

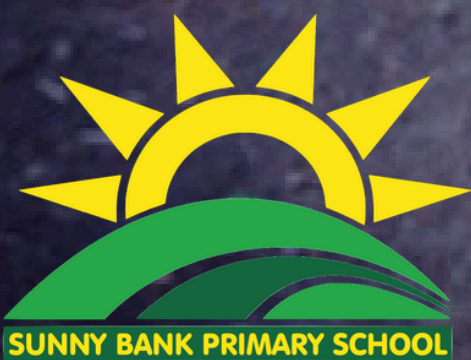
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SUNNY BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL



HEAD OF SCHOOL MESSAGE



Dear Families,

As we reach the end of another academic year, this is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on all that our children have achieved and to celebrate the many successes we have shared as a school community. It has been a year filled with learning, growth, friendship and perseverance and I could not be prouder of every single child at Sunny Bank.



Throughout the year, our children have worked incredibly hard and have made fantastic progress, both academically and socially. They have embraced challenges, developed new skills, shown kindness to one another, demonstrated the resilience that makes our school community so special and, most importantly, shown our ROAR values. Their enthusiasm, determination and positive attitudes have helped them flourish and they should all feel immensely proud of what they have achieved.



I would like to remind families that end-of-year reports will be sent home with children on Monday. These reports celebrate the progress each child has made throughout the year and provide an opportunity to reflect on their many achievements.



A big thank you is extended to all of our families who turned out for our Summer Fayre on Wednesday. Our PTA worked extremely hard on this event and all of the monies raised will go to support our school community. I am sure you will join us in extending our gratitude for all of their hard work. If there are any family members who would like to join our PTA, please talk to a member of the staff team - we are always happy to welcome new members who are willing to volunteer some of their time to support the school.



We are also looking forward to our Summer Family Picnic on Wednesday 22nd July 2026 from 1.30pm. We hope as many families as possible can join us for what promises to be a lovely afternoon together. OPAL will be running throughout the event and we are delighted that there will be an ice cream van on site from 1.30pm until 3.15pm. We very much look forward to celebrating the end of the year with you.



I would like to offer special congratulations to our Year 6 children, who have achieved wonderful SATs results this year. We are incredibly proud to share that their achievements are above the national average, which is a fantastic accomplishment and a real testament to their hard work and commitment. We must also recognise the dedication and expertise of Mrs Hales, our Oak Class teacher, whose support, encouragement and high expectations have helped our children achieve such excellent outcomes. Thank you, Mrs Hales, for everything you have done for our Year 6 pupils.



Transition is always an important time of year and this week all children were shown a video introducing the adults who will be working with them next year. They have also enjoyed spending time in their new classes during their transition sessions. It has been wonderful to see their excitement and enthusiasm and we know they are going to settle well into their new classes. We have high hopes for the year ahead and are excited about the opportunities that await them.

Looking ahead, we have some very exciting plans for the next academic year. We are developing new opportunities for families to become even more involved in school life and we are confident that these will be enjoyed by our whole school community. As a reminder, a letter has recently been sent home regarding the new timings for the school day and we would appreciate families taking the time to familiarise themselves with these changes before September.



This time of year also brings change to our staffing team. We are sad to be saying goodbye to a number of colleagues who have supported our children so wonderfully. On behalf of the whole school community, I would like to thank them for their hard work, dedication and commitment to our children over the years. We wish them every success and happiness as they begin new chapters in their careers and lives.



At the same time, we are delighted to be welcoming new members to the Sunny Bank Staff Team. We are excited for them to join our school and know that our families will enjoy getting to know them when we return in September.



Most importantly, we would like to say a huge farewell to our wonderful Year 6 children as they move on to the next stage of their educational journey. You have been fantastic ambassadors for Sunny Bank and we are so proud of the young people you have become. We know that, because of your hard work and determination during your time with us, you are ready for this next exciting step into secondary school. We have every confidence that you can achieve anything you set your minds to and we look forward to hearing about your future successes.



Happy Summer

Finally, I would like to wish all of our families a very happy and restful summer holiday. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We hope the sun continues to shine on you and your families, allowing you to make many special memories together over the summer break.

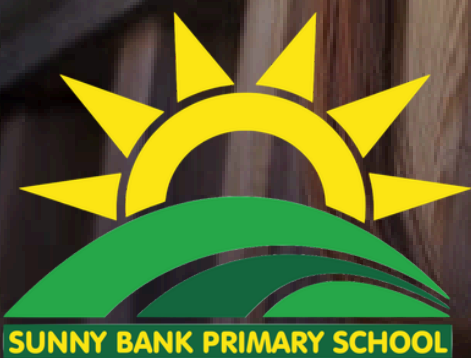
We cannot wait to welcome everyone back in September and share the many exciting events and opportunities we have planned for the new academic year.

Have a wonderful summer, and thank you for being such an important part of the Sunny Bank family.

Kind regards

Nicole Hyett





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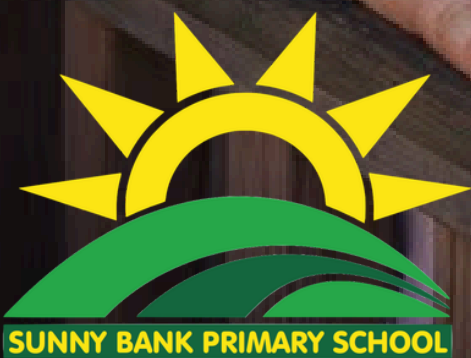


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STAFFING CHANGES FOR SEPTEMBER

*letter sent home to parents from Miss Hyett

As we approach the end of another successful academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to inform you about several staffing changes that will be taking place at Sunny Bank Primary School.

Firstly, we will be saying goodbye to our Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Johnson, who will be leaving Sunny Bank to take up a position as Deputy Headteacher at another primary school. Mrs Johnson has been a valued member of our school community for many years and will be greatly missed by children, families and colleagues alike. As many of you know, she led the school for the majority of the 2024–2025 academic year and has played a pivotal role in many of the positive developments and improvements we have seen at Sunny Bank. We are extremely grateful for her dedication and commitment and wish her every success in her new role.



We will also be saying farewell to Mrs Hales, who has secured a promotion to the role of Assistant Headteacher at one of our Trust schools. Throughout her time at Sunny Bank, Mrs Hales has worked tirelessly to support our pupils and staff. She has led Year 6 with great success, helping pupils achieve outcomes in line with or above national averages. In addition, she has driven improvements in Literacy across the school and played an important role in supporting the development of new teachers. We congratulate her on this well-deserved promotion.

In addition, we say a fond farewell to Mrs Willing, who will be moving to another of our Trust schools, where she will take on a leadership role across Key Stage 1. Mrs Willing has made a significant contribution to Sunny Bank over the last few years, particularly through her leadership of early reading and phonics. Her work has helped many of our younger pupils make excellent progress in these essential skills. Alongside this, she has led Mathematics and Science across the school and has been instrumental in supporting our annual Science Fair entries. We thank her for all she has done and wish her every success in her new position.

Finally, we are saying goodbye to Miss Hales, who is currently on maternity leave and has made the decision not to return to Sunny Bank following the birth of her baby. We would like to thank her for her contribution to the school and send our very best wishes to her and her family for the future.

While it is always difficult to say goodbye to valued members of staff, we are delighted to be welcoming several new colleagues to Sunny Bank.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Sukonik, an experienced Assistant Headteacher who has recently moved to Kent. Mrs Sukonik previously worked in a one-form entry primary school in London and brings a wealth of experience to our leadership team. She has already visited the school and will continue to spend time with us throughout this term as she prepares to join us formally in September.

We have also already welcomed Miss Odumosu, an experienced Key Stage 2 teacher, to our teaching team. She is already building positive relationships with the children and making a wonderful start within our school community.

We are pleased to announce that Miss Cunningham will be remaining at Sunny Bank next year after deciding that she enjoys being part of our school community so much that she does not want to leave!

We have also welcomed Miss Collier, an experienced teacher from one of our other Trust schools. She is settling in well and is already getting to know the children and families.

Finally, I know that many families will be delighted to hear that Miss Shepherd will be returning to Sunny Bank in September to rejoin our teaching team.



MISS ODUMOSU



MISS CUNNINGHAM



MISS COLLIER



MISS SHEPHERD





MORNING CHANGES FROM SEPTEMBER

As we begin planning for the next academic year, I would like to inform you of some small changes to the timings and arrangements at the start of the school day.

These changes will come into effect from September 2026 and are designed to support a calm, positive and well-organised start to the day for all children.



Morning Arrangements

From September, the morning routine will be as follows:

- **8.45am** – The school gate will open.
- Families are welcome to walk onto the playground with their child and accompany them to their classroom door.
- **8.50am** – Classroom doors will open and children will begin entering their classrooms.
- **9.00am** – The school gate will close and all families should have left the school site to allow learning to begin promptly.

Any child arriving **after 9.00am** will be recorded as late and must enter the school via the front office, where they will be signed in before joining their class.



Acorn and Birch families: please come to this gate

Wednesdays

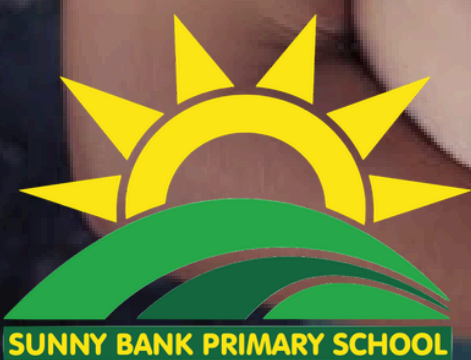
On Wednesdays, when we hold our **'Turn the Page'** family reading session, the gate will open at the same time **(8.45am)** and classroom doors will open slightly earlier at **8.45am** to allow family members to read with their children. All other arrangements remain the same and the gate will close at **9.00am**.

End of the School Day

There will be no changes to the end-of-day arrangements. The school gate will continue to open at 3.10pm, with children being dismissed and collected at **3.15pm**.

We believe these slight adjustments will help ensure a smooth and welcoming start to the school day, while providing families with an opportunity to accompany their children onto the playground and to their classroom door.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to working together to ensure every child has the very best start to their day at school.













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END OF YEAR PICNIC

THIS WEDNESDAY FROM 1:30PM

ICE CREAM
VAN!

OPAL
PLAY!

Bring a blanket and a picnic but please remember **NO NUTS**,
no alcoholic drinks, and no smoking/vaping on site.

NEW BOOKMARK LAUNCHED

Our library has just unveiled our new bookmarks!



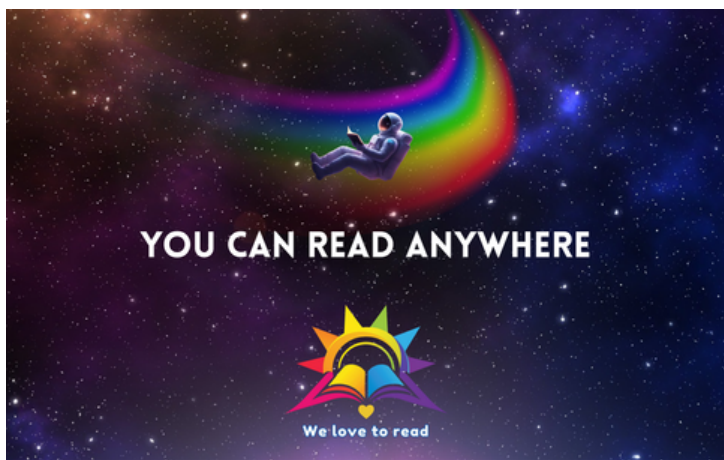
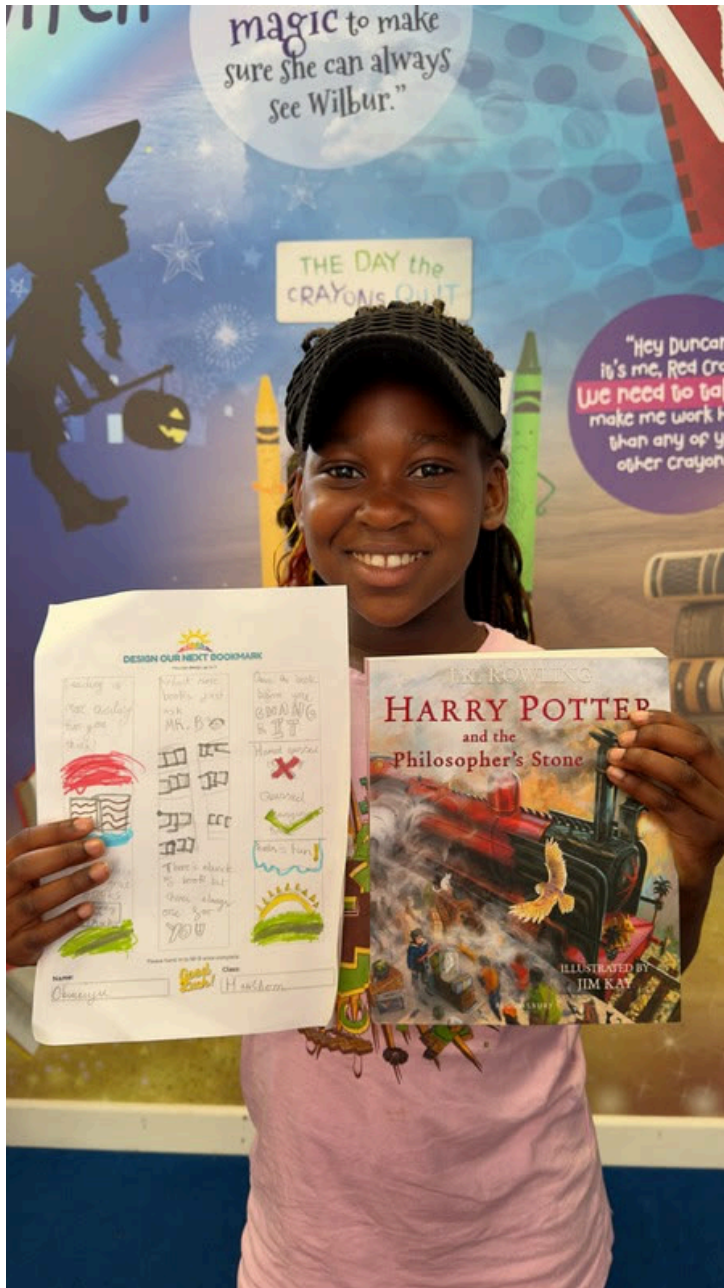
The final design was inspired by the creative entries from three talented children who participated in our competition.

Congratulations to Natasha from Oak class, Elsie from Cedar, and Obianuju from Hawthorn, who each received brand new books as prizes, along with plenty of bookmarks!

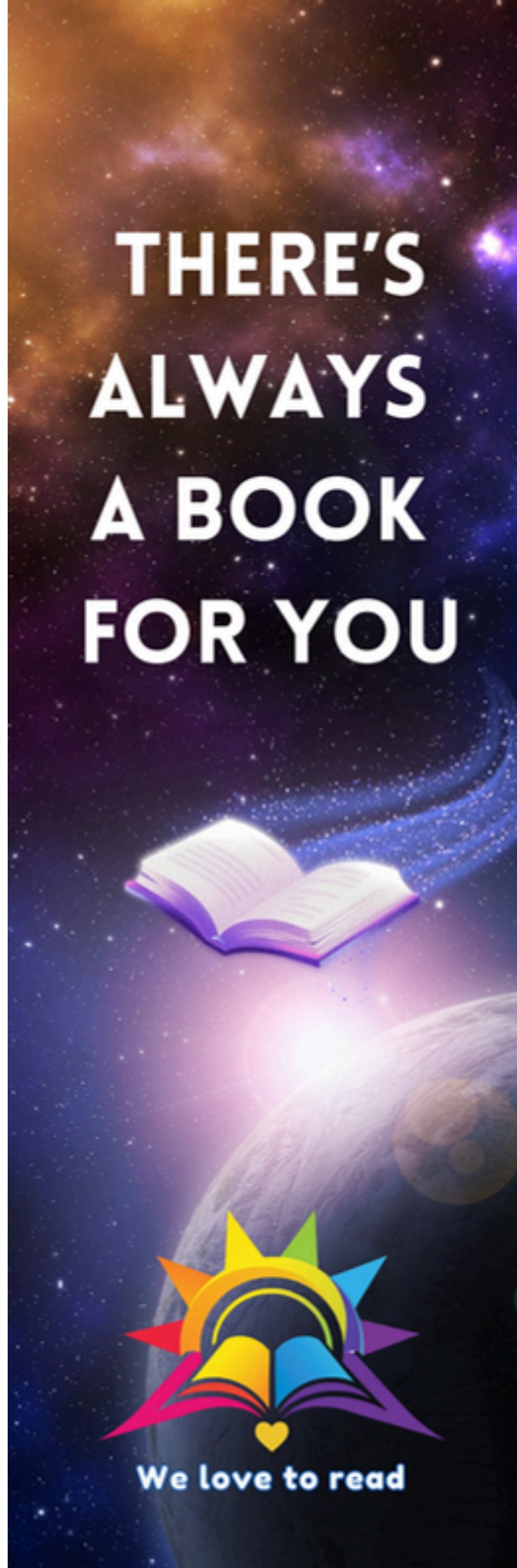
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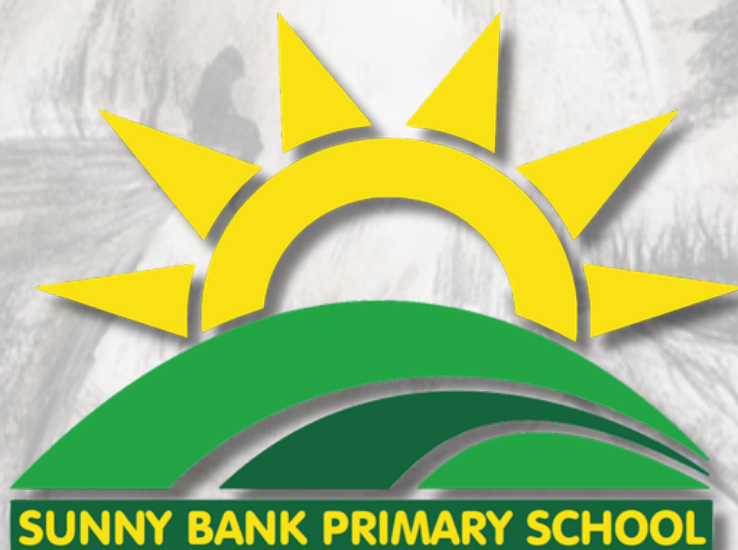


The successful design will also be featured on our brand-new library cards, which children will receive in September!





Art by Natasha in Oak





Art by Alanna in Oak



Art by Jasmine in Oak



YEAR 6 ENTERPRISE WEEK

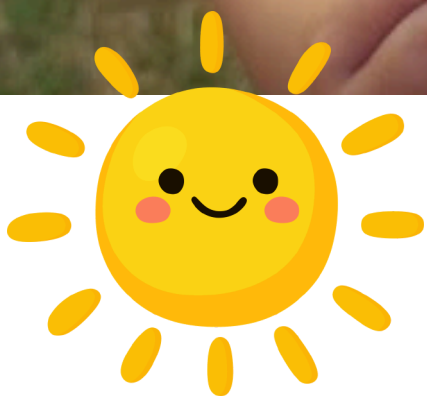
During Enterprise Week, our Year 6 children showed fantastic creativity, teamwork and determination as they worked together to develop their own business ideas. They planned and advertised their products, carefully made the items they wanted to sell and then confidently managed their stalls on Enterprise Day. It was wonderful to see them using so many entrepreneurial skills while serving customers and handling sales. A huge thank you to all our families for their support, particularly for providing money for the children to spend at the stalls. Your generosity helped make the event a great success and an enjoyable learning experience for everyone involved.





SUNNY BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL





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NEWS IN BRIEF

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✓ Please download and set up Compass as soon as possible.

Compass will become our main method of communication with parents and carers, and from today it is where you will:

- **Receive school communications**
- **Pay for school dinners**

From September, Compass will also be used to:

- **Book after-school clubs/clubs**
- **Pay for school trips**

SCHOOL MEALS PRICE INCREASE

Please be advised that from **Tuesday 1st September 2026** there will be a price increase to the cost of the main school meal. The current price is £2.70 for a main meal and a dessert. This **will increase to £2.85**. Just like you as families, the school has continued to experience cost pressures on wholesale food throughout 2025/26. We remain committed to supporting our families and look to hold the price as much as possible, but regrettably we are increasing our prices for 2026/27.

It should be noted that a school meal still provides excellent value for money. Our prices remain amongst the lowest when compared with other local primary schools and we continue to work closely with our internal catering teams. They continue to offer an exciting and varied range of meals, snacks and drinks which are both healthy and nutritious. We/I ask for your understanding with these price increases and fully appreciate that times are tough."



SCHOOL REPORTS

As you may be aware, there has been a national delay in the release of this year's Year 6 SATs results. As these outcomes form an important part of our reporting process, we have made the decision to postpone the distribution of all pupil reports until Monday 20th July. We appreciate that many families look forward to receiving their child's report and understand that this change may cause some inconvenience. However, by delaying the reports, we can ensure that all reports are complete and that every family receives them at the same time, including those with children in Year 6.

Reports will therefore be sent home with pupils on **Monday 20th July**.



NEWS IN BRIEF



CONSIDERATE PARKING WITHIN THE SUNNY BANK PRIMARY COMMUNITY

We would like to kindly remind everyone to be considerate when parking during drop-off and pick-up times. Please do not park across or block residents' driveways, even for a short time, as homeowners may need immediate access to leave or return to their properties. We appreciate the school run is a busy time and ask that you allow a little extra time, to park safely and without affecting residents access. Your consideration helps us maintain positive relationships with our local community and ensures the safety of everyone around the school.

As part of our School Travel Plan, we are committed to promoting sustainable and considerate travel. Where possible, we encourage families to walk, cycle, scoot or park a short distance away from the school and complete the final journey on foot. We appreciate some families do have to travel by car, but working together we can help reduce congestion, improve safety and be respectful of our neighbours.

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation in creating a welcoming environment for our pupils, families and local residents.

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Parent Workshop

Starting Primary School

11/08/2026 10:30—12:30pm

*Workshop
timings
change from
term to

Is your child about to start **primary school**? Would you like to come and **meet with other parents and carers** and learn about ways to **support your child with this step in their lives**?

You are invited to a **workshop which thinks about how to prepare and support your child with this**. We will consider **challenges and concerns** and discuss **techniques that you can use at home** to help them feel ready for starting primary school.

If you would like to join, please **ctrl + click the link below or by entering the Meeting ID and Passcode within Teams**:

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Parent Workshop

Helping Your Child Move to Secondary School

20/07/2026 09:30—11:00pm

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Is your child moving to **secondary school**? Would you like to come and **meet with other parents and carers** and learn about ways to **support your child with this step in their lives**?

You are invited to a **workshop which thinks about how to prepare and support your child with this move**. We will consider **challenges and concerns** and discuss **techniques that you can use at home** to help them feel ready for the move ahead.

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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

TECH-FREE SUMMER FOR TEENS

For many 11- to 16-year-olds, summer can quickly become screen heavy, especially when socialising, entertainment, and downtime all happen via their devices. Encouraging a tech-free summer isn't about banning technology altogether, but about helping young people rediscover friendship, creativity, independence, and the great outdoors. The NHS recommends that young people aged 5 to 18 aim for an average of at least 60 minutes of physical activity each day across the week.

1 BUILD OUTDOOR CHOICE



Teens are more likely to engage when they feel they have a level of control. Create a simple 'summer outdoors menu' with options such as cycling to a favourite café, playing rounders, visiting a skatepark, dog walking, photography walks, geocaching, or helping around the garden. Parents and educators can then ask young people to choose two or three activities each week that interest them.

2 PREPARE THE KIT



Small barriers can stop teenagers going outside, especially if they feel uncomfortable, too hot, or unprepared. Keep a grab bag with sun cream, water, snacks, plasters, a cap, period products, and a lightweight waterproof. During hot weather, plan shade, water breaks, and calmer activities, as vigorous exercise is not advised on very hot days.

3 TRY MICRO-ADVENTURES



Outdoor activities don't need to be expensive or complicated. A micro-adventure could be as simple as watching the sunrise, walking to a local viewpoint, making breakfast outside, visiting a new green space, or planning a bus journey to a nearby nature trail. Encourage teens to plan the route, snacks, and timings themselves to help build their independence.

4 LINK TO REAL INTERESTS



A young person who dislikes sport may still enjoy being outside if the activity connects with something they already care about. Link outdoor time to music, art, animals, fashion, cooking, photography, or social interaction. Ideas include sketching in a park, making a nature playlist, filming a wildlife vlog script, or designing posters for a community garden.

5 CREATE SOCIAL PULL



For many teenagers, friends are the strongest motivator in various areas of life. Parents can invite one or two friends on walks, picnics, or garden games, while schools can promote lunchtime leagues, outdoor clubs, or summer meet-ups linked to existing interests. Make these activities feel social rather than supervised, with adults nearby for safety but not dominating the experience.

6 MAKE TRAVEL ACTIVE



Active travel is a practical way to build outdoor time into everyday routines. Encourage young people to walk, cycle, or scooter short journeys where it's safe to do so, such as to school, the library, a friend's house, or a sports club. Educators could run a summer 'active miles' challenge, with pupils logging their journeys completed on foot or by pedal.

7 USE PHONE-FREE CHALLENGES



Rather than simply saying, "Put your phone away", turn time spent offline into a shared challenge. Try a two-hour, phone-free park visit, a family evening walk, or a tutor-group challenge where pupils track their screen-free outdoor hours and share what they've been doing. You could all agree to keep devices in a box, bag, or classroom drawer, and allow for check-in time afterwards.

8 OFFER REAL RESPONSIBILITY



Teens often respond well when outdoor activities feel purposeful. Give them the responsibility for setting up a garden get-together, planning a picnic budget, leading a warm-up routine, mapping a walking route, or organising outdoor equipment. Schools could ask pupils to design an outdoor wellbeing trail, manage a sports rota, or support younger pupils during activity sessions.

9 REPLACE, DON'T REMOVE



If screens are taken away without an appealing alternative, young people may see outdoor time as a punishment. Replace gaming sessions with football drills, dance practice, basketball shots, treasure hunts, or card games outside. Replace screen scrolling with a 'boredom box' containing items like chalk, a frisbee, skipping ropes, playing cards, seed packets, or a disposable-style camera.

10 CELEBRATE SMALL WINS



Not every teenager will suddenly love the outdoors, so recognise their gradual progress. Celebrate a 20-minute walk, an hour at the park, a phone-free picnic lunch, or choosing to cycle instead of being driven around. Parents and educators can use praise, certificates, group displays, or simple shared reflection to show that outdoor effort matters.

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