



February 2025

As we approach the end of term 3 Christmas seems just a distant memory. There are many events planned for term 4 so please keep an eye out for emails.



Valentine's Disco

Sedley's Valentine Disco – Thursday 13th February. Acorns and Seedlings can bring a change of clothes to school as their disco will be starting at 3.30 - 4.30pm.

Saplings and Oaks will need to return to school for their disco at 4.30pm and be collected at 5.30pm. Children will be given a fruit shoot and packet of crisps during their disco. Tickets will need to be booked via Arbor by the end of the day on Wednesday 12th. Any questions please give the office a call.



Reading at home

Reading continues to be a focus here at Sedley's and we are working hard to ensure children have lots of opportunities to read and enjoy a wide range of books. Many thanks to those that encourage and read with their children at home.....it is the most important part of home learning that you can do!

World Book Day



World Book Day taking place on Thursday 6th March. Parents are invited to come into school on the day from 2:30pm to share a book with your children. In addition to this we are looking forward to seeing some book character costumes.....the PFA once again have agreed to provide us with prizes for winning outfits!



PSHE

We continue to follow a programme called Jigsaw to support the teaching and learning in Personal, Social, Health & Economic Education. The children are very much enjoying the whole school focus in this subject, and this term the topic is 'Healthy me.' We are considering all elements of being healthy, including such things as taking time to do things we enjoy, having time to relax, eating healthy food etc. What small changes could you make to support being a little more healthy?



Spelling Shed

We use Spelling Shed to support children with their spelling skills and the children are really enjoying it! There are a selection of spelling games for the children to play. Children have a username and password or a QR code that can be used for access. Please speak to your child's teacher if you are having any difficulty with this. <https://play.edshed.com> Please encourage your child to make regular use of this. Many thanks for your support.

Attendance

Our focus for term 4 is 'Can you be an attendance HERO' Here Every Day On time.

The school gate opens at 8.40am with children being allowed into school at 8.45. The register is taken at 8.50 and the gate is also closed at this time. If you arrive after 8.50 you will need to enter the school via the office. Your child will be entered as an L (late) in the register. Any children who arrive after 9.15am will be entered as U (unauthorised absence) in the register.





These unauthorised absences will be monitored and there is the risk that the Local Authority will issue a fixed penalty notice.

Getting your child to school on time really matters		
If in a school year your child is late everyday	Your child would have lost approximately	Or they would have missed approximately
5 Minutes	3 days from school	16 lessons lost
10 Minutes	5 days from school	32 lessons lost
15 Minutes	8 days from school	48 lessons lost
20 Minutes	11 days from school	63 lessons lost
30 Minutes	16 days from school	95 lessons lost

PFA

Once again, thank you to the PFA for their continued hard work to raise funds for the children here at Sedley's.

The PFA will be putting the funds raised this year towards the development of our playground. Mother's Day shop is happening on 10th March where children are invited to come along and purchase a gift for someone special. Donations of gifts are needed from Monday 6th March.

I have also been asked to remind you 'Keep the Date' for this year's May Fair – Saturday 17th May 2025.



Knowledge Mats

Within our curriculum we are working hard on ensuring children develop 'sticky knowledge,' that is, they are able to commit key facts, knowledge and skills to long term memory, and recall it at a later date. For each topic (within History or Geography) there is a Knowledge Mat which provides details of this sticky knowledge that children need to know.

Take a look at the Knowledge Mats in the Curriculum section of the website or on your child's class page of the website.

[Curriculum Planning | Sedley's Church of England Primary School \(secure-primariesite.net\)](https://www.sedleyschurchofenglandprimaryschool.co.uk/curriculum-planning)

Share the information from the current Knowledge Mat and from previous learning to see how much learning has stuck!

Peace Poster Competition

Once again the children in KS2 have been invited to take part in the **Lions Club** poster for peace competition. The theme this year is 'The road to peace'



Uniform

We are just waiting final confirmation from Price and Buckland, who are going to be our new uniform suppliers, that the website is live and uniform can be ordered. There is no expectation to purchase the new uniform, it is just there when you need to replace items. All items and colours are remaining the same apart from PE tops will be a royal blue polo top rather than t-shirt and there will be a white polo top with the school logo for non-pe days.

Can I also remind you that leggings of any colour are not part of our PE uniform unless they are under our school PE shorts. If your child comes into school wearing leggings without the shorts, I will be asking the office to give you a call so you can bring in the correct uniform. If you have any questions, please catch me at the gate or make an appointment with the office.

Love – Hope - Respect



Our Christian Values

This term we are focusing on the value of Respect. In our Collective Worship this term we shall be considering Jesus' life and the example he set and will be preparing for Easter celebrations.



It is sure to be a busy term with lots of learning taking place! Please keep an eye out for any emails and information, along with newsletters, so that you are aware of all that is happening in school.

*Best wishes
Mrs Handley*

Some upcoming dates for your diary.....

24/02/25	Term 4 Begins			
06/03/25	World Book Day	Whole School		
11/03/25	Parent Consultations	Whole School	4-7pm	
13/03/25	Parent Consultations	Whole School	3.30 – 6pm	
14/03/25	Trust Development Day – No Pupils to attend	Staff only	All day	
24/03/25	Last week of clubs	Whole School		
25/03/25	Trust Concert	KS2		Woodville Halls Gravesend
03/04/25	Easter Garden Competition	Whole School		
04/04/25	Easter Service	Whole School	9.30am	St Nicholas' Church
04/04/25	Easter Cake Sale	Whole School	End of day 3.15pm	School playground

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