

MAY NEWSLETTER 2026

Christian Value for Term 5: **Friendship**

“Encourage one another and build each other up” 1 Thessalonians 5.11

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to term 5 and it has been lovely to meet so many of you at school over the last week. I am really looking forward to working with you all to make this school the best that it can be for all our wonderful children! I will be splitting my time equally between Old Sodbury and Rangeworthy so you will see a lot of me in and around the school. I have already had the privilege of teaching music with the children so feel that I am beginning to get to know them much better. Please pop in and see me at any point if you have any questions or any concerns moving forward.

We also welcome Miss Bevan to our small school team and we hope she will be really happy here.

Please see below some provision dates for your diaries for term 5 and 6. We will endeavour to get all of these up to date and on the website as well. In addition, we are going to start using a texting service to remind you of events and activities.

Current Dates for Terms 5 and 6

Please see below for current dates for Terms 5 and 6.

| Term 5 | |
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| Tuesday 28 th April | Football match at Hawkesbury school 4-5pm |
| Tuesday 5 th May | Class photos in school am |
| Monday 11 th May | <p>SATS week for Year 6 pupils as follows:</p> <p>Monday: Grammar punctuation and spelling tests</p> <p>Tuesday: Reading test</p> <p>Wednesday: Maths test paper 1 and 2</p> <p>Thursday: Maths test paper 3</p> |

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| Monday 18 th May | Parent workshop at 6:30pm at Old Sodbury School (Outside speaker) Practical insights and expert guidance to support children's wellbeing in a digital world. Childcare available at the school. |
| Friday 22 nd May | Outdoor learning morning. End of term well done assembly at the school. All parents and carers welcome. 2:30pm? |
| Term 6 | |
| Monday 1 st June | Start of Term 6. Year 4 multiplication check fortnight starts |
| Friday 5 th June | Alliance Orchestra Day at Chipping Sodbury Secondary school for any pupils who learn to play an instrument. |
| Monday 8 th June | Phonic screening check fortnight begins |
| Tuesday 9 th June | Year 6 travel to Gloucester cathedral for the leavers service. |
| Wednesday 10 th June | Years 1 to 6 Trip to see at Matilda at the Bristol Hippodrome. |
| Tuesday 16 th June | Kingfisher trip to Woodhouse park |
| Wednesday 17 th June | Reception trip to Bristol Zoo Project |
| Friday 19 th June | Sports day afternoon (All parents/carers welcome) |
| Friday 26 th June | INSET day (School closed to pupils) |
| Friday 10 th July | Kingfishers trip to Slimbridge |
| Tuesday 21 st July | Well done assembly and year 6 leavers service |

On Monday 18th May at 6:30pm I have arranged for a speaker to come into Old Sodbury school and run a workshop with us all about social media. The workshop will provide practical insights and expert guidance to support children's wellbeing in a digital world. I know this is something that we all struggle with and I personally find that technology moves so fast that I can't keep up to date with everything. We all have many worries and concerns when it comes to our children using different forms of social media so I hope this professional talk will really help and support us. The session will run for 1½ hours and will be in Old Sodbury's school hall. We will provide free childcare at the school during the talk as well.



Well Done Assembly

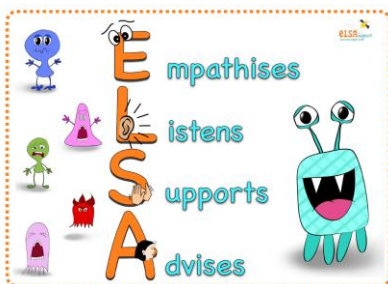
We are going to be holding our well-done assemblies at the end of each term. During this time if children would like to bring certificates into school from any activities that they participate in after school or information about any achievements we will celebrate and share them then. We will also have many school based achievement awards to give out then as well. Our first one will be on Friday 22nd May at 2:30pm in the school hall. Families are all welcome.

Matilda trip

Our pupils in year 1 upwards will be travelling to the Bristol hippodrome on **Wednesday 10th June** with Old Sodbury school to watch Matilda the musical. The children can bring some treats for the performance and they will need to bring a drink (Not fizzy and not in a glass bottle) We anticipate being back at school for approximately 6pm.



ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant)



Mrs Edmonds has been busy training to become an ELSA for our school. This is a wonderful qualification that means that we are able to offer some high quality emotional support for our pupils when they need it. Mrs Edmonds will now be on the gate in the morning to welcome the children in her new role. If there are any issues or worries that you would like her to support with during the school day, please let her know. She has allocated afternoons to work 1:1 with pupils when required.

After school wrap around care

We now have full wrap around care for all our children from 7:45am until 5:30pm at night, currently run by SWIFT sports. We are working on a system that will allow you to book quickly online but currently please continue to email the office if you would like your children to attend. It is free until the end of next week at which point we hope to have the booking system up and running on School Gateway.

SEND reform: Putting children and young people first.

Since the Government White Paper and Consultation was published there has been a lot of discussion and questions raised around the changes which have been proposed.

These proposals are part of a national consultation process, which means they will be discussed, reviewed, and may change before anything is implemented.

As your local parent carer forum, South Glos Parent Carers (SGPC) have put together an overview of the changes and a series of bitesize surveys to ensure your voice is heard in the consultation.

For details and to take part, visit the SGPC website: <https://sgpc.org.uk/schools-white-paper>

It is important that you have your say about the proposals.

School Communication

School will be introducing a new text communication service which will reduce the number of emails and allow better communications and reminders to come straight to your phone. To make sure that all families have access to this we ask that all families who haven't download the School Gateway App. **If you do not have a smart phone, you can also logon and register via the webpage and you will see the same information.**

If you need help sorting this please pop into the office.

Attendance matters

Thank you all for your support in ensuring your child is in school and on time every day. This is the best way to help them to succeed in school. Please be reminded that, for this reason, term time absence requests will only ever be agreed in exceptional circumstances. If you would like to request a term time absence please speak to the Headteacher in the first instance.

Our whole school target for this year is 95%. Our current whole school attendance is **95.2%** - thank you to all for your support with this improvement on last year. Robin class currently stands at **93.4%** and Kingfisher class stands at **96.3%**.

Please be reminded that the NHS has advice and support to help families determine whether or not their child can attend school: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>