



NEWSLETTER FOR SIDMOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Christmas is Coming!

The school is all decked out for the holidays! We've got Christmas trees, decorations, and a whole lot of fun activities planned for the next two weeks.

A Huge Thank You!

We want to thank all the F2 parents for coming to the nativity play. The children worked really hard, and we're so proud of their performance. It was amazing!



Sparkle Day Success!

Thank you to everyone who participated in Sparkle Day!
Your children looked fantastic in their sparkly outfits,
the chocolate tombola is looking very full also.



Reminder Christmas Lunch

It is the school Christmas Lunch on Thursday 12th December. Please see the menu for the day.

On this day a roast dinner will be the only option available for all children who stay school dinners on this day.

Children do not have to stay school dinners, you can still send them with a packed lunch if you think they would not like the Christmas lunch

School meals are free for all children in F2, Yr 1 and Yr 2 and £1.50 for children in Years 3 to 6

Don't Miss the Christmas Fayre!

Our Christmas Fayre is happening! Mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 11th 3.15pm.

Come along and enjoy:

- A chocolate tombola filled with prizes
- A regular tombola with lots of goodies
- Festive crafts and treats made by the children

We can't wait to see you there!



A Big thank you to Starbucks for donating drinking beakers to the school for the Hot Chocolate winners

Hull & East Yorkshire Children's University (HEYCU) Young People's Board - INIT Creative Visit

Last week, our Hull & East Yorkshire Children's University (HEYCU) Young People's Board members Emily, Stephanie and Treasure were invited to INIT Creative Podcast Studios on Clough Road to interview Councillor Mike Ross.

Both Mike and HEYCU are important supporters of authentic student voice & influence. Over many years, Councillor Ross has clearly demonstrated that he is that genuine 'audience' who will listen carefully to young people and bring about change. For those of us who promote the Lundy Model of Child Participation, there can be no stronger role model of someone who is in a position of authority and can make things truly happen. Our sincere thanks go to Mike, to Jess from HEYCU and the INIT team.

Emily, Stephanie and Treasure really enjoyed attending the visit where they were shown how to use the equipment, prepare their questions and interviewed Councillor Ross.

Here is the link to watch the recording of the podcast:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YNH7wl2YSOg&t=2s>



This week's talking task:



Picture News



This Week's Story

In the news this week

The Football Association (FA) has laid out new plans aimed at raising awareness and increasing participation in disability football. The strategy, called **Football Without Limits**, includes growing the **Comets** programme for young people aged 5–11. The FA says Comets will be the most inclusive format of the sport and will provide a safe and supportive space for children to start playing football.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your thoughts about the FA's plans to increase awareness of disability football.
- > Can you think of a time when you have felt like you belonged (perhaps in a team or group)? What was it that made you feel included? Ask the same questions to someone at home.
- > Ask people at home whether they, or someone they know, have benefitted from a similar programme.



Reflection



Including others can help create a sense of belonging for everyone, helping to ensure a kind and supportive environment for all.



British Values



Individual Liberty

Everyone has the right to be included in sports. Through our choices and our actions, we can help to ensure everyone is included.

Protected Characteristics



Everyone should be able to participate in football. The football scheme, Comets, provides sessions for disabled children. Sport can help us celebrate the strength and skill of others, no matter who they are.



**Whole School Attendance to Date:
95.4%**

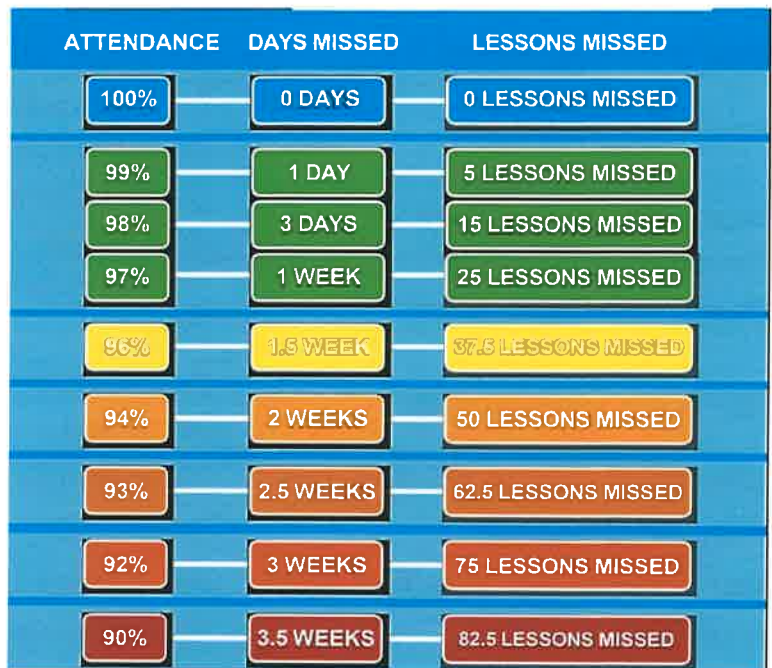
Attendance - Every Day Counts

The table opposite shows you the attendance for the week ending 06/12/2024.

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,

	Class Name	Attendance Percentage
1	Fine	100%
2	Jeffers	99.3%
3	Rosen	99.3%
4	Kerr	99.0%
5	Dahl	97.9%
6	Pullman	97.9%
7	Hendra	96.9%
8	Donaldson	96.9%
9	Cowell	96.7%
10	Rowling	95.5%
11	Browne	94.1%
12	Blackman	94.0%
13	Wilson	93.3%
14	Carle	91.9%
15	Child	91.6%



Upcoming Diary Dates

Tues 10th December	Year 5/6 Hull Uni Panto performance
Wed 11th December	Christmas fair 3.30pm onwards - Join us to buy sweet treats and decorations made by the children and try your luck on the raffle.
Thur 12th December	Christmas Dinner day - School dinner £1.50
Thur 12th December	School Choir Festival of carols - after school event
Mon 16th December	Choir visiting Cottingham Hall care home
Tue 17th December	Yr 6 Visit to Hull truck Theatre - The Borrowers
Wed 18th December	FU party morning
Wed 18th December	Yr 2 Christmas performance and craft afternoon parents can join us 1.30pm
Thurs 19th December	Year 1 Christmas Singalong parents can join us at 2.45pm
Thurs 19th December	Years 1 to 6 Christmas Party day - Non uniform day
Fri 20th December	Last day of Autumn Term - school closes at 2pm
Mon 23rd Dec to Fri 3rd Jan	Christmas Holidays - school closed
Mon 6th January	INSET Day - school closed to pupils
Mon 17th to Fri 21st February	Half term break - school closed
Mon 10th March	INSET Day - school closed to pupils
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