Weekly Newsletter

Monday 2 November 2026

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WELCOME BACK!



We hope you all had a wonderful half term.

As the weather begins to change, please ensure that your child has a warm coat with a hood. It is important that the children have fresh air during the course of the day and will therefore need a coat, to go outside.

PLEASE make sure that they also have their water bottle, reading book and PE kit in school.

All clothing should be labelled clearly.







THANK YOU!



PLEASE make sure your child has their wellies in school. The weather is changing, but we still intend on using Dr Chadwick's Lab.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

POPPY APPEAL

We will be supporting the Royal British Legion in school and our school council will be selling poppies, beginning tomorrow until Tuesday 11th November.

Parent & Teacher Meetings

Thank you to those of you who attended Parent/Teacher Meetings, just before the half-term – these are **important** meetings which allow you to look at your child's learning, to share, to celebrate and look at ways we can work together to support your child further.

Thank you for your continued support, we hope you found them useful.

If you were unable to attend we will send the Autumn term Progress report home with your child on Tuesday – please take the time to look at the details, particularly attendance. If you need any help in understanding the report please get in touch.

Home Learning Update

Here at SSAM, we value the support of parents/carers in their children's education and recognise the impact that this has on their future. There is an expectation that all children complete home learning on a weekly basis. Some parents asked for clarification of the expectations at parents evening meetings. Please see the details below.

	Reading	Phonics
Reception	Read to an adult at least 5 Times per week	Sent home on Friday – returned to school completed on Wednesday

	Key Stage 1	Yr3-Yr5	Yr6 Coaching Home Learning
Each week	Read to an adult at least 5 Times per week	Read to an adult at least 5 Times per week	Read at least 5 Times per week – adult to check & sign
Set on a **Tuesday**- completed by following **Tuesday**	MS Teams Maths task (Year 1 will start this in January)	MS Teams Maths/SPAG Task TT Rockstars	MS Teams Maths MS Teams SPAG Task TT Rockstars
Set on a **Friday** – Tested following **Friday**	Spellings lists provided & learnt using Spelling Shed		

For any children wanting to complete further home learning activities to support class learning themes- there are suggested activities on our school website.

You can find these under the School Learning section – Home Learning – Please select your child's Year group.

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO BUY YOUR TICKETS -





CAN YOU HELP?

16th-20th November

As part of our work in school on building aspirations and realising dreams, we are organising a careers week for our Year 6 pupils.

We are looking for anyone who may be able to help and have a significant gap in visitors from the beauty industry.

- Could you talk to a group of Year 6 pupils about your job?
- Could you share with them the route you took to get there?
- Could you talk to them about the things you do on a day-to-day basis?
- Could you challenge them with a task to complete, to give them a small taste of part of your job? (Not essential – but good fun!)

If you could and have a spare half an hour – we would LOVE you to come and talk to our Year 6 pupils. Or if you could offer a virtual meeting – this would be helpful too. If you think you may be able to help, please contact the school office and we can talk to you about how you can support us. **THANK YOU!**

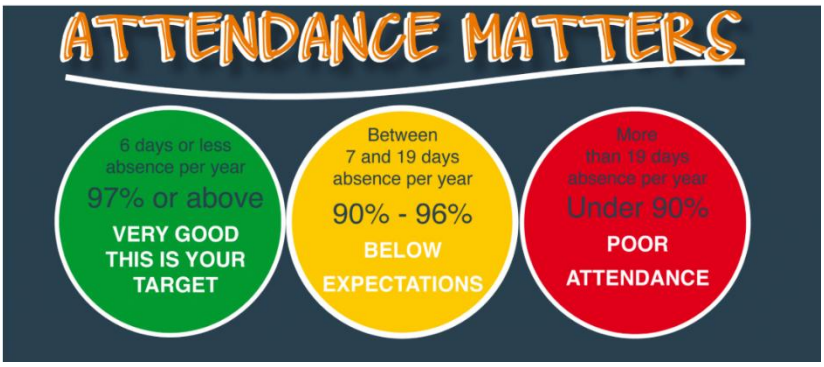
PLEASE CROSS THE ROAD, USING THE ZEBRA CROSSING



The road outside school is a very busy one. **We need to keep our children safe.**

The number of parents parking and dropping in St Stephen's Close is increasing and this is a risk to our children when they cross on the corner facing the school gates.

PLEASE cross the road a little further up the road - using the zebra crossing.

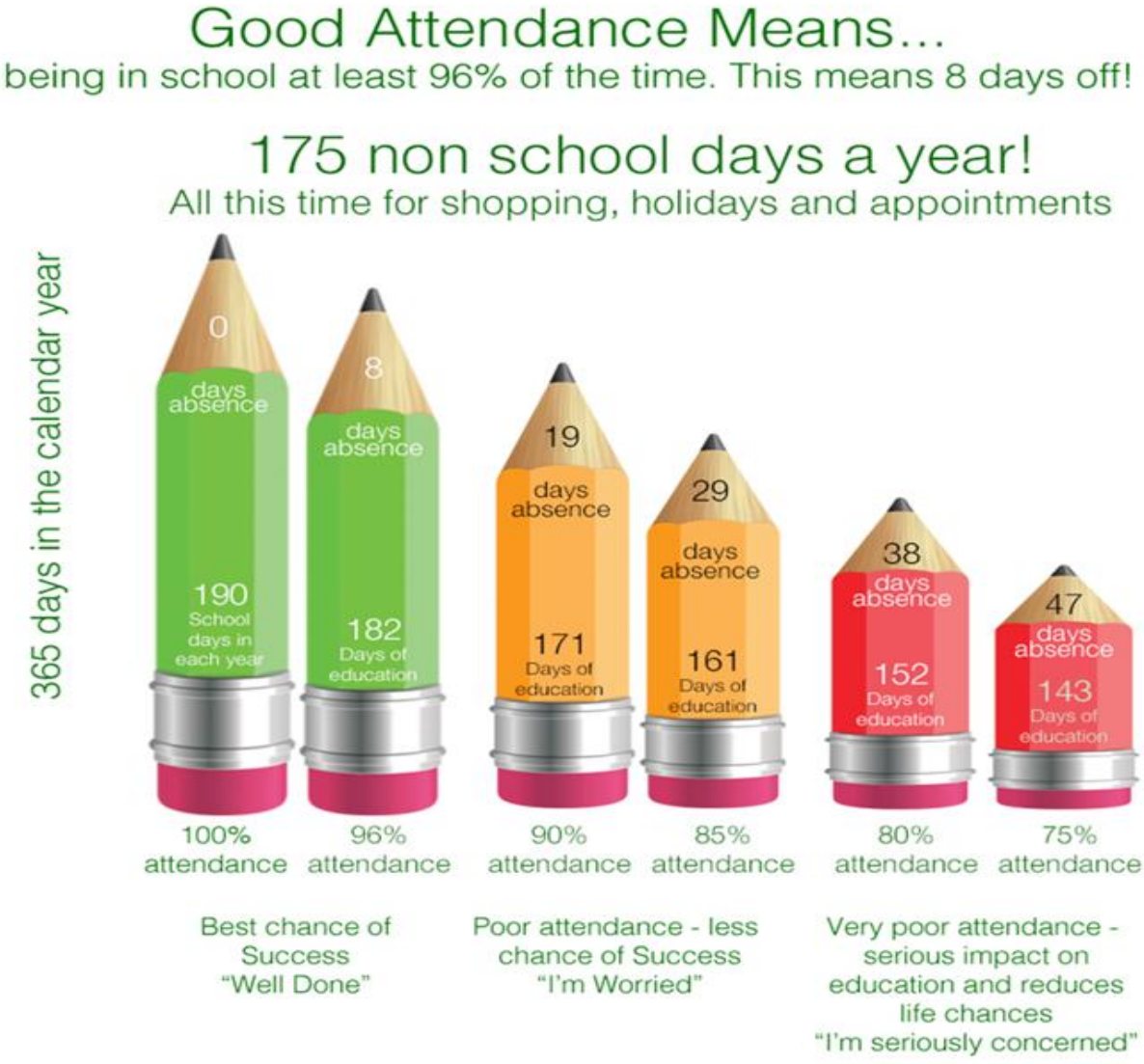


Our aim is to achieve at least **97%** attendance -for all children across all classes.

REMEMBER 100% attendance each week ON TIME – gives your child the chance to win a £10 gift voucher in Friday's Celebration Assembly.

Autumn Term Attendance	
Reception	95.4%
Year 1	93.6%
Year 2	95.9%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	97.1%
Year 5	97.6%
Year 6	97.2%
Whole School	96.3%

You've got to be in it to win it!



ALL OUR PATHS ARE ONE-WAY



Reminder our one-way system is still in place. Movement around school is much calmer and easier for all concerned during drop off and collection times with the one-way system. It also ensures that staff can monitor the gates, making sure nobody enters who should not and that nobody leaves unattended.

Please support us by following this.

Could we also ask that children in KS2 classes, where possible, bring themselves into class in the morning? Thank you.

EVERY DAY IS AN OPEN DAY

Our annual Open Day for this academic year was a fantastic success. We were delighted to welcome more than 25 families throughout the day, and our Year 6 Ambassadors were absolutely outstanding, confidently showing visitors around and sharing what makes life at our school so special.

If you know anyone who was unable to attend but is considering a place for their child in September 2027, please encourage them to get in touch. We would be delighted to arrange a personal tour and show them everything our school has to offer.



THANK YOU to everyone who supported our SSAM Stars by buying a cookie at the end of term-

We raised a wonderful £155 for school fund.

Every penny of this is spent on the children and really does make a difference to them.

Achieve · Believe · Care

You're invited to our...

Coffee, Chat & Support

Helping Children Thrive at Home and School



A warm welcome to all parents!

Come along for a friendly cuppa, a chat and some support. This is a safe, non-judgemental space where you can share, ask questions and get helpful advice.

We're here to support you!

We can talk about...

- Boundaries at home
- Routines
- Behaviour expectations
- SEND

All parents are welcome!

Come as you are – there's no such thing as a silly question!

Share your experiences, meet other parents and feel supported.

Let's work together to help our children thrive!

Monday 30 November
9.00 – 9.30

We look forward to seeing you!



Mon 02.11.2026	Return to school after half term 8.40am
Thur 12.11.26	Michael Rosen Poetry Workshop
Fri 13.11.2026	SSAM Stars Non-uniform - Donate Chocolate or sweets
Mon-Fri 16 – 20.11.2026	Yr6 Aspirations Week
Wed 18.11.26	SSAM Stars Mtg (6.00pm)
Th 19.11.26	Yr4 Class Assembly
Th 19.11.26	Yr 6 Educational Visit - Liverpool Western Approaches
Fri 20.11.2026	SSAM Stars Non-uniform – Donate a bottle
Wed 25.11.26	Yr4 Educational Visit – Eyam
Thu 26.11.2026	Yr 3 Educational Visit – Bolton Museum
Fri 27.11.2026	SSAM Stars Non-uniform – Donate a Selection Box
Mon 30.11.26	Coffee, Chat & Support: Helping children thrive at home and school. 9.00am-9.30am
Mon 30.11.2026	Assessment Week
Mon 30.11.26	SSAM Stars – Fill a Cup – More info to follow
Tues 1.12.26	Christmas Tree Decorating Service
Wed 2.12.26	Christmas Bingo
Fri 4.12.26	SSAM Stars Non-Uniform – Bring back Filled cup
Tues 08.12.2026	Rec & KS1 Nativity 9.30am and 2.00pm
Wed 9.12.2026	Christingle Service – in Church (Pupils only)
Thu 10.12.2026	Yr 4 Educational Visit - Temple
Tues 15.12.2026	KS2 Carol Service in Church 9.30am & 2pm
Wed 16.12.2026	Christmas Fair – during school day for all pupils
Thu 17.12.2026	School Pantomime for all children
Fri 18.12.2026	Christmas Party Day. Christmas Party Lunch
Fri 18.12.2026	School Closes at 2pm – FABBS is not available after school on this day.
Mon 04.01.2027	School reopens 8.40am

Please do get in touch if we can help or support you in any way.

Kindest regards, Mrs Rebecca Unsworth