



With friendship, trust and kindness, we fly!

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October 2025 Newsletter

Message from the Executive Head

Dear families

As we move further into the season of Autumn, I always enjoy seeing the different learning experiences that brings to our children. One minute it can be chilly, rainy, windy or sunny. We are so proud to say that does not stop us enjoying our wonderful outdoor spaces, which is so important for the social, emotional and mental health of our young people. I am not afraid to say that if I am having a tough day, watching the children embrace these opportunities can certainly lift my spirits.

Recently in our collective worship, we have been focusing on respect. Through bible stories and reflection on their own experiences, children have been incredibly thoughtful in considering how they can respect others but also how they deserve to be treated. We have linked this with our school vision and how these behaviours allow us all to 'fly'.

I also open this up to our wider school community, where mutual respect is what allows us to grow from strength to strength. Thank you to all of those who completed the parent survey, we had a very high number of responses, which have been overwhelmingly positive. I will be analysing over the next few weeks and looking at actions that need to take place but wanted to share with you some of the comments shared regarding the best things about our Federation:

"The community, the closeness, the ability to go to any of the sites and know all the staff, and most of them know my child! The support, the care and knowing my child is safe above all else."

"The family feel and the support given to both children and parents. The staff always make it feel like a safe space for me as well as the children."

"Staff that actually care about the children, meeting individual needs and helping them thrive."

Kind Regards

Natalie Butcher

Executive Head, The Swallowtail Federation

Message from the Senior Teacher

Dear families,

We have had a very busy few weeks with lots happening in school including, dare I say it, the Nativity and Christmas activities.

This afternoon we will be holding our harvest festival at the church where all donations of non-perishable goods will be given to the Foodbank to support those struggling to feed themselves and their families. Thank you to those who have already sent in donations, these will be on show at our harvest festival. We will still be collecting donations up until next Friday (24th October) and will gratefully receive these.

On Wednesday this week, Dragonflies visited Strangers Hall with their friends from Catfield and Hickling. They enjoyed activities dedicated to the Great Fire of London, this enhanced their in school history lessons. I have loved hearing all about it.

Next Tuesday is our EYFS trip to the Cathedral where they will be finding out about the story of the Good shepherd and carrying out crafts around this story. This will be enhancing their R.E learning from this half term as they have been finding out about why Christians read stories from the Bible.

Behind the scenes our fabulous FOSIS team have been planning lots of activities for the year, please look out for their posters and upcoming notices.

Sabrina Holmes

Senior teacher; Sutton CE Infant Academy

R.E and D.T Lead Teacher

News

- **IMPORTANT REMINDER**-Whilst you will already be aware that we are a nut free school, I wish to stress the importance of nut and nut products not coming into school. A member of our school community is anaphylaxis therefore, we must ensure high vigilance at all times. Thank you for ensuring we keep everyone safe in school.
- Don't forget to enter your child into the weekly cake raffle. It is £1.00 a ticket and the prize is a yummy cake! If you would like to take part, it is drawn every Friday at family worship and tickets can be brought on Parent Mail.
- To help us with fundraising we have signed up to My Nametags, the company produces nametags, which can be used on children's clothes and school equipment. We will receive 24% of all sales. To order some nametags please click on the link www.mynametags.com. Our school ID **36297** please add this code when requested by Nametags, in the school name section, if you put Sutton Infant Academy the funds will not be allocated to us.
- New legislation came into effect on 26 October 2024 under the Worker Protection (Amendment of Equality Act 2010) Act 2023, placing a proactive legal duty on employers to take reasonable steps to prevent sexual harassment in the workplace. In our schools, we have made a pledge to protect our staff from sexual harassment. Please find attached to this newsletter a poster that defines the 4 types of sexual harassment that are not acceptable from any member of our school community, including parents.
- Our FOSIS team is at the heart of our school; providing vital fundraising to allow our children to access wonderful experiences as well as organising social events where our community can all come together. We have been saddened to hear that some parents have not been treating members of the FOSIS with respect. We remind you of our parent, carer and visitor conduct policy that states: *All adults should act in a way and use language that is consistent with our Trust values of responsibility, aspiration, dignity, love and respect as well as the ethos of the school.* We ask that this is maintained at all times, to ensure that all in our school community can thrive.
- After schools clubs after half term will commence from Wednesday 5th November and finish on Thursday 11th December. The session costs are £3.00 each. Please book your place on Parent Mail.
- Wednesday - **Christmas Crafts**, held at Sutton. 3.20pm - 4.20pm.
- Thursday - **Nature Art**, held at Hickling. 3.20pm - 4.20pm. *Join our Nature Crafting Club for a unique crafting experience. Akin to our Forest School philosophies, the children will have the freedom to explore their creative side, with crafting prompts inspired by the natural resources around us! Each session will include resources for a suggested craft, but the children will be free to let their imaginations run wild as well.* Children will be transported to Hickling via our school mini bus and need to be collected by parents at 4.20pm from Hickling.
- Can we please ask families to check their children's school uniforms at home, as some children have missing items, which we cannot find at school. These may have gone home with your children after a Forest School session when they are changing their clothes.

Safeguarding

Some links for e-safety:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/digital/5-a-day/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Stay up to date...

Website: www.swallowtailfederation.co.uk

Facebook page – Search for Sutton CEVC Infant School

FOSIS

- Do not forget to book your toffee apples; the last week these are available is Tuesday 21st October. These can be purchased on Parent Mail.
- Please see below the flyer for FOSIS's next fundraising activity. Once you have purchased your guess for the sweets Zoey will record your estimate on the Friday before assembly.



School attendance

Attendance to date for Sutton Infant Academy:

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Butterflies class: **89.84%**

Dragonflies class: **97.20%**

Well done to **Dragonflies** for the highest attendance to date.



Diary Dates (all subject to change):

Monday 20th October- Sutton Open Day.

Tuesday 21st October- EYFS trip to Norwich Cathedral.

Friday 24th October- School individual photos 9.00am.

27th-31st October- Half term, children return to school on Monday 3rd November.

Tuesday 4th November- EYFS and KS1 parent consultations.

Thursday 6th November- Outdoor classroom day. KS1 parent consultations.

Friday 7th November- Remembrance worship 8.50am.

Monday 10th November- Community afternoon event 2.00pm-3.00pm.

Friday 14th November- Flu immunisations 12.30pm-3.00pm.

Friday 21st November- Children in need.

Thursday 27th November- Federation Day. Children will spend the day at Catfield Primary for our Christmas Pantomime. More information to follow.

Friday 28th November- Christmas craft morning 9.00-10.00am, parents welcome to attend.

Monday 1st December-Christmas in a box morning (YR-Y2 pupils only)

Monday 1st December- Christingle at 2.30pm.

Wednesday 3rd December- Reception children height and weight screening.

Monday 8th December- Nativity dress rehearsal

Tuesday 9th December- School Nativity at 2.15pm

Wednesday 10th December- School Nativity at 9.30am.

Thursday 11th December- Christmas jumper day. Children will spend the day at Hickling Infant Academy. More information to follow.

Friday 12th December- Children's Christmas quiz and snack 3.20pm-4.20pm.

Tuesday 18th December- Carol signing in the village at 9.30am.

Friday 19th December- Christmas lunch

Friday 19th December- Christmas church service at 2.30pm.

Children break up for Christmas on Friday 19th December and return to school on Tuesday 6th January 2026.



This month's curriculum focus - History and geography

Our Geography curriculum coverage consists of the following key concepts: Locational knowledge, Place knowledge, Human and physical geography, Geographical skills and fieldwork.

As geographers, our learning focus this year will be:

EYFS: Place knowledge, skills and fieldwork, People and Communities, Seasonal Changes, Place Knowledge, Skills & Fieldwork.

KS1: Compare a small part of the UK to a non-European location – London and Nairobi, Fieldwork and map skills and Compare a different non-European location to our locality - Amazon Rainforest

Year 3 and 4 : Rivers, Latitude and longitude, Water cycle, Map skills & Environmental regions

Year 5 and 6 : Physical processes, Human and Physical Geography: Economic, settlement and trade links, UK, Europe and North America comparison study, OS Maps and fieldwork (orienteeing).

Our CUSP Geography curriculum is built around the principles of cumulative knowledge focusing on spaces, places, scale, human and physical processes with an emphasis on how content is connected and relational knowledge acquired.

Our History curriculum coverage consists of the following key concepts: Community, Knowledge, Invasion Civilisation, Power and Democracy. The children learn History through enquiry that includes the various stages: Chronology, Cause & consequence, Change & continuity, Similarity & difference, Evidence and the Significance.

As historians, our learning, this year, will focus on the following topics:

EYFS: Significant people, changes within living memory, Chronology, Understanding the past through story, their families, enquiry, changes within living memory, significant people

KS1: Events beyond living memory, Significant historical events, people and places in our locality

Year 3 and 4: Britain's settlement by Anglo-Saxons and Scots, Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England to the time of Edward the Confessor, Ancient civilisation: Egypt or Shang Dynasty

Year 5 and 6: Beyond 1066 - Local History Study - how did conflict change our locality in World War 2?, Windrush generation, Ancient Greece (Place in time and significant events).

CUSP History strategically incorporates a range of modules that revisit, elaborates key concepts, events, people and places, which consolidates and helps further embed the children's learning.

Mrs Smithson (Geography and History lead)

