Sires Hill Primary Academy

NEWSLETTER

12TH OCTOBER 2026

Coming up.... Show Racism the Red Card Day - Friday 16th October



Racism has no place in our school or society and as a school we recognise Show Racism the Red Card Day by wearing red items of clothing.

Learning Reviews - Monday 19th October and Wednesday 21st October

We are looking forward to welcoming you all to our learning reviews next week.

- All reviews will take place in the hall. Please enter through the hall doors in the playground.
- Check in is in the hall
- Please make sure that you arrive in good time for your appointment. Teachers will do their best to stay on time.
- There are a lot of parents/carers to see - appointments are for 10 minutes.
- If you arrive late for your appointment, you may have missed your slot and this may not be possible to rearrange on the day. Please arrive on time.
- Books will be available for you to look at in the hall.
- If you bring your children with you, **they must stay with you during the appointment.**

The next two weeks Please check the diary at the end of the newsletter for future dates to keep ahead.	
13th October	**Year 3 Stonehenge**
14th October	Reception local walk
15th October	fire engine visit Ducklings
16th October	Show racism the red card day - wear red
19th October and 21st October	Learning Reviews in the hall
22nd October	Year 3 flu vaccinations

Our wonderful pastoral team: Mrs Wright and Mrs Venes

Mrs Wright, our Family Support Worker and Mrs Venes, our Behaviour Learning Mentor work across the school with a number of children and families. They are based mainly at DPA but are now spending part of the week at Sires Hill too, so that we can benefit from their experience and support.

They are both trained ELSAs(Emotional Literacy Support Assistants who can support children with:

- Anxiety and worries
- Low self-esteem and confidence
- Anger management and emotional regulation
- Friendship and social skills difficulties
- Bereavement, loss or family breakdown

They received their training from an Educational Physchologist and continue to receive regular professional supervision.

If your child is referred for ELSA, and there is a space available, parents will be contacted to let them know more about the programme. This is usually a 6 week programme with a session once a week.

Signposting support for families.....

Mrs Wright can help you to find support for a range of issues - what we cannot help with ourselves, we can usually find another organisation to direct you to.

If you would like to talk to Mrs Wright, please phone the main school office.

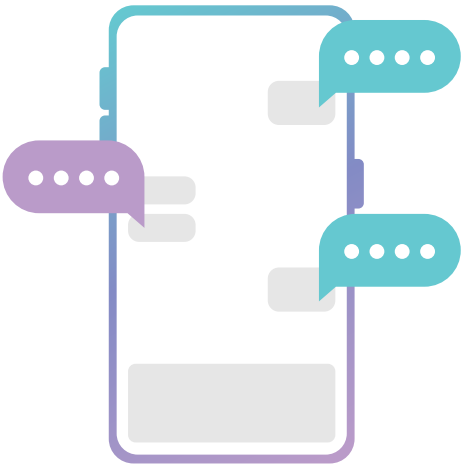
Attendance support

If your child's attendance is causing concern - or they are persistently late, you may receive a call from Mrs Wright to find out more and to discuss the barriers to attendance. Often that initial phonecall is all that is needed, but some families may need further support through drawing up an attendance contract.

Early Help

Early help is a service that offers guidance and practical aid during tough times. To access Early Help, you will need to complete a **strengths and needs assessment** with Mrs Wright or a member of SLT.

School Health Nurse



Did you know that there is a Parentline to contact a school nurse that you can use between 9-5pm every day? (excluding bank holidays)

07312 263 227

You can send the school health nurse service a text on the number above for advice about:

- Diet and healthy life styles
- toileting
- sleep
- bullying
- Support with behaviour
- General and emotional health

If you would like a more detailed response for your child, you can speak with Mrs Wright to organise a school health nurse referral.

Foodbank and Didcot Larder

If you need an emergency foodbank voucher, please contact Mrs Wright

Didcot Larder

SOFEA Community Larders are designed to help people access affordable food while also reducing food waste. They are not food banks, so families do not need to be in crisis or referred in order to join. Members sign up to their local Community Larder and pay a small weekly membership fee. They can then attend each week and choose from a range of available food, which can include ambient, fresh, chilled and frozen items, depending on what stock is available.

The larders are run as welcoming community spaces, usually with the support of local volunteers and partner organisations. Alongside the food offer, many of our larders also provide access to additional support such as benefits of advice, employment support, health and wellbeing services, housing advice and other local services.

The aim is not only to help families stretch their household budgets, but also to create a space where people feel welcome, connected, and able to access wider support if they need it.

Autumn 1 2026-27

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Date	Who	What
13th October	Year 3	Stonehenge trip
14th October	Reception	Local Walk (Subject to weather)
15th October	Ducklings	Fire Engine Visit (Subject to call outs)
16th October	Whole school	Wear red - Show Racism the Red Card day
19th October and 21st October	Whole school	Learning reviews: Make an appointment via Arbor to meet your child's teacher and find out how your child has settled into their new class.
21st October	Whole school	Trip to Didcot Railway Centre
22nd October	Reception - Year 2	Flu Vaccination programme
26th October-30th October	Whole school	Half term holidays. School Closed.

Autumn 2 2026-27

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Date	Who	What
2nd November	Whole school	Autumn Term 2 Starts
16th November	Whole school	Wear odd socks for Anti-bullying day
7th December	Pre-School	Christmas Craft afternoon and sing along 2:15pm. Come and join your child to make some Christmas decorations.
9th December	Reception	Christmas Nativity Play 2:30pm Please note that children under 5 will not be admitted into the audience
11th December	Year 2	Christmas play 2:30pm Please note that children under 5 will not be admitted into the audience.
14th December	Year 1	Christmas Craft afternoon and sing along 2:15pm. Come and join your child to make some Christmas decorations.
17th December	Reception to Year 3	Christmas Concert 9:15am. Come and join us for a musical festive celebration - be prepared to join in!
17th December	Whole school	End of term at 12 noon. Gates will open at 11:50am.

Spring 1 2026-27

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Date	Who	What
4th January 2027	Whole school	Term starts 8:40am (Reception to Year 3) 9:30am (Nursery and pre-school)
22nd January	Young Voices Choir	Opportunity to join a choir of 7000 children to sing at the O2 Arena. Open to Year 3 children only (10 places)
8th February and 10th February	whole school	Learning reviews. Make sure you make an appointment via Arbor to meet your child's teacher and find out how your child is progressing academically.
15th - 19th February	Whole school	Half term - school closed to children .

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Date	Who	What
22nd February	Whole school	Term starts 8:40am (Reception to Year 3) 9:30am (Nursery and pre-school)
24th March	Nursery and pre - school	End of term for Nursery and pre-school (usual time)
25th March	Whole school	End of term at 12 noon (gates will open at 11:50am)

Summer 1 2026-27

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Date	Who	What
12th April	Whole school	Term starts 8:40am (Reception to Year 3) 9:30am (Nursery and pre-school)
26th May	Whole school	Sports Day and family picnic- timings will be sent out nearer the time
28th May	Whole school	End of Summer 1
31st May - 4th June	Whole school	Half term

Summer 2 2026-27

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Date	Who	What
7th June	Whole school	Term starts 8:40am (Reception to Year 3) 9:30am (Nursery and pre-school)
11th June	Whole school	Inset Day - school closed to children
19th July	nursery and pre-school	End of term (usual session times 12:30 or 3:30pm)
20th July	Whole school	End of term at 12 noon (gates will open at 11:50am)