



Sledmere Primary School

November Newsletter



I would like to thank our children and families at Sledmere for supporting us to have a great first half-term this academic year. We all hope you and the children had an enjoyable break.

Attendance

I would like to take this opportunity again to thank our families for all the support and dedication they have shown with school attendance this term. Our attendance this month currently sits at **94.3%**. This is an increase on this time last year and closer to our aim and school improvement priority of raising our school attendance to national averages.

Important Dates:

Autumn 2 Term Dates

Tuesday 5th November 2024 - Friday 20th December 2024.

Pupils finish at 1.20pm on Friday 20th December – there will be no after school provision available on this Friday afternoon.

Nursery will finish on Thursday 19th December 2024.

Spring Term Dates

Tuesday 7th January 2025 – Friday 11th April 2025

Spring Half Term

Monday 17th February 2025 – Friday 21st February 2025

Inset Days

- Monday 6th January 2025 & Monday 21st July 2025

Additional Key Dates

15th November: Children in Need – Non-uniform day
18th November: Reception September 2025 intake open day
20th November: Loud Mouth Theatre Company – Anti-bullying production Year 4.
22nd November: TT Rockstars Day
27th November: KS1 and 2 Autumn term assessments begin
29th November: No Pens Day – Raising Awareness and funds for Speech and Language UK (50p donation)
2nd December: Animal Man visit – Year 1 (Science curriculum focus)
3rd December: Flu Vaccinate Mop-Up session
4th December: Choir visit to Russell's Hall hospital.
5th December: Individual school photographs
18th December: Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper day. (50p donation for Save the Children)

Christmas Productions

11th & 12th December: Reception Christmas Productions

16th December: Nursery Christmas performance

18th December: KS1 Christmas Carols on the playground

Congratulations

We are proud to introduce our new Head Boy and Head Girl for this academic year to our school community.

Head Girl: Lois

Head Boy: Ayaan

I am sure you will join me in congratulating Lois and Ayaan. The school leadership team are excited to work alongside both pupils this year.

School Uniform

Please can we remind parents that no **jewellery** (other than stud earrings) and no **smart watches** are allowed to be worn in school. Please ensure children also do not come to school wearing lanyards or necklaces containing keyrings, sanitiser or decorative items. These are also not school uniform.

Reception Intake – September 2025

Do you have a child who will be starting Reception in September 2025? If so, we are inviting you to attend our Open Event to see what our school can offer you and your child as they begin their learning journey. Please come and join us on Monday 18th November at 1.30pm for a meet and greet with Mrs Harris (EYFS Phase Lead) and a walk round our Reception classrooms. **The Open Event is for parents only, please do not bring your child on this occasion.**

Please contact the school office on 01384 476150 to book your place. We hope you can attend and look forward to meeting you.

Healthy Snacks and Drinks

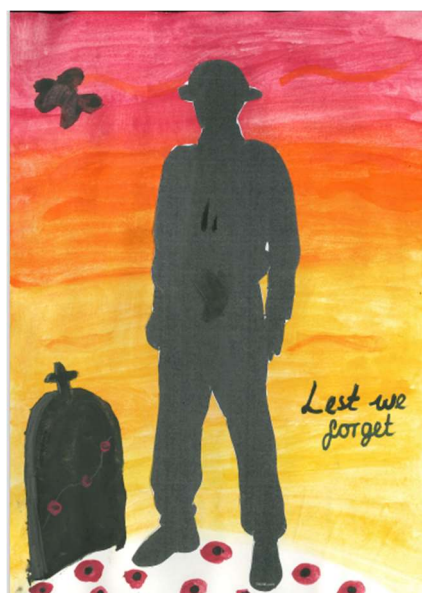
Please remember that snack and drinks sent into school **must be healthy.**

Children are not allowed to bring fizzy drinks, cans or energy drinks into school. Breaktime snacks should include fruit, breakfast bars or other healthy type snacks. No lollipops or sugary sweets.

We would also like to remind families that no food containing nuts are allowed in school. This is to ensure the safety of our children.

Remembrance

As part of our Remembrance Day at Sledmere, we linked our learning to our core value of respect. Pupils across school produced different styles and types of artwork. Early Years explored collage to create poppies, Key Stage 1 worked in the style of an artist to create a pointillism picture of poppy fields and Key Stage 2 explored colour and silhouettes to create their artwork. We are extremely proud to share some of the beautiful artwork with you.



Anti-Bullying Week at Sledmere!



What is Anti-Bullying Week?

Anti-Bullying Week is coordinated in England and Wales by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. The theme this year is 'Choose Respect' which supports our school value 'Respect'. Mrs Shingler launched our Anti-Bullying assembly on **Monday 11th November** and the children were invited to wear odd socks to school. Odd Socks Day is a day when schools, workplaces, and individuals join together to show that it's okay to be different and to stand up against bullying and discrimination.

In school this week, the children engaged in lessons that raised awareness and supported the learning of importance of Anti-Bullying in school. We have also appointed our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors for this year. The children applied for the role and then classes took part in a vote to elect their chosen Anti-bullying Ambassadors.

This year's Anti-Bullying Ambassadors are:

Year Group	Ambassadors
1	Frankie Chester Anaise
2	Summer Zidan Amina
3	Saanvi Alyssia Kolawole Curseerat
4	Semilore Drake Maham
5	Daniya Sienna Isaac
6	Fatimah Azeeka Hira

Protecting Our Planet Day

As part of Protecting Our Planet Day on Tuesday, all children in school took part in a live Science lesson with other schools across the country. During the lesson, children were shown a demonstration of how our earth is being affected by global warming. Children then completed an activity to look at ways that we help with the effects of global warming. Please talk to your children about this experience. By taking part in this activity children have all earned their bronze badge. If you would like more information about earning the silver and gold badge, please visit [Climate Detectives Kids – Climate detectives](#).