

SUNNY BANK

NEWSLETTER





SUNNY BANK PRIMARY

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Get Ready to Enjoy Some Festive Fun!

THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER

FROM 2PM
FOR FAMILIES

FOR THE GENERAL
PUBLIC FROM
3.30PM

Our community Christmas
Fayre is just around the
corner, offering festive fun
for all ages

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Santa's Grotto
- Festive holiday treats & cosy beverages
- Fun activities for all
- Raffles and Tombola
- Bric A Brac Sale
- Face painting

FOR MORE INFO VISIT:

www.sunnybank.kent.sch.uk

Head of School *MESSAGE*



Dear families,

The festive season is in full swing here at Sunny Bank Primary, and our classrooms and hall are alive with rehearsals! We are so excited to welcome all of our families to the upcoming performances and share the joy of this special time of year.

To make things even more fun, we'll be awarding a prize at each performance to the most festive family member, so dress to impress and bring your holiday spirit!



A huge thank you for your continued support in getting children into school on time, especially during these cold and wet mornings. Attendance can often dip at this time of year, but we are incredibly proud of all our families who are doing everything they can to keep punctuality and attendance strong.

Just a quick reminder:

Before 8:50am, children should enter school via the side gate.

After this time, if children come through the front gate, they will need to be signed in by an accompanying adult

Keeping with the festive spirit, I would like to remind all of our families to park courteously outside school and show respect for our neighbours.

Finally, I can't wait to see you all at the PTA Christmas Fayre! Thank you for your generous donations - they make such a difference and help create a wonderful event for everyone.

Wishing you all a joyful and festive season,

Nicole Hyett
Head of School



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Term 2


LATEST NEWS


All the Christmas happenings at Sunny Bank





CHRISTMAS EVENTS


We are thrilled to share all the exciting events happening this term as we celebrate the festive season together! Please pop these dates in your diary:


 **Tuesday 9th December** – Our wonderful choir will be performing at Elvy Court.

 **Wednesday 10th December** – A pantomime (Dick Whittington) will be coming to school to entertain the children.


 **Thursday 11th December** (afternoon - 2pm) and **Friday 12th December** (morning – 9:15am) – EYFS (R&N) will perform their special festive show for families.

 **Tuesday 16th December** (morning 9:30am) – Years 3 and 4 will sing Christmas songs for their families.

 **Wednesday 17th December** (morning 9:15am) – Years 1 and 2 will share their Christmas songs with their families.

 **Wednesday 17th December** (afternoon – 2pm) and a special after-school performance at 5pm) – Years 5 and 6 will perform their Christmas show to their families. A separate letter and more details on this will follow this week.

 **Wednesday 17th December** – It's School Christmas Dinner Day!

 **Thursday 18th December** (afternoon – from 2pm) – Look out for a separate letter about the Sunny Bank PTA Christmas Fayre – a festive treat for all!

 **Friday 19th December** – Christmas Jumper Day and the last day of term.



TO MAKE THINGS EVEN MORE FUN, THERE WILL BE A 'MOST FESTIVE FAMILY MEMBER' PRIZE AT EACH PERFORMANCE – SO DRESS TO IMPRESS AND BRING YOUR CHRISTMAS SPARKLE!



We can't wait to celebrate with you and spread festive cheer across Sunny Bank. Thank you for your continued support and the Sunny Bank team wish you all a joyful and magical Christmas season!

OAK & JUNIPER PROUDLY PRESENTS

THE JINGLE BOOK

WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER
2PM AND 5PM

£1.50 ENTRY
TICKETS AVAILABLE ON THE DOOR

A CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA



Class Christmas Performances

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Christmas

MENU

WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2025

Turkey
Roast Potatoes
Peas
Carrots
Cabbage
Brussels
Stuffing
Pigs in blankets

Festive Jelly

Muffins

£2.70

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FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER

NON-UNIFORM DAY!

INCLUDING:

- Bottles (alcoholic and non-alcoholic)
- Bubble bath
- Soaps
- Wrapped chocolates/boxes of chocolates
- Cakes – shop bought or homemade. Anything homemade needs to have an ingredients list
- Sweets
- Tins
- Toiletries
- Unwanted toys
- Cuddly toys
- Any other items appropriate for a tombola

Any perishable items such as cakes and biscuits can be brought in no earlier than on the 17th December.

If parents are donating alcoholic items, these MUST be given to the school office and not sent in with children.

***FOR A DONATION
TO THE
CHRISTMAS
FAYRE!***

MORE INFO:

www.sunnybank.kent.sch.uk



Christmas Jumper Day



FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2025



DECEMBER 2025

SEE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON EACH EVENT AS THEY ARE ANNOUNCED!



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CHOIR AT
ELVY COURT

10
PANTOMIME
FOR PUPILS



11 & 12
EYFS FESTIVE
SHOW FOR
FAMILIES



16
YEARS 3 & 4
CHRISTMAS
SONGS



17
YEARS 1 & 2
CHRISTMAS
SONGS



17
YEARS 5 & 6
CHRISTMAS
SHOW

17
CHRISTMAS
DINNER

18
CHRISTMAS
FAYRE

19
CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY

19
LAST DAY
OF TERM



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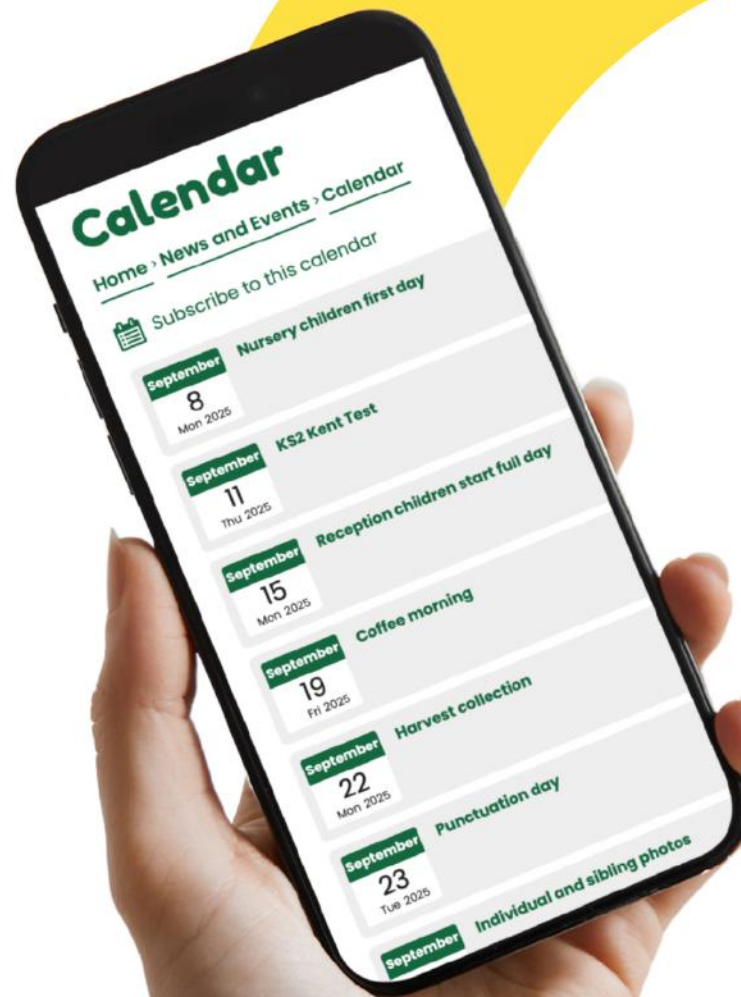
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and events
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We design visually captivating newsletters for schools and our trust, which have become quite popular among parents, children, staff and visitors alike. Now, we're offering local businesses the chance to advertise in these newsletters at an affordable rate, allowing them to reach a broad audience



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- Sunny Bank Primary School
- Halfway Houses Primary School
- Minster in Sheppey Primary School



TRUST PARENT NEWSLETTER

News Highlighting All Three of Our Schools and Trust



SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook and Instagram

SCHOOL WEBSITES

For each school and the trust

CLASS DOJO

Communication tool for all parents

EMAIL

An email is sent to parents with a direct link

HOW WE PROMOTE OUR NEWSLETTERS



A WIDE AUDIENCE

WEBSITES FOR THE SCHOOLS AND TRUST

in a typical 4-week period, our websites have received a total of 7,312 visits

SOCIAL MEDIA FACEBOOK

in a typical 4-week period, our Facebook pages have garnered a total of 86,000 views

CLASS DOJO FOR PARENTS

All parents at our schools are engaged and actively participate in viewing the School Story



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The full version can be obtained upon request.*

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

ELECTRICAL SAFETY AND DEVICES

Electrical safety is a vital topic for parents and educators, especially with the growing use of devices like smartphones, laptops, and power banks. Electrical fires are a major risk and are the cause of many deaths and injuries each year. There are reportedly nearly 20,000 accidental fires of electrical origin each year in the UK. This guide offers practical advice to help families and schools prevent electrical hazards, and promote safety when using everyday devices.

1 CHECK FOR OVERHEATING

Devices such as laptops, tablets, and smartphones can overheat if used for long periods or when charging. Ensure that children don't use devices on soft surfaces like beds or sofas, which can block ventilation. If a device becomes unusually hot, turn it off and unplug it. Overheating can lead to fire hazards if left unchecked.

2 INSTALL RESIDUAL CURRENT DEVICES

Ensure that homes and schools are equipped with Residual Current Devices (RCDs). These devices cut off the power if an electrical fault occurs, preventing electric shocks and reducing the risk of fires. RCDs should be tested regularly to ensure they are working properly. More information about RCDs is available from Electrical Safety First.

3 AVOID OVERLOADING SOCKETS

Plugging too many devices into one socket can overload the electrical system and cause a fire. In schools and homes, ensure extension leads are not overloaded and never 'daisy chain' multiple extension cords together. Educate children on the dangers of connecting too many devices to a single outlet.

4 POWER BANKS: SAFE USE

Power banks are a handy way to charge devices, but they can also pose a risk if misused. Ensure power banks are of high quality and comply with UK safety standards. Teach children never to leave power banks charging unattended, and to avoid placing them under pillows or bedding where they may overheat.

5 REGULAR DEVICE INSPECTIONS

Regularly check devices for signs of wear and tear. Frayed charging cables, cracked device casings, or devices that are slow to charge may indicate electrical problems. If any issues are noticed, stop using the device until it can be repaired or replaced by a qualified technician. This proactive approach helps prevent fires caused by faulty devices.

6 UNPLUG DEVICES WHEN NOT IN USE

Encourage children and pupils to unplug devices when not in use, particularly overnight. Devices left plugged in unnecessarily can overheat or become fire hazards, especially if left charging unattended for long periods. Simple habits like unplugging can prevent serious incidents.

7 USE GENUINE CHARGERS

Always use chargers supplied by the manufacturer or from a reputable retailer. Faulty or counterfeit chargers can cause devices to overheat, short-circuit, or even catch fire. Teach children the importance of avoiding poor-quality chargers, and regularly inspect charging cables for signs of wear or damage. More tips on safe charging can be found at Electrical Safety First.

8 WATER & ELECTRICITY DON'T MIX

Teach children that water and electricity are a dangerous combination. Devices should never be used near sinks, bathtubs, or swimming pools. Parents and educators should ensure that any electrical appliances near water sources have proper waterproof casings and are plugged into RCD-protected outlets.

9 KEEP DEVICES VENTILATED

Devices need proper ventilation to avoid overheating. Avoid stacking items on top of plugged-in devices like laptops or gaming consoles, and make sure there is enough space around devices to allow for airflow. Proper ventilation helps prevent dangerous heat build-up, reducing the risk of fires.

10 SUPERVISE YOUNG CHILDREN

Younger children may not understand the dangers of electricity, so it's important to supervise them when they are using devices. Keep electrical cords out of reach and always remind children never to put objects into electrical outlets.

Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings as well as many other industries to help them maintain a safe working environment.



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