

Headteacher's Welcome Message



A very warm welcome back to all our children, families and staff as we begin another exciting school year at South Wingfield Primary School.

I hope you have all enjoyed a restful and enjoyable summer break and have had the opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends. It has been wonderful to see the children return to school with such enthusiasm, positivity and eagerness to learn. The school has quickly become a busy, vibrant place once again, filled with smiles, laughter and the buzz of learning.

I would also like to extend a very special welcome to our new Reception children and their families as they join our school community for the first time. Starting school is a significant milestone and we recognise that it can bring a mixture of excitement and nerves for both children and parents. We are delighted to have you as part of the South Wingfield family and look forward to supporting your child as they begin their learning journey with us. The Class 1 team has worked hard to create a warm, nurturing and stimulating environment where every child can settle confidently, make new friends and develop a love of learning.

This year we will continue to build upon the many successes of last year whilst focusing on further improving outcomes for all children. We are particularly excited to continue developing our curriculum, celebrating children's achievements and strengthening our partnership with families and the wider community.

Thank you for your continued support. Working together, we can ensure that every child has the opportunity to thrive and enjoy their learning journey. I look forward to another successful year and to sharing many wonderful achievements and experiences with you throughout the months ahead.

Best wishes,

M Kealy
Headteacher
South Wingfield Primary School

DIARY DATES

September

4th: INSET Day

15th: Colour Run

29th: Year5/6 Faith Centre Visit

October

2nd: Harvest Service

9th: Hello Yellow Day

12th: Anti Bullying Week

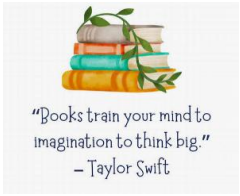
17th DNA Y5 Enterprise Day

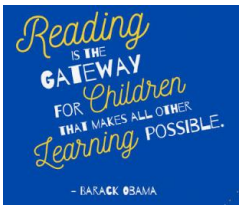
23rd: Last Day of term

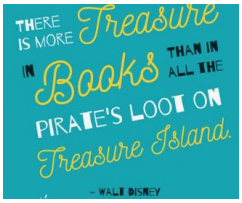
INSET Days 2026-2027
Monday 7th September
Monday 4th January
Thursday 25th March
Monday 7th June
Monday 26th July











The Importance of Reading at Home

Reading at home is one of the most valuable ways parents can support their child's learning. Just a few minutes of reading each day can have a significant impact on a child's confidence, vocabulary, imagination and academic progress.

When children read regularly at home, they:

- Develop fluency and confidence in reading.
- Learn new vocabulary and language patterns.
- Improve their spelling and writing skills.
- Strengthen their understanding and comprehension of texts.
- Develop a love of books and lifelong learning.
- Build concentration and listening skills.

Reading together also provides a wonderful opportunity for families to spend quality time together. Talking about stories, characters and new words helps children develop their understanding of the world and encourages curiosity.

Remember, reading to your child is just as important as listening to them read. Children of all ages benefit from hearing stories read aloud, as it exposes them to richer vocabulary and more complex language than they may be able to read independently.

Ten minutes of reading each day can make a huge difference to your child's learning journey. Thank you for your continued support in helping us foster a love of reading at South Wingfield Primary School.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS



Reminder: Please Label All Children's Belongings



As we begin the new school year, please ensure that **all of your child's belongings are clearly labelled with their name**.

Labelling items helps us return lost property quickly and ensures children can easily identify their own belongings. Thank you for your support in helping us keep track of children's items throughout the school day. 😊

At South Wingfield Primary School, we are committed to ensuring that all children attend school regularly so that they can make the best possible progress and benefit from every learning opportunity.

We would like to remind parents that, under current government legislation, holidays taken during term time will not be authorised. Any unauthorised absence for a term-time holiday may result in a Penalty Notice being issued by the Local Authority. From August 2024, penalty notices apply nationally when a child has 10 sessions (typically 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-school-week period.

We greatly appreciate your support in planning family holidays during the school holiday periods wherever possible.

PTA Playground Project



Our PTA have been busy bees over the summer holidays, continuing their fantastic work to enhance our school environment. They have already started to add colour and creativity to our playground, and it is looking amazing! The remaining walls will soon showcase our **WINGS values**, helping to celebrate and reinforce the qualities that make our school community so special.

In addition, the PTA will be providing a new **reading bench** and a selection of **tuff trays with construction resources** to offer children greater variety and opportunities for creativity during lunchtime.

If anyone has any unwanted construction materials that they would be willing to donate, such as **LEGO, building blocks, K'NEX or similar resources**, we would be extremely grateful. These donations will help us continue to develop engaging play opportunities for our children.

A huge thank you to our PTA for their ongoing hard work, creativity and commitment to improving experiences for all of our pupils. We look forward to sharing further updates as these exciting developments take shape!

As parents and carers, we all want to make sure our children feel happy, safe, and supported. Sometimes, though, we might worry about a child – whether our own or someone else's – and it's not always easy to know what to do next.

If you have a safeguarding concern please speak to Mrs Kealy or Mrs Fisher who are the schools safeguarding leads.

Here are some additional places you can turn to for advice, a listening ear, or extra support:

- **Call Derbyshire / Starting Point** – 📞 01629 533190 (available 24/7 if you're worried about a child's safety or wellbeing).
- **NSPCC Helpline** – 📞 0808 800 5000 (confidential advice for adults concerned about a child).
- **Childline** – 📞 0800 1111 (a safe space for children and young people to talk about anything that's worrying them).

And remember – if you ever think a child is in immediate danger, please call **999** straight away.

Together, we can make sure every child feels safe, cared for, and heard.



