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# May 2026 Newsletter

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## Message from the Executive Head

Dear families

I can't believe that is another half term that has passed by and what a busy one it has been!

A huge shout out to Year 6 who completed their end of Key Stage 2 statutory tests last week. They were all so positive and tried their very best. We are incredibly proud.

Another celebration has to be to all of those who took part in the amazing fundraising for Macmillan. It started with the staff team completing the 26-mile marathon. I am sure you spotted many of us limping on the Monday. It was truly one of the most challenging things we have ever done but the sense of achievement made it all worthwhile. Next our EYFS and KS1 children completed the sports challenge. They showed great enthusiasm and positivity and worked so hard on the day. Finally, KS2 completed the Swallowtail school hike, walking an amazing 7.5 miles. They showed great resilience and determination and were all so positive and reflective about what the experience gave them. We are delighted to announce that between us we have raised an outstanding **£5000** for Macmillan. Thank you so much for your support.

Wishing you all a happy and safe half term. Here's hoping that the sun shines!

Kind Regards

Natalie Butcher

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## Message from the Senior Teacher

Dear families,

What a lovely sunny day it is! Let's hope it continues into the half term holiday.

Last week we held our sponsored sports event at Hickling for Macmillan, although the weather was poor we managed to have a fabulous day with all pupils taking part and enjoying themselves with friends from each of the other two schools. Medals will be handed out during the first week back.

Dragonflies have made us very proud this week as they have carried out their quizzes and used all that they know to support them. Their resilience has phenomenal.

Caterpillars and Butterflies have been baking chocolate chip cookies and making jam sandwiches which they have all enjoyed greatly.

It is lovely to see so many of you attending Family Worship on a Friday morning and the children enjoy this time. I would like to ask that adults in the hall sit quietly as worship is carried out as this is the expectation that we have for our pupils.

I hope you all have a lovely week and look forward to seeing you for the last half term of the year.

*Sabrina Holmes*

*Senior teacher and DSL; Sutton CE Infant Academy  
EYFS, R.E and D.T Lead Teacher  
Swallowtail Federation of Church Schools*

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## News

- Don't forget our weekly cake raffle, entries can be made on Parent Mail. It costs £1.00 per entry.
- Wraparound Care- wraparound bookings (including breakfast club) must be booked at least a week in advance and the office must be informed directly of your booking. Once booked please email the school office on [office@sutton.stbenets.org](mailto:office@sutton.stbenets.org) with your booking dates. If you need a last minute booking, please ensure you call the school office directly, if children arrive at school without contacting the school first we may be unable to accept your children due to staffing.
- As the weather is warming can we please ask that families ensure children have had sun cream applied before they come to school. Can children also ensure they bring in a named water bottle, named suncream and named sunhat.
- We have a colony of mining bees on the grass area in the staff carpark. They have nested in the ground and will not harm anyone unless provoked. We have placed cones and signs by the nest entrance

## 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/>

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## School attendance

Dear Families,

At our schools, we are advocates for children deserving the best possible chance to learn, grow, and succeed. One of the most important parts of this is **regular, positive attendance**. When children are in school consistently, they build strong relationships, feel more confident, and make better academic progress.

To support this, we are strengthening our **support-first approach to attendance**. This means that whenever a child's attendance begins to dip, our first step is always to understand what's happening and how we can help.

Our approach focuses on:

**Early support** — noticing concerns quickly so we can work together before they become bigger challenges.

**Working in partnership** — building open, honest communication with families.

**Removing barriers** — whether it's anxiety, routines, transport, or something else, we aim to find solutions together.

**Clear expectations** — helping children understand why attendance matters for their future.

When children attend regularly, they are more engaged in lessons, more connected to their peers, and better prepared for learning. Even small improvements in attendance can make a meaningful difference to their academic outcomes.

We are here to help. If you ever have concerns about your child's attendance, please reach out.

Together, we can make sure every child feels supported, valued, and ready to thrive.

Thank you for your continued collaboration with us.

Best wishes,

Miss Blake  
(Attendance Lead)

### Attendance to date for Sutton Infant Academy

Butterflies class: **88.57%**

Dragonflies class: **94.82%**

## Diary Dates (all subject to change):

### Summer term

**Tuesday 2nd June-** KS1 trip to West Runton. Information on Parent Mail.

**Thursday 4th June-** KS1 consultations. Please book your place on ParentMail.

**Sunday 7th June-** Swallowtail Summer Fete at Hickling Barn 10.00-2.00pm.

**Tuesday 9th June-** Community afternoon event 2-3pm.

**Friday 12th June-** EYFS/KS1 Federation Day, Global awareness/around the world. Children will spend the day at Hickling Infant Academy. Please drop your children off at Hickling Infant Academy at 8.45am and collect at 3.20pm. We encourage families to car share where possible and park in respect of the neighbours. Pre-school children's hours will stay the same. Breakfast club will be held at Hickling, please drop your child off at Hickling for 8.00am.

**Friday 12th June-** Bingo night 6-8pm. £5.00 per person, tickets to be booked on ParentMail. All funds raised go towards supporting the school.

**Friday 19th June-** Father's Day scavenger hunt 8.50am.

**Friday 26th June-** Sports day and picnic 12-3pm

**Tuesday 30th June-** Reception class trip to Wroxham Barns. Information on ParentMail.

**Friday 3rd July-** Reserve sports day and picnic. 12-3pm. If cancelled on 26th June due to weather.

**Thursday 9th July-** Forest school session at Hickling Infant Academy. Children to be taken by school minibus.

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July-** YR2 leavers assembly 2.30-3.30pm

**Tuesday 14th July-** YR2 Leavers trip to Bewilderwood.

**Wednesday 15th July-** Swallowtail Arts festival. More information to follow.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July-** 9.30-10.00am End of Year church service.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July-** End of term water fight, 1.30-3.20pm.

**Children break up for summer break on Friday 17th July.**

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## **This month's curriculum focus - Maths**

This year, our Reception and Key Stage 1 children have been actively participating in the NCETM's Mastering Number programme. For our early years students, this serves as their daily maths instruction. Meanwhile, our older children benefit from it as an additional session to enhance their math fluency

The programme helps children to build strong foundations in maths from an early age. Through short, engaging sessions each day, pupils develop confidence with number facts, counting, and calculation strategies. The programme focuses on helping children gain a deep understanding of numbers rather than simply memorising procedures.

By exploring numbers in different ways, children learn to spot patterns, explain their thinking, and solve problems more efficiently. This supports the development of mathematical fluency and literacy, enabling pupils to use mathematical language accurately and confidently.

Research shows that secure early number understanding has a significant impact on later success in maths. The Mastering Number approach helps children become flexible thinkers who can apply their knowledge across different areas of learning and everyday life. Parents may notice their child becoming quicker with recall of number facts, more confident when tackling maths tasks, and increasingly willing to explain how they reached an answer.

Mrs S Gilbert

Swallowtail Maths Lead

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