

Friday 18th July 2025



Newsletter



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Dear Pupils, Parents, Carers and Friends,

We finish today, and look forward to the opportunity for rest and relaxation. I hope that you all have a wonderful holiday, and return in September refreshed whether to us, or pastures new for our Year 6 - you are leaving us with many wonderful memories, and we hope that you are taking a bit of SMSB with you in your hearts and minds!



Last day of term...
 Today is our final day of term. Children in Years 1 - 6 return on **Wednesday 3rd September**. Nursery and Reception pupils have their start dates on their letters.



SMSB Holiday Club
 8am - 5pm Monday to Friday
 £15 per day per child

Our Holiday Club will be open for the first four weeks, offering activities in a secure setting for primary aged pupils. Sign up at the School Office.



School Attendance

Please remember the changes to school attendance law. This means that Fixed Penalty Notices (fines) are higher, and there are stronger consequences for parents of children who do not attend school regularly. Our school expectation is **97%** or higher so that pupils can achieve their potential.

Please note that schools cannot authorise holidays during term time by law. There are thirteen weeks of school holiday time each year and it is expected for you to take holidays then.

Each school is now visited termly by a Council Attendance Officer who will review the attendance of all pupils and advise on action to be taken if attendance is an issue.

If you are finding it difficult to ensure your child has good school attendance, please contact the school as soon as problems arise so that we can help as soon and as much as possible.

Every day counts!

2025-26 SMSB Teaching Team

Phase	Leader of Learning	Teaching Team	
Early Years Foundation Stage	Mrs Doherty	Mrs Montgomery Miss Daniels Miss McKenna	Mrs Jones Mrs Burton Miss Thompson Miss Genet Miss Becker
Key Stage One: Year 1/2	Miss Marlow	Mrs Collins Miss Doherty Mr Leybourne	Mrs Shaikh Mrs Kelly Mrs Daley Miss Begum Mrs Calcutt Miss Doust
Key Stage Two: Year 3/4	Mrs Sharman (SENDCO)	Mrs Thomas Mr Noonan Miss Brandon	Mrs Gordon Mrs Ennis Mr Stanley
Year 5/6	Miss Lovelock	Mrs Franks Mrs Kimberley Miss Bitulu Mr Evans Mrs Rorbach (p/t)	Miss James Mr Daley



Join the Summer Reading Challenge at your local library! There will be prizes in September for all pupils who complete the challenge. #readtosucceed

After School Clubs...

Will begin again on Monday 8th September. Staylate and Earlybird Breakfast Club begin again on the first day of the new term.

- Breakfast Club: 7.4-5am - 8.4-5am £2 including breakfast
- Staylate: 3 - 5.30pm £5 including a snack

Our Value of the Month is Friendship



Together with Christ everyone achieves more

Looking forward...

Monday 21st July	Summer Holidays begin Holiday Club open for the first four weeks - book at the Office. £13 per day per child, 8am to 5pm
Tuesday 22nd July - Thursday 24th July	AC Academy Holiday Camp @ SMSB 'Heroes and Villains' Y3-6
Wednesday 3rd September	Years 1-6 return to school
Thursday 4th September	Staggered start for Nursery and Reception

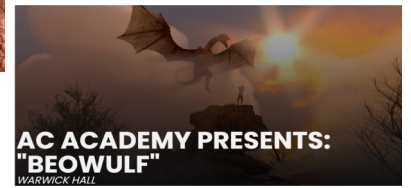


Have a wonderful Summer!

Pauline MacDonald
Head Teacher



Well done,
AC Academy,
your Beowulf
performance
was brilliant!



St Mary & St Benedict @StMaryStBen · 15h
The Year 6 primary leavers' disco is in full swing! a fantastic celebration to mark the end of their primary school journey! 🎉🎊
#Year6Leavers #PrimarySchoolDisco #UKPrimary #SchoolLeavers #LeaversDisco #PrimaryCelebration #UKSchools #EndOfPrimary #MakingMemories

St Mary & St Benedict @StMaryStBen · Jul 14
We had a fantastic afternoon showcasing our musical talents! Well done year 5&6 - what a lovely celebration! 🎵

St Mary & St Benedict @StMaryStBen · Jul 15
The rain didn't stop our teddy bears picnic. Thank you to all our lunch time staff #TeddyBearsPicnic #EndOfTermCelebrations



Wrapping up another
fantastic year at SMSB
with fun celebrations!
Well done everyone,
and have a
great Summer!

St Mary & St Benedict @StMaryStBen · Jul 15
Thank you to Mr Evans and his Year 6 helpers for organising our fantastic sports day. 🏆

St Mary & St Benedict @StMaryStBen
Today we said Goodbye and Thank You to the lovely Mrs James, who is retiring from her cleaning role, after 25 years! We will miss you and thank you for our treats too. 💖🌟



St Mary & St Benedict @StMaryStBen · Jul 16
Our Eritrean language club enjoying their end of year celebration. 🇪🇪



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