
Mon 3rd to Fri 7th February	Children's Mental Health week
Wed 5th February	Foundation Stage Stay and sing - Letter to follow
Fri 7th February	NSPCC Number Day - Letter to follow
Tues 11th February	PSHE - Key Awareness - Safer Internet Day
Tues 11th February	F2 to Y6 Parents evening
Wed 12th February	F2 to Y6 Parents evening
Wed 12th February	Blackman trip to Tronox
Mon 17th to Fri 21st Feb	Half term break - school closed
Fri 7th March	F2 Storyteller visit
Mon 10th March	INSET Day - school closed to pupils
Wed 12th March	Yr1 trip to Street life museum
Wed 12th March	Y5 inter schools sport tournament vs Stepney
Thur 13th March	Science STEM parents afternoon
Mon 17th to Wed 19th March	Yr 5/6 residential visit to Carlton Lodge
Thurs 20th March	PSHE - Key Awareness Day - International Day of Happiness
Tues 25th March	Year 5 ROH Create and Sing event
Wed 2nd April	F1 and F2 Easter Extravaganza
Fri 4th April	Indigo Moon Puppet performance
Fri 4th April	Last day of Spring Term - school closes at 2pm
Mon 7th to Fri 18th April	Easter Holidays - school closed
Mon 21st April	Bank Holiday - school closed
Tue 22nd April	INSET Day - school closed to pupils
Mon 5th May	Bank Holiday - school closed
Mon 26th to Fri 30th May	Half term break - school closed
Fri 18th July	Last Day of the Summer Term - school closes at

2pm

