

SUTTON GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



Whole School Newsletter



OCTOBER 2023



Drop off and Collection

Punctuality has improved this half term. We will be working with families who are consistently late to bring about further improvements.

Consistently late arrival can impact academic progress and mental health.

Governing Body

We are pleased to announce a recent change in the structure of our Governing Body. Please click [here](#) to visit the Governor Page of our school website for details. The recent resignation of Ms K. Newton as Chair of Governors led to the election of Dr G. Wattret. Thank you to all of our governing body for your continued dedication.

Parking

Thank you to the increased number of parents who are using the 'park and walk' strategy each day to ease congestion. Our '5 Minute Walking Bubble' is below

We are continuing to work with the Local Authority and Cheshire Police to tackle dangerous parking outside school.

The gates to the staff car park will remain closed throughout the day. It is not a car park for late parents or S4YC users. Disabled parking is still available.

Harvest Festival

We are busy learning our Harvest songs and poems. click [here](#) to listen to this catchy number that we're learning!

Please see the letter regarding our Harvest Festival food collections. There is still time to donate or request a hamper.

Parent Carer Forum

Please click [here](#) for information about the Cheshire West and Chester Parent Carer Forum

National Breakfast Programme

Our morning breakfast available to all is going down a treat! Bagels and fruit will continue to be available each morning throughout the year.

Pre-Loved Uniform

We have lots of pre-loved school uniforms and PE Kit, in school, please email hbenson@suttongreenpri.cheshire.sch.uk if you are in need of items for your child. This is a confidential service.

Lost property

We now have a lost property rail in school. If your child has lost an item please let their class teacher know and they can check the rail. Mrs Benson will take out the lost property rail each Friday at home. Please remember to name items.



Some recent wall art to promote our ethos! It really helps to finish off our recently decorated hall!

Attendance to date

95.7%

This is above the national average! Let's keep it up!



World Mental Health Day 10th October 2023

As part of World Mental Health Day - Rachel & Beckii, from the Mental Health Support Team came to do a whole school assembly.

All classes have also completed PSHE lessons linked to Mental Health.

The Mental Health Support Team is available to support children & their families' with their mental health. They will be running adult & children sessions over the next year to help support with worries, anxieties & challenging behaviour.

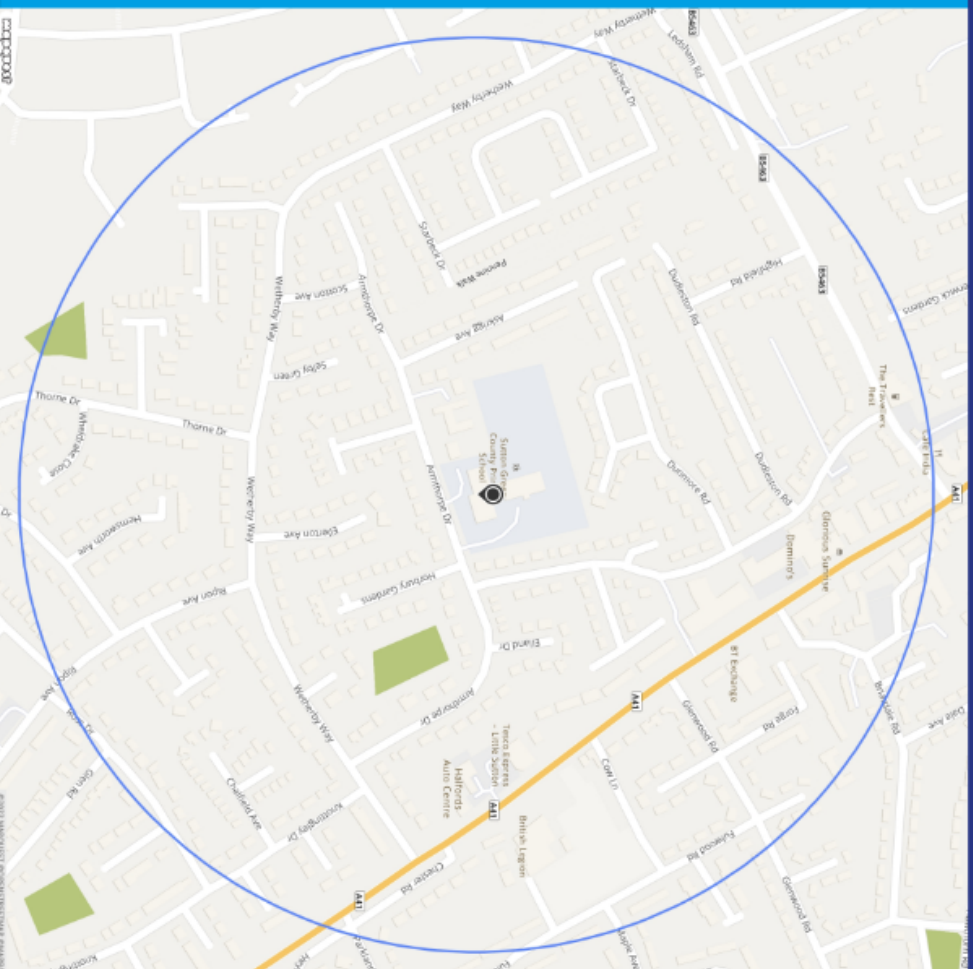
If you feel that you or your child would benefit from some support, please contact either the class teacher or Mrs Reid
creid@suttongreenpri.cheshire.sch.uk

5-MINUTE WALKING BUBBLE

#StaySafeGetActive on your journey to school



Sutton Green
Primary School



Protect
our
children

If possible,
walk, cycle
or scoot
to school

If you have
to drive,
park at least
5-minutes
away

Supported by the
 Department
for Transport

For more hints, tips and information please visit www.modeshiftstars.org/staysafeggetactive

This 5-minute walking zone represents a distance of 400m measured as a straight line, based upon an average walking speed of 3-miles per hour



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Little Sutton
Ellesmere Port
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OPEN DAY 2023

THURS 2ND NOV : 5-6PM
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Looking for the perfect place to send your child in September 2024? Please come along to meet our caring staff and take a tour of our wonderful school.

*To book your slot call us on: 0151 832 1290
or email: admin@suttongreenpri.cheshire.sch.uk*



ASH CLASS

Ash Class have had a great start to Sutton Green life. We have been busy exploring the classroom and having fun adventures in our learning landscape. We have started our first topic 'Peace at Last', through which we are learning about nocturnal animals and why sleep is important for our health. The children have also been impressing us with their enthusiasm and recall of letter sounds and their maths skills.



OAK CLASS

Oak class have had an amazing start to their journey at Sutton Green! They have spent lots of time exploring our learning landscape and getting used to new routines. Welly Wednesday's have been a massive hit too! The children have been busy building dens, playing team games and spotting the different signs of Autumn 🍁🐿️



BAY CLASS

Bay class have been very busy so far this term . We've been, painting like Kandinsky, dressing up like rockstars and programming robots to tell the story of the three little pigs! As well as progressing well with some excellent writing and phonics work and learning how to pass the ball. Our whole school history topic this half term is the creation of the NHS. Bay class has been learning all about Florence Nightingale and how important she was and still is to this day. The children even got to meet her!



FIR CLASS

Fir Class have had an amazing start to the school year. In English we have been learning about reading the story 'Lost and found'. We have learnt all about penguins. In history we have been finding out about hospitals and a very important person called Florence Nightingale.- We get to meet her in our drama lesson. In computing we programmed the Beebots to move around a map. In art we have been using oil pastels to make flowers in the style of Kandinsky. Pop in to see the amazing display in the corridor and see if you can spot our work.



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ELM CLASS

Elm Class have made a great start to the new school year. We have made new friends and learnt new routines. We have been finding out about penguins and learning how to write a story in English. We have really enjoyed music where we get to play glockenspiels to accompany rock music. In history we have been finding out about a very important person called Florence Nightingale- ask us about her, she was amazing! We had a great start to our morning last week when we started each day with art. We produced work in the style of Kandinsky. Call in to see the amazing display in the corridor and see if you can spot our work.



Elm Class 2023.
A great start.
Smiles, sunshine
and new friends.



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We played the notes on the Glockenspiel to accompany the pulse in the music.



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Kandinsky's Art



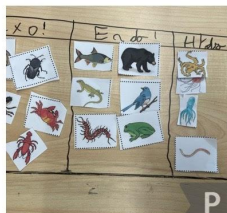
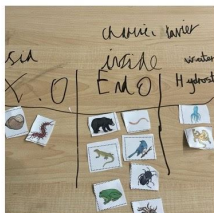
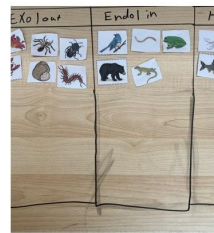
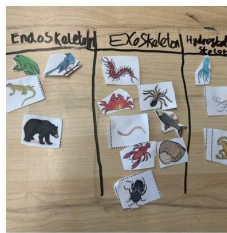
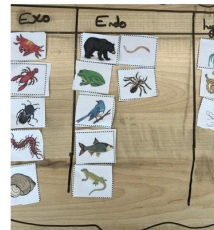
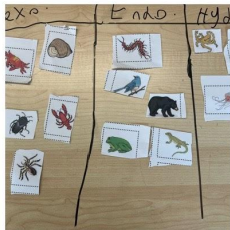
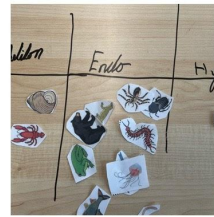
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ROWAN CLASS

Rowan class have been very busy this half term learning about healthy diets, food chains and skeletons. Did you know that there are three main types of skeleton?



The class has settled in so well and made an excellent start to Year 3 and Year 4.



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WILLOW CLASS

Willow has had a brilliant half term completing lots of new learning. In history we have been exploring changes in medicine and investigating different eras, such as mediaeval times and the Black Plague! In science we have been exploring animals and food chains. Attached below is a picture of Willow class creating their own food chains.

The children have been brilliant since starting in September and I have been so impressed with how ready, respectful and safe they have been.

Well Done Willow Class - Miss Ikin



MAPLE CLASS

We have been busy with lots of new learning and exciting activities. In PE, we have been practising our basketball skills! We have learnt to dribble, pass and defend!

In our computing lessons, we have learnt networks and how they work!

Science has been filled with exciting activities such as sorting skeletons, making food chains and learning about our healthy diet!

During our English lesson, we read a lovely book called "Seal Surfer".

We have loved writing, diary entries, descriptions and letters!

History has been so exciting. We have been investigating how medicine has changed throughout the ages! Ask us what they did to help cure a headache in the mediaeval times?





CHESTNUT CLASS

Chestnut class has had a fantastic start to Year 5! They have been learning about the origins of the NHS in History, the importance of a balanced diet in Science and how coding can be used to create pieces of music in Computing. It has been great to see all of the pupils getting involved during Art week, where we created pieces of Art in the style of Romeo Britto. Every pupil contributed to the beautiful display that can be seen below. We also had a visit from Cheshire Phoenix Basketball Team who provided healthy lifestyle workshops for the children and spoke about the importance of exercise. It has been an amazing start to the school year and we couldn't be prouder of how hard the children have worked.



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SYCAMORE CLASS

This half term has been a very busy one for Sycamore Class! We have been learning all about the creation of the NHS and created a timeline to show how the NHS has changed over the last 75 years. We have had lots of fun creating art inspired by Romero Britto for our new corridor display 'What a Wonderful World'. Cheshire Phoenix basketball team also came in to teach us new basketball skills and ways in which we can stay healthy. Sarah from Unrenco came to work with Year 5 to talk about the work that is done at Urenco and we carried out different experiments to separate substances.

Photos





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CHERRY CLASS

Year 6 have had a very busy half term. They've worked hard but we have also had a lot of fun. We (I have to say, led by our in-house artist extraordinaire, Mrs Reid) have created art inspired by Romero Britto for our new corridor display 'What a Wonderful World' and a morning with Cheshire Phoenix basketball players, learning new basketball skills and how to stay healthy.

The class have welcomed our newest member of Cherry Class: Ahmed. Staff and visitors have all commented on what amazing role models our class are to the younger children. We are super proud of the start they have made to the year!



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EVENTS

October	2nd -5th Libraries Week 5th Special Lunch 6th Maths Rockstars - Dress as a Rockstar 18th Parents Evening
November	6th - 10th Poppy Appeal 9th - Special Lunch 13th - 17th Anti Bullying Week 17th Children in Need - Odd Socks & Spots 20th -24th Road Safety Week 20th - Winter Disco 3.15 - 4.15pm (party clothes to be worn all day)
December	4th - Year 5 and 6 Christmas Performances 2pm and 5pm 5th - Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performances 2pm and 5pm 6th - Years 3 and 4 Christmas Performance 2pm and 5pm (ticket information for all performances to follow) 6th - Elf Day (Alzheimer's Society) 7th - EYFS (reception) Christmas Performance 2pm and 5pm 13th - Christmas Lunch 15th - Christmas Jumper Day
January	18th - Winnie the Pooh Day & Special Lunch 22nd - Bingo- Doors Open at 5pm 29th - 1st Feb Storytelling Week
February	2nd -Number Day (NSPCC) 5th -9th Safer Internet Week 12th - 16th Mental Health Awareness Week 13th Wear Yellow & Pancake Day Lunch
March	7th March - World Book Day - Send in a plain white T-Shirt to decorate and bring in a favourite book. 11th -15th Science Week - Details to follow 28th Easter Lunch and Bunny Hop (Hospice of the Good Shepherd)
April	24th Guide Dog Day & Special Lunch
May	20th - 23rd The Great Outdoors -Details to follow
June	17th - 21st Arts Week-Details to follow 28th Sports Day & Picnic Lunch
July	4th July SuperHeroes Day-Details to follow (Claire House Hospice) 12th Festival of San Fermin- Wear Red / Yellow

E-SAFETY

Please see below for an e-safety guide for Youtube. Our computing and e-Safety lead Miss Mooney will be sending out regular online awareness updates.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about YOUTUBE

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate material. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as messaging other users directly. Connecting with strangers online, of course, can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, to cyberbullying and even to encountering online predators.

SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but can also lead to binge-watching and the risk of screen addiction, especially if 'autoplay' is activated. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

HIGH VISIBILITY

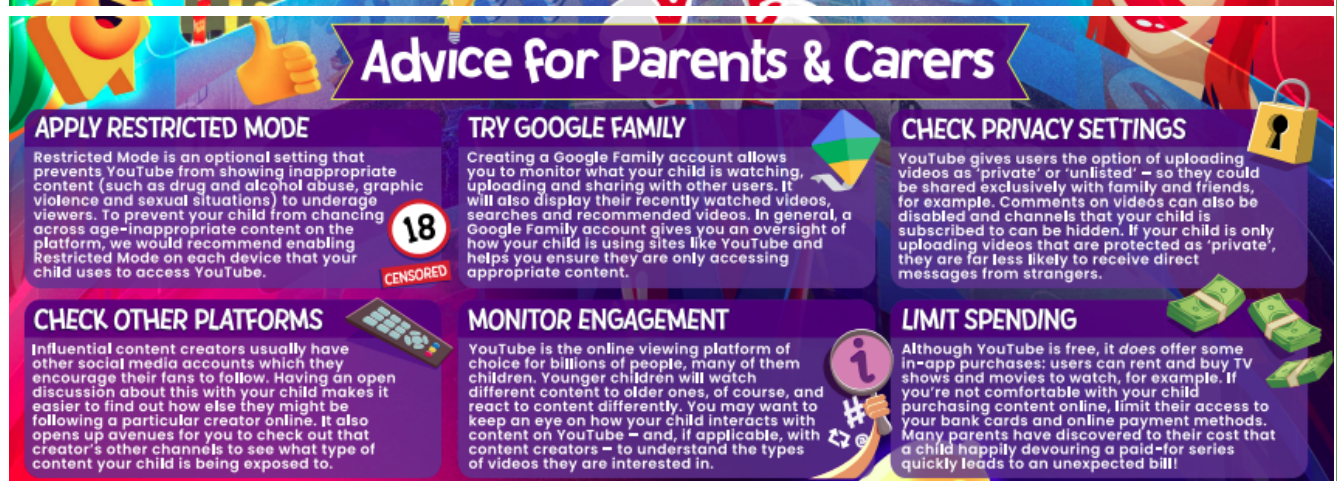
Content creators can also be put at risk – especially young ones who try to make their online presence as visible as possible. Creating and uploading content exposes children to potential harassment and toxicity from the comments section, along with the possibility of direct messaging from strangers. Videos posted publicly can be watched by anyone in the world.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends, challenges and memes that are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may harm children through either watching or copying. The painful 'salt and ice challenge', which can cause injuries very quickly, is just one of many such examples.

SNEAKY SCAMMERS

Popular YouTube channels regularly have scammers posing as a well-known influencer in the comments section, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and sometimes offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users are not who they claim to be.



Advice for Parents & Carers

APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence and sexual situations) to underage viewers. To prevent your child from changing across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that your child uses to access YouTube.

TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching, uploading and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives you an oversight of how your child is using sites like YouTube and helps you ensure they are only accessing appropriate content.

CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that your child is subscribed to can be hidden. If your child is only uploading videos that are protected as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.

CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS

Influential content creators usually have other social media accounts which they encourage their fans to follow. Having an open discussion about this with your child makes it easier to find out how else they might be following a particular creator online. It also opens up avenues for you to check out that creator's other channels to see what type of content your child is being exposed to.

MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them children. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course, and react to content differently. You may want to keep an eye on how your child interacts with content on YouTube – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand the types of videos they are interested in.

LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases: users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch, for example. If you're not comfortable with your child purchasing content online, limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods. Many parents have discovered to their cost that a child happily devouring a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!

SUBJECT NEWS

ENGLISH

We have loved our topics in English this half term. EYFS - Inspired by the story *Peace at Last* by Jill Murphy, Ash and Oak have been practising their phonics skills to develop their writing.

Y1/Y2 - Using the book *Lost and Found* by Oliver Jeffers, children in Bay, Elm and Fir have been working towards writing their own story based on the structure of *Lost and Found*.

Y3/4 - Using the story *Seal Surfer*, Willow, Rowan and Maple have been learning skills to write a recount letter.

Y5/6 - Using the book *Queen of the Falls* by Chris van Allsburg, Chestnut, Sycamore and Cherry have been practising their writing skills to write a series of recount diaries.

MATHS

What a great start it has been this year in Maths. The first topic we have all been doing is Place Value and now we are moving onto Addition and Subtraction. Children's attitude towards maths has been glowing, this has been seen when monitoring their books along with pupil voice.

TTRockstars Day was a huge success and classes have been earning over 500 stars a week on doodle maths! Great work everyone - Keep it up!

GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY

We are well on our way with our new curriculum. Recent monitoring shows just how excited and proud the children are with their learning. Children are remembering lots of amazing and sometimes gory!) historical facts.

We're looking forward to our Geography theme next half term:

PE

We have already had a number of sporting events:

- Y3/4 Rugby Festival
- KS2 Cross Country
- Y3/4 Netball
- KS2 Bowling

As always, our children demonstrated excellent team spirit and behaved impeccably. A credit to their parents/carers.

There are a lot more events to come so keep an eye on your emails.

SCIENCE

There have been some exciting Science lessons taking place this half term and the children have enjoyed talking about their learning. Lots of brilliant vocabulary can be heard buzzing around the classrooms, as well as some fantastic examples of the children working scientifically. Keep an eye on the newsletter for details of exciting Science themed clubs starting soon!

R.E

We have started the year with EYFS finding out about special people, Key Stage 1 has explored friendships in religious stories and Key Stage 2 has discovered How Muslims worship.

We are looking forward to finding out about different Religious festivals next term.

November Diwali

November - Guru Nanak Ji's Birthday:

December - Hanukkah

December-Christmas

ART & DESIGN

We have had a very artistic start to the year with our whole school arts week, from which we have produced our new corridor displays which look amazing. Next half term we will be taking part in the Cauliflower Christmas design project and your child's design will be available to purchase on a range of products ready for Christmas.

MUSIC

So far in music this year, EYFS have had fun getting to know our Ready, Respectful and Safe song, which they love, and every class has been busy practising our harvest songs. In music lessons our Charanga topics are a big hit with the children and Chestnut class are having great fun learning to play a brass instrument.

SPANISH

¡Nuestras lecciones de español han sido fantásticas en lo que va del año, con muchas oportunidades para hablar y escribir en este maravilloso idioma!

PSHE

Our PSHE learning is soaring already with lots of activities from our No Outsiders project. Our class learning records (floor books) are looking amazing!