



Sowe Valley Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to all of our children and families following the Easter break. The children have settled back into their learning very well.

Our reception class went to Ash End Farm on Thursday, it was a beautiful day and the children had an amazing time. They petted the animals, had a tour of the farm and best of all, a very bumpy tractor ride. Their behaviour as always was fantastic, a real credit to the school.

Our Reception also class had a delivery of fertilised eggs on Monday which have now hatched and we have 7 beautiful chicks. The children watched most of them hatch and they have been mesmerised. The children and staff will care for them until next Friday when they will be returned to the 'Living Eggs' company who re-home them to free range farms or small holdings.



Have a great bank holiday weekend

Miss Emma White and all the Sowe Valley team



Dates for your diary

Pupil of the half term assembly - 16th May

Whole School Sports Day - 9th June

Pre-School Sports Day - 10th June

School Fete - 27th June



Birthdays this week

Nolan - Year 1

Rhys - Year 4



Term Dates

2024/2025

Autumn Term

Monday 3rd September 2024 to
Friday 25th October 2024
(Monday 2nd September is a
teacher training day)

Half Term Holiday

Monday 28th October 2024 to
Friday 1st November 2024

Autumn term (continued)

Tuesday 5th November 2024 to
Friday 20th December 2024
(Monday 4th November is a
teacher training day)

Spring term

Tuesday 7th January 2025 to
Friday 14th February 2025
(Monday 6th January is a teacher
training day)

Half Term Holiday

Monday 17th February 2025 to
Friday 21st February 2025

Spring Term (continued)

Monday 24th February 2025 to
Friday 11th April 2025

Easter Holiday

Monday 14th April 2025 to
Friday 25th April 2025

Summer Term

Monday 28th April 2025 to
Friday 23rd May 2025

Bank Holiday Monday 5th May
2025

Half Term Holiday

Monday 26th May 2025 to
Friday 30th May 2025

Summer Term (continued)

Monday 3rd June 2025 to
Friday 18th July 2025
(Monday 2nd June & Monday 21st
July are teacher training days)

Star of the week

Y1 - David/Yeab

Y2 - Tobias/Godson

Year 3 - Amelia Mc/Vithus

Year 4 - Willow/Carson

Year 5 - Amna/Nidha

Year 6 - Adam R/Dylan

Writer of the week

Y1 - Jack

Y2 - Vanenyasha

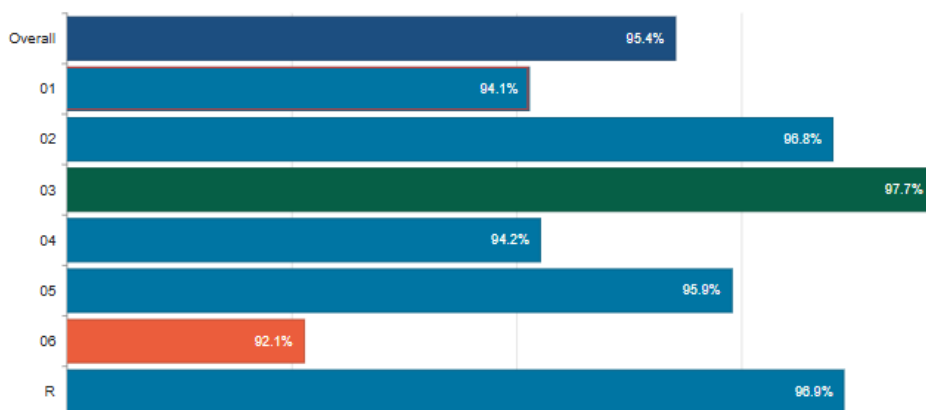
Year 3 - Leila

Year 4 - Leighton

Year 5 - Arla

Year 6 - Molly

Attendance 7th April to 11th April 2025



ATTENDANCE

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Children are required by law to attend school 180 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	12.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	15 Weeks	340 Lessons

89% & Below
Drastic effect on
academic achievement

95%-90%
Cause for
concern

100%-96%
Excellent



We wanted to send a reminder that we are a **'nut aware school'**

We need to keep pupils and staff with life-threatening food allergies safe, but equally try our best not to make it difficult for parents to find snacks children enjoy, which we appreciate can itself be challenging.

To clarify we need to ask you as parents to avoid products that **contain any nut as an ingredient** in lunchboxes. Products that say **'may contain nuts'** are **okay** (the majority of brands use this statement to cover themselves as they produce different foods in the same factory).

Sandwich fillings to avoid: Peanut butter / Nutella / other nut butters



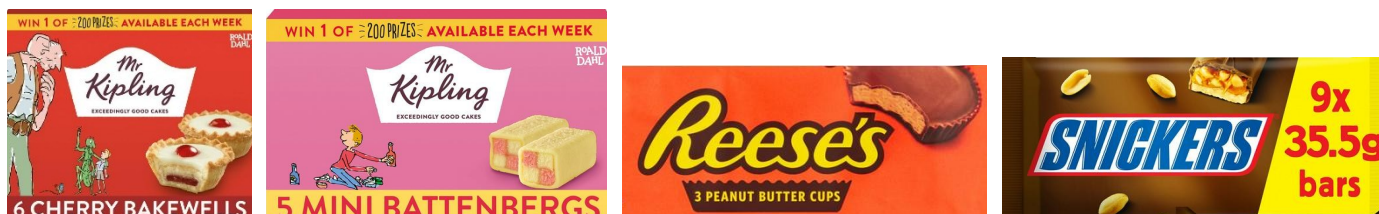
Examples of safe sandwich fillings: jam, cheese/ cheese spread, butter, honey, ham, chicken, turkey, hummus, Cadbury chocolate spread, Jim Jams chocolate spread

Example cereal bars to avoid: all that state nuts as an ingredient



Examples of safe cereal bars: Organix bars, Ella's kitchen oat bars, Cadbury brunch bars raisins, Cadbury brunch bars chocolate chip, Nature Valley oats and honey, Nature Valley dark chocolate, Nature Valley canadian syrup, Go-ahead yoghurt breaks, Go-ahead fruit oat breaks, Nutrigrain bars, Graze supersnackers Cocopops bars, Frosties bars, Rice krispie bars, Squares bars.

Example cake / chocolate/ biscuits to avoid: Cherry bakewells, Battenbergs, Reeses peanut butter cups, Snickers



Examples of safe cake / chocolate : Angel cake, fairy cakes, rice cakes, Party rings, Oreos, Maryland cookies, Digestives, Hobnobs, Rich tea, Bourbons, Custard creams, Jaffa cakes, Penguins, Gold bars, Cadbury animals.

We would like to thank you in advance for your support in keeping everyone at Sowe Valley safe.