

Friday 5th June 2026

Newsletter

Dear Pupils, Parents, Carers and Friends,



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Reading Diaries - Read to Succeed!

May we please remind all parents of the importance of children reading daily - **it is the key to success in school.**

Please listen to your child read at home, and record in their diary; it would also greatly benefit your child to read to other people in your family or visitors. For younger pupils, reading a book several times is fantastic for developing their reading fluency and confidence!

We shall continue to check diaries up until the end of term, and expect to see them filled in daily. Thank you.



New Parents' Meetings

We shall be holding open mornings to allow parents and children who are joining our school in September a little glimpse of life at SMSB:

- New Reception Parents' Meeting Monday 15th June 9am
- New Nursery Parents' Meeting Tuesday 16th June 9am

There will be an opportunity to meet the staff that will be working with the children, and to visit the classrooms and see them in action.



Confirmation 2026

Baptised Catholic children in Year 5 or above are invited to enrol on the preparation programme to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in November 2026. The enrolment Mass will be at 9.30am on Sunday 14th June at Church.



Remember
Park Away
Wednesdays!



After School Clubs

- Breakfast Club: 7.45am - 8.45am £2 including breakfast
- Staylate: 3 - 5.30pm £5 including a snack



After School Clubs are from 3-4pm, cost £2 per session (unless indicated otherwise) and must be booked and paid for in advance (before 12pm on the day please).

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
~ Activities ~ Cookery ~ Y6 Maths IT Club ~ Boys' Football KS2	~ Activities ~ Football/ Multi-sports (Y1/2) ~ Martial Arts (KS2) ~ Netball (KS2)	~ Activities ~ Computers ~ Basketball/ multi sports (Y2+) ~ Girls' Football (Y5/6) ~ Eritrean Club 4.15pm-5.30pm AC Academy KS2 Choir	~ Activities ~ Boys' Football KS2 ~ Musical Theatre ~ Mini Vinnies	~ Activities ~ Hockey/ multi-sports (Y5/6) ~ Gymnastics / acro dance

Earrings

All pupils must be able to independently remove their own earrings for all PE activities. Please consider this when getting your child's ears pierced - the start of the Summer Holidays is ideal so they have time to heal - and whether they are old enough to manage this on their own.

Our value of
the month is



Looking forward...

Monday 8th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening am: Girls' Football Rally pm: Netball trip
Tuesday 9th June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Year 4 IntoUni Careers Day
Wednesday 10th June	Park Away Day - Cycle, Scoot or Walk to school!
Sunday 11th June	9.30am Enrolment Mass for Confirmation



Have a lovely weekend!

Pauline MacDonald
Head Teacher

Nursery children confidently led story time sessions this week, speaking clearly and engaging their peers. This supported their confidence and oracy development. It was wonderful to see them sharing stories with such enthusiasm.



Nursery have thoroughly enjoyed 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' - exploring caterpillars and the butterfly life cycle, creating colour patterns - showing great curiosity, creativity and understanding of the natural world.



Another busy
week at SMSB!



A group from Year 5 enjoyed meeting author Sufiya Ahmed, learning about how she writes her books and listening to her reading from her latest novel. The children were amazed to hear that it takes her a couple of months to write a book as she edits and revises until she is happy with the final draft!