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17th October 2025

PSQM Achievement

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM), a nationally recognised accreditation that celebrates a commitment to developing excellence in science leadership, curriculum design, teaching and learning.



Special shout out to Mrs Maxfield-Kay, our science lead, who has worked incredibly hard and devoted a lot of time over the past year towards this fantastic achievement! We are so proud!

Goodbye!

Next week, we say goodbye to Miss Brockwell who will be leaving us to start a new role outside of education. Miss Brockwell has been a big part of Team Sacriston for 7 years and will be a huge miss. We wish her the very best of luck in the future!

Some more very exciting news! Mrs Thompson will be stepping up to the role of Office Manager after the half term - we wish her the very best in her new role also!



Finally, we also say goodbye and good luck to Miss Winn who will be leaving us next week after being at Sacriston for many years – thank you for all your hard work, you will be missed!



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Parental Consultation's: Reception – Year 6

After half term, parent consultations will be taking place on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th November 2025.

Parents consultations are available to book now

Booking system closes: 12pm on Monday 3rd November 2025

Face to face appointments: Wednesday 12th November 2025

Phone call appointments: Thursday 13th November 2025

PARENT
Consultation

Parental Consultation's: Nursery

Nursery Parental Consultation's will take place Monday 10th – Thursday 13th November from 8:30am – 9am via phone call. Slots are available to book now and closes Monday 3rd November at 12pm noon.

NURSERY

Our main focus this week in Nursery was the nursery rhyme 'Incy Wincy Spider'. We enjoyed variety of activities connected with this rhyme. We made spiders, we spined spiderwebs, and build a big spider in our construction area. Children loved moulding spiders with the dough, and made some very impressive creations. We have also continued counting and getting more confident in our numbers up to 5.





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RECEPTION

Reception have been learning all about how we can stay healthy, including how to look after our teeth. We sang songs about how to brush our teeth, explored cavities, role played as dentists and lots more! The children loved their morning exploring the job of a dentist.

"I like cleaning the teeth." - Scott

"I liked seeing what food was stuck." - Eliza

"I liked trying to clean the rotten teeth." - Lillyanne



YEAR 1

Year 1 have been comparing animals based on their features. We talked about why animals have different features and how they live their lives differently. The children put the animals in groups based on their features and we talked about what happens when animals have more than one of the features.

Theo- 'Carnivores have sharp teeth and eat meat like a T-Rex.'

Tommy- 'A cheetah has sharp claws to climb and catch animals.'

Laura- 'A shark has a fin and gills.'

Abigail- 'An octopus has lots of tentacles but no legs.'



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YEAR 2

This week, Year 2 became chefs for the day! We received a letter from a charity asking us to think about how we can make school meals healthier. Our challenge was to design and make a wrap that included protein, vegetables and dairy. Everyone got stuck in choosing ingredients, preparing their wraps and learning about healthy eating along the way. The best bit? Tasting our creations at the end, it was delicious!



"This is the best food I have ever eaten" - Jax

"I want to practice making wraps at home now" – Corey

"I am going to take small bites so it lasts forever, because it tastes so good" - Ella-Rose



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YEAR 3

This week, in Writing, Year 3 have been writing a diary entry all about the building of Stonehenge which links with our topic of 'Through the Ages'. We began by reading a model text from the perspective of a boy building Stonehenge. We noticed that the model text contained time conjunctions prepositions, which is what we will be aiming to use in our own version of the diary entry. This week, we have written the first part of our recount focusing on time conjunctions.



YEAR 4

This term, Year 4 have been fully immersed in their science topic on *States of Matter*. They began by investigating the properties of solids, liquids and gases, learning how particles behave in each state. Building on this, they explored the fascinating water cycle. To understand evaporation, the children placed wet handprints on sugar paper and observed how they gradually disappeared. They also created their own mini water cycles using sealable bags, which were placed on the windowsill. Over time, they noticed water droplets forming inside the bags — a clear demonstration of condensation in action!





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YEAR 5

Year 5 have made a fantastic start to their 'Biome in a Box' projects in Geography lessons this week. The children have learnt all about the climates and characteristics of different biomes such as desert, woodland, tundra, rainforest, grasslands and savannah, selecting one of these to recreate. We have some excellent examples so far!

"Mine is the woodland because it's full of trees and plants" - Toby

"I decided to do the desert because it's most extreme biome" – Penelope



YEAR 6

This week in PSHE, Year 6 have been exploring their personal learning goals and the steps they can take to achieve them. They discussed both positive and negative



consequences, thought about possible obstacles that could get in the way as well as coming up with realistic solutions to overcome them. The children came up with some brilliant goals that I'm sure they will be able to achieve by the end of the year!

"Obstacles are things that can get in the way of you doing something." Alfie

"We can think of solutions to help us when we might have an obstacle." Lillie



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Football

On Wednesday night, our football team played the final games of this term's tournament. We came 5th place overall – we are so proud of all our children! Well done! Big thank you to Mr Ratton, Mrs Cossey and Miss Brockwell for accompanying the children.



Next term we see the Girl's take to the pitch!

Christmas

Staff are starting to prepare for our annual Christmas Fayre that will be taking place on Friday 5th December. More information regarding arrangements will follow after half term. However, if anyone has anything they could donate such as tombola prizes, toys, bottles, chocolate, we would be extremely grateful if these could start coming into school after half term. Thank you



Class Attendance



Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
90.4%	97.4%	97.9%	96.2%	99.00%	96.00%	93.8%	95.4%



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Weekly Awards

Our Headteacher Playtime Awards were presented today to **Y1** and **Y4**

The following children have all impressed their class teacher:

Nursery: Jackson Smith-McHugh

Reception: Harshith Sajith

Year 1: Riley May Pinkney

Year 2: Lewis Laddie

Year 3: Johan Tom

Year 4: Mason Hubber

Year 5: Casey Saunders

Year 6: Olly Bradley



Perfect Presentation:

Year 1: Laura Bere

Year 2: Theo Johnson

Year 3: Freddie Erskine

Year 4: Thomas McLaughlin

Year 5: Orryn Bloomfield-Bell

Year 6: Evie Hubbard-Walker



FINAL REMINDER: 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 **20th October 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

Friday 24th October

Break up for half term

Halloween Theme Lunch

Friday 31st October

Secondary school application deadline

Monday 3rd November

Children return to school

Parental Consultation bookings close @ 12pm

Tuesday 4th November

Girls Football Team @ Meadowfield

Friday 7th November

Non Uniform for Fayre Donations

Tuesday 11th November

Girls Football Team @ Meadowfield

Wednesday 12th November

Parental Consultations F2F

Thursday 13th November

Parental Consultations Phone Calls

Friday 14th November

Non Uniform for Children In Need Donation

Flu Vaccinations Rec-Year 6

Tuesday 18th November

Girls Football Team @ Meadowfield

Tuesday 25th November

Girls Football Team @ Meadowfield

Wednesday 3rd December

Y6 NISSAN Trip

Wednesday 10th December

EY Nativity- 10:15-11:15am

KS1 Nativity- 2:15pm-3:00pm

Friday 5th December

Christmas Fayre!

Friday 12th December

Pantomime Afternoon!

Friday 19th December

Break up for Christmas!