

SJO Newsletter



Newsletter - 16th January 2026

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! I would say what an unusual start to the term we've had, but it is exactly the same as last January; snow causing schools to close! I want to thank my staff, who taught online and also to all parents who supported their child to access the learning. Despite the disrupted start the children have returned to school happy and they have settled back into their learning.

Year 2/3/4/5/6 enjoyed a visit to the New Vic theatre to see The Little Mermaid. They thoroughly enjoyed the performance, especially the acrobatics. The children are now completing work based on The Little Mermaid.

There are visits booked for Sudbury Hall, Newcastle Fire Station, Manchester Airport and the Synagogue, this term. These opportunities really enhance the children's learning and support their understanding of topics.

Lots of children received certificates, in assembly today for reading, writing and keeping the school values. It was also wonderful that children had brought in certificates for activities they have been doing outside of school, such as swimming and football and we were able to celebrate their achievements.

We look forward to welcoming parents into school, this term, for open morning/afternoons, please check below for the dates for each year group.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Sally Inskip-Ward



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W/c 19 January is **week 3** of the lunch menu



As food is pre-ordered, to avoid waste, children can only have a school lunch (hot or cold) if it has been **booked in advance** on **Parent Pay**.



Chinese New Year – special lunch

Thursday 26 February

(More details to follow)

Open afternoon dates (2 p.m.)



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| Wednesday 21 January | Y6 |
| Wednesday 28 January | Y5 |
| Thursday 5 February | Y1 |
| Tuesday 10 February | Y3/4 |
| Wednesday 11 February | Rec |
| Thursday 26 February | Y2/3 |

There is an open morning for Nursery (9 a.m) on **Tuesday 3 March**

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Educational Visits



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| Thurs 29 Jan | Y1 | Sudbury Hall & the Museum of Childhood |
| Thurs 5 Feb | Y5 | Newcastle Fire Station |
| Thurs 12 March | Y2-4 | Manchester Airport |
| Fri 20 March | Y1 | The Wolseley Centre |
| Tues 24 March | Y6 | Newcastle Synagogue |



A reminder that we follow Staffs County Council's school attendance campaign, which supports and encourages regular school attendance and punctuality.

Regular and punctual attendance at School is both a legal requirement and essential for children to maximise their educational opportunities.