



# NEWSLETTER

5<sup>th</sup> September 2025

A warm welcome back to all our children and families – where did those six weeks go? We hope you all had a lovely summer break. It was wonderful to see our children back in school yesterday and ready to start the new year. We are very proud of how well children have settled back into school life.



Please see below some key information and reminders for this academic year. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff who will be happy to help.

## Meet the teacher workshops

Next week on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September, we will be hosting Meet The teacher workshops for parents. This will include a short task with your child and the opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher. Please see timings below and we hope you can join us!



*Year 1: 9am (Miss Smith and Mrs Brand)*

*Year 2: 9:30am (Miss Hodges)*

*Year 3: 10am (Mr Ratton)*

*Year 4: 10:30am (Miss Jackson)*

*Year 6: 11am (Mrs Maxfield-Kay)*

*Year 5: 1pm (Mr Robson)*



## School Timings, Term Dates and Attendance reminders

As a reminder, please see school timings below.

*Nursery: 8:40am to 11:40am*

*Year 3: 8:40am to 3:10pm*

*Reception: 8:45am to 3:15pm*

*Year 4: 8:50am to 3:20pm*

*Year 1: 8:45am to 3:15pm*

*Year 5: 8:45am to 3:15pm*

*Year 2: 8:40am to 3:10pm*

*Year 6: 8:40am to 3:10pm*



School term dates can be found on our website or by following the link:

<https://www.sacristonacademy.co.uk/school-information/term-dates-and-school-times>



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As you are aware, we monitor attendance very closely at Sacriston Academy in line with Government regulations, please see below a few key reminders:

- If your child is going to be late/cannot attend school for any reason, you must inform the school office by 8:30am. Any child with no reason given will be marked as unauthorised
- It is key your child arrives to school at their allocated time. Minutes late are logged on our system and also reported to Durham Attendance Intervention Team
- We are unable to approve any holidays in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances
- The government set an attendance target of 97% for all pupils. School has a legal duty to challenge and action low attendance

Our Attendance Team consists of Mrs Parks (Headteacher) and Miss Brockwell (Attendance Lead). If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact school

## Uniform

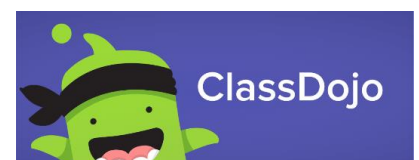
All children are expected to be full school uniform unless there are exceptional circumstances. Our uniform policy can be found here:

<https://www.sacristonacademy.co.uk/school-information/uniform>

All uniform can be ordered online through Emblematic and delivered to school free of charge, ties are available from the office and paid for via ScoPay. Can we please draw your attention to the section 6 regarding hair designs as there should be no shaven designs.

## Communication

Gentle reminder, we are unable to use the messaging service on Class Dojo. If you have messaged using this system, your message will remain unseen. Class Dojo can be used to whole school reminders, events, newsletters and general information to parents. If you need to contact school, please do so via email or telephone.





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## Early Drop Off / Breakfast Club

We do host Early Drop Off / Breakfast Club every morning for all children, please see reminder of timings and prices below. All bookings are to be made and paid for in advance via ScoPay

*Early Drop Off (No breakfast) 8:15am to 8:40am £1.50*

*Breakfast Club (Breakfast included) 7:50am to 8:40am £2.50*



## Drop off and Pick up

Great news! You may have seen that Durham County Council have provided us with a new crossing patrol. Can we please also ask parents not to park on the yellow lines outside school for health and safety reasons

We kindly ask parents, carers and pupils to make use of the school crossing patrol when arriving at and leaving school. Please encourage all children to wait for the patrol and set a good example by using it yourself.

## PE days; please ensure on these days your child is in full PE Kit with school jumper (No branded sportswear, tight short sports short, football shirts and hoodies)

Nursery and Reception: Friday

Year 1: Monday

Year 2: Tuesday

Year 3: Wednesday

Year 4: Tuesday

Year 5: Monday


Year 6: Tuesday (Swimming)





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## Class Attendance

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
							
85.8	95.4	95.6	96.5	94	96.2	95	94.4

## Weekly Awards

Our Headteacher Playtime Awards were presented today to **Y2** and **Y4**

The following children have all impressed their class teacher:

**Nursery:** Archie Loan

**Reception:** All of Reception

**Year 1:** Layton James Newton

**Year 2:** Jax Loan

**Year 3:** Lewis Sharpe

**Year 4:** Julian Prasal

**Year 5:** Noah Devlin

**Year 6:** Josh Kirkpatrick



## Secondary School Applications

Information has been uploaded to class dojo for parents/carers with details of how you can make your child's application for a Secondary School Placement in 2026. The closing date for Secondary School Applications is the **31 October 2025**

The menu for week beginning **12<sup>th</sup> September 2025 is Week 2**. School dinners are £14.75 per week, paid online by Monday please. Our school menu can now be found on our website. If you would like to look at the options with your child, please use the following link.

<http://www.sacristonacademy.co.uk/school-information/lunch-menu>



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## Dates for your Diary

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November** Parental Consultations F2F

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

Y6 Residential to Ford Castle

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Parent Reading Workshop 4pm

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Sibling/Individual Photos

Year 5/6 Mixed Football Team @ Meadowfield

Y6 Parents SAT information 4pm

Break up for half term

Secondary school application deadline

Children return to school

Girls Football Team @ Meadowfield

Girls Football Team @ Meadowfield

Parental Consultations Phone Calls

Non Uniform for Children In Need Donation

Flu Vaccinations Rec-Year 6

Girls Football Team @ Meadowfield

Girls Football Team @ Meadowfield

Y6 NISSAN Trip

Pantomime Afternoon!

Break up for Christmas!