

# Newsletter



**GOODBYE**

You have our very best wishes for the future.



A stylized illustration of a hand holding a golden trophy. The trophy has the text '4A' on it. There is a burst of yellow and orange confetti around the trophy. The background is a solid purple color.

**ATTENDANCE**

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# SCARF

Over the coming weeks, there will be lots of SCARF workshops for various year groups across school. All of the workshops hosted will support our children with their understanding of:



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Contact our main school office if you are interested in becoming a lunchtime supervisor.



**HELP  
NEEDED**

**LET'S  
TALK!**

## SLEDMERE UNIFORM

Our school colours are navy and white.

- Grey smart trousers/pinafore dresses or skirts
- Navy jumpers, school cardigans or school sweatshirts
- White polo shirts
- No School ties
- Blue and white dresses for Summer
- Black, sensible low-heeled shows (not trainers)
- Black, navy or white hijab

Parents are advised to provide a sun hat in warm, sunny weather.

To help us avoid lost items, please clearly mark them with your child's name. If any belongings are lost, the school will not take any responsibility.

Please visit the policies page of our website to view the latest version of our school uniform policy.



# Dates for the Diary **2026**



**EASTER HOLIDAYS** - 27<sup>th</sup> March - 13<sup>th</sup> April  
**VOTING DAY** - 7<sup>th</sup> May - School will be closed to all pupils except year 6. Year 6 pupils will be in school from 8:30am until 12pm - More information to follow.

## ATTENDANCE

### WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

#### ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The Government states that every year's attendance should be at least 89%.

How do YOU measure up?

| Attendance | Days Absent | Weeks Absent | Lessons Missed |
|------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| 95%        | 9 Days      | 2 Weeks      | 50 Lessons     |
| 90%        | 19 Days     | 4 Weeks      | 100 Lessons    |
| 85%        | 29 Days     | 6 Weeks      | 150 Lessons    |
| 80%        | 38 Days     | 8 Weeks      | 200 Lessons    |
| 75%        | 48 Days     | 10 Weeks     | 250 Lessons    |
| 70%        | 57 Days     | 13.5 Weeks   | 290 Lessons    |
| 65%        | 67 Days     | 15.5 Weeks   | 340 Lessons    |

**89% & Below**  
 Drastic effect on academic achievement

**95%-90%**  
 Cause for concern

**100%-96%**  
 Excellent



## PUNCTUALITY

IF ANY OF THESE SOUND FAMILIAR THEN IT'S TIME TO FIX YOUR TIMEKEEPING!

My alarm clock exploded and I slept through it.

I was abducted by aliens - look I've got a note to prove it!

I'm fairly sure school starts at 10:00 - maybe I'm early?

The bus driver got off at the stop before mine.

**5 minutes late per day,**  
 every day of the week adds up to **3 days** of lost school time.

10 minutes = 6.5 days lost per school year

15 minutes = 10 days lost per school year

20 minutes = 13 days lost per school year

30 minutes = 19 days lost per school year

### WHAT TO DO THE NIGHT BEFORE

- Get everything you need for school ready.
- Set your alarm with plenty of time to spare.
- If you bring your lunch to school - make it now.
- Turn off electronic devices 30mins before sleep.
- If you use your phone before bed download a blue light filter app to look after your eyes.
- Remember that people aged 11 - 16 need 8 - 10 hours of sleep!

### WHAT TO DO IN THE MORNING

- Get out of bed as soon as your alarm goes off.
- Have a shower first thing - it will wake you up!
- Have a nutritional, but quick, breakfast. Fruit, toast and healthy cereals are perfect and will give you enough energy to last to lunch time.
- Keep an eye on the clock and don't waste time.
- If you wait for friends, don't wait if they are late.
- If you're late - don't make excuses - we've heard them all before and honesty works much better!



**ATTENTION PLEASE!**



There is **NO VEHICLE ACCESS** to parents before 9:00 am and after 2:30 pm (12:45pm Fridays)

The safety of our pupils and their families is paramount here at Sledmere. To ensure our grounds are safe during the school drop-off and pick-up, there is no unauthorised access to the school site during the times outlined above.

Authorisation of access can only be made by prior arrangement with the Head Teacher.

Please remember to treat our office with care and courtesy, as they have the safety of our pupils at heart. If the office staff refuse access, please note, it is a direct instruction of the Senior Leadership Team.

If you do have access to the car park during these times, please note that the expectation is that you:

1. Park in a designated bay and exercise safe use of your vehicle.
2. Do not drive in excess of 5MPH
3. Do not tailgate - we need to know who is on site.
4. Collect your children promptly and leave the site safely.

Failure to do so may result in your access to the car park being revoked.



**SLEDMERE**  
 PRIMARY SCHOOL

### YOUTH SERVICE

#### EASTER HOLIDAY

**Places are still available - book NOW!**

**ENROLL YOUR CHILD TODAY**

**APRIL 2026**

**TUES 7<sup>th</sup> - FORGE MILL FARM**  
**WED 8<sup>th</sup> - BRITISH CYCLE & HYDRO POOL**  
**THURS 9<sup>th</sup> - BLACK COUNTRY LIVING MUSEUM**  
**FRI 10<sup>th</sup> - PUNK CHEF**

**TIME 10AM - 2PM (SUBJECT TO CHANGES)**

**D/DEAF, HOH, DEAFBLIND, COCHLEAR USER**  
**AGE: 8 - 17 FREE!**

**HOT/COLD FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED.**

**PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INTEREST, AS IT IS FIRST-COME FIRST SERVED AND PLACES ARE LIMITED.**

Book via QR code or copy & paste the link below. Make new friends and have fun this Easter!

<https://app.holidayactivities.com/parent/providers/sandwell-deaf-community-association>

**Register Now**

If you would like more information, please get in with:

**Sandwell Deaf Community Association**  
 Craig Potthecary  
 Wellbeing Coach  
 Email: [craig\\_potthecary@sdca.co.uk](mailto:craig_potthecary@sdca.co.uk)  
 Text / WhatsApp / FaceTime: 07791 921011

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Self-belief Honesty Ambition Respect Kindness