

NEWSLETTER FOR SIDMOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

At last, we finally seem to be seeing some warmer weather! Just a reminder that as the warmer weather approaches and we are spending more time outdoors, children will need to remember their sun hats and water bottles and don't forget to apply sunscreen before you leave for school to protect them from the damaging effects of the sun.



We are excited to introduce Samantha Stones as our new school nurse! She joins our team on 14th May and will be working in school with us on Tuesdays. Samantha has a passion for supporting the health and well-being of our students. She will work in collaboration with parents and school staff to discuss any health concerns you may have about your child and provide support for families. Samantha will be on the school playground on Tuesday mornings and we would encourage you to introduce yourselves to her when you have the opportunity.

Year 6 SATs

Final preparations have been taking place over the last few weeks to help our Year 6 children feel prepared for SATs next week. The children have worked very hard in school to prepare and we are very proud of them and the effort they have put in. This is now their chance to shine and show off what they have learnt during their time at Sidmouth.

Remember that ALL Year 6 children can join us for SATs breakfast club next week from 8:30am onwards. Make sure you get lots of rest and sleep this weekend. Good luck!

Good Luck!

Picture News



This Week's Story

A new study from the Journal of Archaeological Method and Theory, using evidence found in the northwest of Italy, has found that Neanderthals (an extinct relative of humans) organised their living areas in a similar way to people today. It was thought that Neanderthals' lives weren't as sophisticated as this or as similar to those of modern humans. The researchers looked at sites of both Neanderthals and Homo sapiens and compared how things like tools and animal bones were positioned in the living area. They found Neanderthals organised their items depending on the different tasks and activities they were doing.

Reflection



From the past, we can learn from mistakes, the consequences of actions and how they impacted the world. We can be inspired by positive outcomes and help change the course of the future.



Things to talk about at home...

- > Share your response to the new research findings about Neanderthals' lives.
- > How is your home organised? Do you have different areas for different activities?
- > Think about how organised or tidy people at your home or school are. Is everyone the same?

Individual Liberty

We have the freedom to make our own choices. We can pursue areas of learning that interest us and we can share our knowledge and understanding with others.



**Whole School Attendance to Date:
94.2%**

Attendance - Every Day Counts

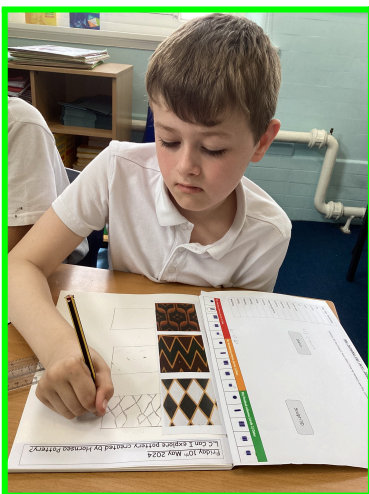
	Class Name	Attendance Percentage
1	Dahl	100%
2	Donaldson	98.6%
3	Fine	97.4%
4	Rosen	96.6%
5	Wilson	95.1%
6	Carle	94.4%
7	Blackman	94.0%
8	Child	93.3%
9	Cowell	93.1%
10	Pullman	92.6%
11	Rowling	92.1%
12	Browne	92.0%
13	Jeffers	90.6%
14	Potter	85.4%

The table opposite shows you the attendance for the week ending 10th May 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,

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



Year 3 have learnt all about Hornsea Pottery this afternoon. We are working hard to sketch some patterns in the same style. [@thrive_trust_UK](#)



The Year 1 children have been using their investigation skills to explore trees around the school grounds. The children had to identify the different parts of the tree and discuss whether they were evergreen or deciduous trees. Great work Year 1!

Rosen class wrote letters to Tom from [@NAPA_Hull](#) as part of their [@TT_Education](#) writing journey. We delivered them to him this afternoon [#y2writing @thrive_trust_UK](#)



Mon 13th to Thu 16th May

Fri 17th May

Tue 21st May

Wed 22nd May

Fri 24th May

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Mon 27th to Fri 31st May

Tue 4th June

Thu 6th June

Mon 17th June

Tue 18th June

Wed 19th June

Thu 20th June

Fri 21st June

Tue 2nd July

Wed 10th July

Fri 19th July

Mon 22nd Jul to Fri 30th Aug

Mon 2nd September

Mon 28th Oct to Fri 1st Nov

Fri 20th December

Mon 23rd Dec to Fri 3rd Jan

Mon 6th January

Mon 17th to Fri 21st February

Fri 4th April

Mon 7th to Fri 18th April

Mon 21st April

Tue 22nd April

Mon 5th May

Mon 26th to Fri 30th May

Fri 18th July

Upcoming Diary Dates

Y6 SATs Week - come to school for 8:30am

Y5 Hands on History trip - [letter attached](#)

Thrive Trust Spelling Bee Semi-Final

Y5 Class Assembly - [letter attached](#)

Y5 Inter-school sports event

FS2 Stay and Play - [letter attached](#)

McKee (pm) Stay and Play - [letter attached](#)

Half term break - school closed

SEND Coffee Morning

Y2 Streetlife Museum trip - more information to follow

Y4-6 Sports Day - [flyer attached](#)

School Photo Day - individual and class

Y6 Blackman trip - more information to follow

Y6 Rowling trip - more information to follow

Y1-3 Sports Day - [flyer attached](#)

SEND Coffee Morning

Y4 Connexin Live trip - more information to follow

Last Day of the Summer Term - school closes at 2pm

Summer Holidays - school closed

2024-2025 Term Dates

INSET Day - school closed to pupils

Half term break - school closed

Last day of Autumn Term - school closes at 2pm

Christmas Holidays - school closed

INSET Day - school closed to pupils

Half term break - school closed

Last day of Spring Term - school closes at 2pm

Easter Holidays - school closed

Bank Holiday - school closed

INSET Day - school closed to pupils

Bank Holiday - school closed

Half term break - school closed

Last Day of the Summer Term - school closes at 2pm