

# June 2024 Newsletter

## Singleton Church of England Primary School

“Passion for Learning .....Passion for life”

Christian Value – Trust

“When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.”. Psalm 56:3

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely half term break. The final half term of the year is upon us and as usual, it is going to be a busy one!

Our Year 6 pupils have finally finished their SAT's! We are incredibly proud of how hard they have all worked; they really have tried their best. Mrs James and Mrs Millward are now in 'Panto' mode and rehearsals have already started!!

The diary is always very full at this time of the year so please make sure that you look at the diary dates section. Please do not rely on the office reminding you by text as this is the busiest period of the year for the office staff!



Acorns  
Breakfast and Afterschool Club

### Opening Times

Monday	7:30 am - 8:40 am	3:15 - 5:30 pm
Tuesday	7:30 am - 8:40 am	3:15 - 5:30 pm
Wednesday	7:30 am - 8:40 am	3:15 - 5:30 pm
Thursday	7:30 am - 8:40 am	3:15 - 5:30 pm
Friday	7:30 am - 8:40 am	3:15 - 5:30 pm

### Booking

All booking information and links are on the school website. Please be aware that fees are subject to change. Acorns offer a 10% discount for siblings. This will automatically be deducted upon booking.

### Important Information:

Staff are trained in pediatric first aid and have regular safeguarding training. We can offer the club sessions on a regular and one-off basis, although sessions will need to be booked in advance. Acorns is owned by Sarah Goldie, a fully qualified teacher of 20 years and managed by Gabrielle McGowen.

### Current Fees

Before School Breakfast Club	7:30 am – 8:40 am	£4.75 per child (includes breakfast)
After School Club – full session	3:15 pm - 5:30 pm	£9.50 per child (includes snack)
After School Club – early session	3:15 pm - 4.15 pm	£4.50 per child (no snack)
After School Club following an extra-curriculum activity	4.15pm - 5.30 pm	£5:00 per child (includes snack)

For any further enquiries, contact details are as follows:

- Sarah Goldie TEL: 07860816175
- EMAIL: [sarahgoldie\\_uk@outlook.com](mailto:sarahgoldie_uk@outlook.com)

**ALL enquiries and bookings should be directed to Sarah Goldie the owner of the provision. NO bookings can be made through the School Office.**



## School Office

If you need to contact school for any reason then the office opening hours are as follows:-

Monday	8:00 am - 4:15pm
Tuesday	8:00 am - 4:15 pm
Wednesday	8:00 am - 4:15 pm
Thursday	8:00 am - 4:15 pm
Friday	8:00 am - 3:15 pm

Tel (01253) 882226

Please note that the School Office is closed for lunch between **12:00 and 1:00pm (Mon-Thurs) and 12:00 and 1:30pm (Friday).**

Children cannot be collected, between these times, without prior arrangement.

The phone **will not be** answered at this time, but a message can be left.

### Payments to School

Please note all Extra-Curricular Clubs must be paid for in advance to secure a place. Also, School Dinners must be paid for in advance - payments for both of these should be made before the Term starts using ParentPay, to ensure that your child/ren secure an extra-curricular place / can receive a School Dinner.

### Dinner Money

**Dinner money for next term is £87.50 (up to 19<sup>th</sup> July) please pay this via ParentPay.**

If you decide that you no longer want your child to have a school lunch you must give the office a **weeks'** notice as all food is ordered a week in advance.

### Absence

If your child is absent, from school please inform the office by 9.10am or leave a message on the absence line.

## Extra-Curricular Activities

### Information about PE and Extra-Curricular Clubs.

- Please make sure that your child has additional kit for any after school activity, a P.E. Kit **must not** be worn.
- It is important that for sports such as football and hockey your children have the correct kit as these clubs **will always** take place outdoors (e.g., Football boots, shin pads, waterproof etc.)— Please ask Mrs James if you are unsure what your child needs.
- Ms Stansfield will oversee the smooth running of the clubs and ensure that children are passed over to Parents/ Carers at the end of the session.
- All children attending Extra-Curricular Clubs should be collected from Class 1's door – on the playground.
- Please pick up your child promptly at **4.15 pm after Clubs**.
- Please make sure that you pay for clubs in advance. If this does not happen then your child will not be booked on the course.
- Please note that as we continue to receive the Sports Grant in the year 2023 /24 we will continue to supplement the cost of the Extra-Curricular Clubs once again this year. However due to increases in on costs there has been a slight price increase to £3:00 per session (£4.50 for tennis).



The overall attendance for May was

**96%**

For more information about attendance and holidays in term time, please check out the school website.

If you need support with attendance and punctuality, please contact the school office



Happy Birthday to the following children

### June

7<sup>th</sup> Charlie  
 12<sup>th</sup> Tehya-Mae  
 19<sup>th</sup> Elijah  
 20<sup>th</sup> Mia M  
 21<sup>st</sup> Sophia  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Elliott  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Matilda  
 26<sup>th</sup> Charlotte

### EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS JUNE – JULY 2024 FROM MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE TO MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024

	Lower School (FS /1/2)	Upper School (3/4/5/6)
Monday	Dance Y1/2 £12	Dance Y3 £12 Cricket Y4/5/6 £12 STEM Science Club Y3/4/5/6 £8
Tuesday	Brass (Lunchtime) Y2 £30 Athletics Y1/2 £15 TAG Rugby Y2 £15 Summer Reading Club FS/Y1/2 £5	Brass Y3/4/5/6 £30 Athletics Y3 £15 TAG Rugby Y3 £15 Panto Rehearsal Y5/6
Wednesday		Tennis Y4/5/6 £18 Basketball (MUGA) Y4/5/6 £15
Thursday	Singing (Lunchtime) Y2 £35	Singing (Lunchtime) Y3/4/5/6 £35 Athletics Y3/4/5/6 £15 TAG Rugby Y4/5/6 £15

**Please note there will be no clubs on the following dates; Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June, Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June, Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July, Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July to 18<sup>th</sup> JULY 2024.**

**PLEASE NOTE: Extra-Curricular Clubs finish on MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JULY**

**Payment;** Ms. Stansfield will write to parents in advance of the new term to outline the Clubs on offer. **Club places are allocated on a first come first serve basis.** Sporting Clubs are provided by third party providers. We are a cashless school and all payments should be made via the ParentPay system.

### Healthy Snacks Policy

As you are all well aware, the Governing body have a policy that **only fruit snacks** are permitted in school for break times.

### Absent for Medical Appointments

If your child has a Medical Appointment, please provide the School Office with a letter or screenshot of a text message, showing the appointment date and time, for our records – Thank you.



## Parish and Community links



### Time for reflection



### Family Communion

Our Family Communion service is held every Sunday at 9.30am. On the first Sunday of the month this is followed by coffee and biscuits served in church.

### Children

Junior Church runs on the second Sunday of every month at 09:30am. (Contact Fiona Small for information; 07913901015)

There is also an All-Age Family service at St. Chad's on the first Sunday of every month at 10:00am (lasts about 45 mins).

Children are both welcomed and encouraged at all our services and especially at our regular Family Communion held each Sunday. There are toys and books at the back of church for children to use during the service.

## Pantomime



### Aladdin 2024

**The excitement is mounting ... the parts have been cast....and rehearsals are in full swing!  
Mrs. James, Miss Kirby and Mrs. Millward have been planning the Panto for weeks now  
As always, you are in for a real treat!**

Please be aware that Mrs Millward and Mrs James put a massive amount of effort into the Pantomime and it is very frustrating when children with significant parts do not turn up to **both** evening performances. When this happens, it has implications for all the children in the show. Please make a note of when the performances are as there is an expectation that if your child auditions for a part in the show that they **attend BOTH** performances.

Ms Stansfield will alert parents once tickets are on sale – payment will be via ParentPay.

The pantomime takes place on: -

- **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 6pm**
- **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 6pm**



## Diary Dates and Holidays

### HOLIDAYS 2023 /2024

#### Autumn Term 2023

**Open:** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
**Half Term:** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
**Closes:** Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023

#### Spring Term 2024

**Open:** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
**Half Term:** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
**Closes:** Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

#### Summer Term 2024

**Open:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
**May Day:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
**Half Term:** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024  
**Closes:** Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 1.30pm

**Total number of openings – 190 days**

### HOLIDAYS 2024 /2025

#### Autumn Term 2024

**Open:** Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
**Half Term:** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024  
**Closes:** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 1.30pm

#### Spring Term 2025

**Open:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
**Half Term:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025  
**Closes:** Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 1.30pm

#### Summer Term 2025

**Open:** Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025  
**May Day:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025  
**Half Term:** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025  
**Closes:** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 1.30pm

**Total number of openings – 190 days**

#### Inset days

**1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024**

#### Inset days

**2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024**  
**21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025**

## Dates for your Diary - (3 months in advance)

June	July	September
3 <sup>rd</sup> - School Opens. 4 <sup>th</sup> – Panto Rehearsals Start Y5/6. 7 <sup>th</sup> – New Starter Induction Morning 9:15 – 11.30am. 12 <sup>th</sup> – WEDNESDAY 1:30pm – Open Afternoon – <b>All Parents Welcome.</b> 14 <sup>th</sup> – New Starter induction morning 9:15 – 11:30am. 17 <sup>th</sup> – MONDAY – Sports Day. 1.15pm 21 <sup>st</sup> - FOSS Non-Uniform Day – Chocolate and sweet donations. 23 <sup>rd</sup> - New Starter induction Morning 9:15 – 11:30 24 <sup>th</sup> – MONDAY – Reserve Sports Day. 1.15pm.	9 <sup>th</sup> KS2 Panto 6pm 10 <sup>th</sup> KS2 Panto 6pm 11 <sup>th</sup> – <b>THURSDAY</b> FOSS BBQ – 3:15pm – <b>Everyone Welcome.</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> – Reports Home 18 <sup>th</sup> – Prize Giving 8:50am 19 <sup>th</sup> -- Y 6 Leavers Assembly 10:30 am 19 <sup>th</sup> – Y6 pupils and families Jacobs Join leavers lunch – after the Assembly. 19 <sup>th</sup> – School Closes at 1:30 pm	2nd, 3rd and 4th September - Staff Inset days. 5th - School Opens 5th / 6 <sup>th</sup> Foundation New Starters in from 8:40 – 1:15pm. 6 <sup>th</sup> – School Photographs. 5th /6th PM – New parent meetings with Ms Rund 6 <sup>th</sup> – School Photographs. 9 <sup>th</sup> Foundation in full time from today. W/B 25 <sup>th</sup> – Junior Leadership Team – application speeches.

We try to inform you of diary dates/changes to dates well in advance so that you can plan. We will not necessarily send out specific letters for every individual event as dates and times are indicated in the monthly newsletter which gives up to 3 months' notice. The Office will try to send out reminder texts/Facebook notices as an additional support to parents but this may not always happen during busy periods.





## FOSS Updates

### Up and coming events

Event	Date
Non-uniform day	21st June – chocolate and sweets donations
FOSS BBQ	<b>THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> July from 3:15pm</b>

All families are automatically a member of FOSS (Friends of Singleton School) The FOSS is a small team of volunteers that work incredibly hard behind the scenes organizing events. They are always looking for volunteers and encourage parents to become involved. You don't have to be available to help with every event, they welcome any support even if it's just behind the scenes support. The more money that FOSS raise the more exciting projects we can do for the children. If you can help in any way, please email: [friendsofsingleton@outlook.com](mailto:friendsofsingleton@outlook.com)



**FOSS will be running the annual BBQ on THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> July.** This will be held on the school field and all members of the school community are invited. More information will follow nearer to the event but FOSS and the JLT will run a few stalls and a BBQ / refreshment. Parents, Carers and Grandparents are all invited and can bring picnic blankets and chairs.

## SPORTS DAY 2024

This year's Sports Day will be held on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 1:15pm**, with a reserve date of **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 1:15pm** if the weather is inclement.

Please ensure your child comes to school with sun cream, sunhat and a drink – especially if the weather is particularly hot.

Everyone is welcome; please collect the children from the school playground as usual **after sports day**. The children will be released from their usual doors.

A polite reminder that during Sports Day, parents **must not cross** the track to their children. The staff will organise and look after the children during the event.

**There will be NO Extra - Curricular Clubs on this day.**



### May 2024

#### Foundation

Jack, Harry D,  
Fleur, Alice,  
Etta, Emmeline.

#### Class One

Lily, Harry,  
Olivia H, Sophia,  
Matilda, Malayka.

#### Class Two

Autumn, Aidan,  
Charlie, Evie,  
Harris, Darcey

#### Class Three

Evelyn, Betsy,  
Alfie, Alice,  
Isla, Luca.



### May 2024

#### Foundation

Freddie, George,  
Etta, Emmeline.

#### Class One

Olivia S, Phoebe,  
Jacob, Sienna.

#### Class Two

Huxley, Ava B,  
Charlotte, Evie P.

#### Class Three

Sienna, Mia V,  
James, Ruby



## New to Foundation Class at Singleton School

We are delighted to welcome our new starters and their families to Singleton School. The induction process started in May with a meeting for parents. This month the children will then be invited in for two induction mornings.

Induction mornings for the children

- **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June** 9:15 – 11:30am.
- **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June** 9:15 – 11:30am.

Our Year 5 'Buddies' are very excited and can't wait to meet and look after the new Foundation children. The Y5 children will be writing to our new starters in the coming weeks to tell them all about Singleton School.



## Singleton Gala

### SAVE THE DATES!

The Singleton Gala Committee are pleased to announce that this year's Gala will take place on Sunday 16th June @ The Marquee in the field behind the Village Hall.

It will be in the usual format with procession and further details will be issued in due course.



## Well done Year 6

Our Year 6 children have worked so incredibly hard this year. We are all very proud of the progress that they have made and how well they performed during SATs week.

It is hard to believe that our year 6 children only have 7 weeks left in our school. We always try to make this term as enjoyable and memorable as possible after all the hard work leading up to SATs.

Please make a note of all the diary dates so you do not miss anything. A particularly important diary date is the Leaver's Assembly and lunch. There is no limit on numbers for Year 6 families on this- so feel free to invite grandparents etc. It really is an amazing celebration of your child's life at Singleton School and one not to be missed. We will send out more details nearer the time.



# The Importance of good attendance



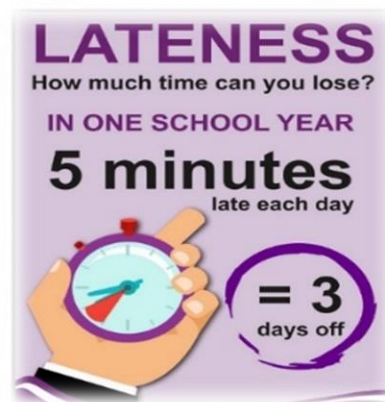
Attendance during one school year	Equals days absent	Which is approximately weeks absent	Which is this is the number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons

Your children get 14 weeks holiday a year!

There are **38 weeks** in the year when schools are open, and **14 weeks (175 days)** when families can visit family overseas; go on holiday; travel; pupils can work, take educational trips, attend non urgent medical appointments.....**So is your request for leave exceptional?**

## When a Child Arrives Late:

- It interrupts concentration
- It wastes valuable learning time
- The teacher repeats information / instructions whilst others have to wait
- The late child is at an immediate disadvantage because they may have missed important teaching points, missed discussions where ideas are shared and will be generally unsettled
- Children feel stressed and anxious about having to walk into their lessons late, some children find being late very distressing.
- **Please note school starts at 8:40 and the expectation is that all pupils enter school at this time.**



## A polite reminder about drop off and collecting on time before / after school and after clubs.

- Parents will drop off / collect children (or arrange for this to happen) punctually – if parents are late then the children will be placed in Acorns Club and there will be a charge. Please note there is an expectation that you collect promptly at 3:15 (or 4:15pm if your child participates in an extra – curricular activity)
- Late drop off and collection in monitored by Miss Manns – Family Learning Mentor



## Safeguarding information for parents

### Singleton Safeguarding team

#### Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL)

- **Amanda Clayton** (Head) – Lead DSL
- **Leonie Millward** (Assistant Head / SENCO) – DSL
- **Kate James** (Online /PREVENT) – DSL
- **Susan Manns** - DSL

#### Governors with Responsibility for Safeguarding

- **Alec Davies** – Chair of the Governing Body / Safer Recruitment
- **Keith Walker** – Chair of the SHE committee / Safer Recruitment

#### Safeguarding DBS lead

- **Rachel Reeves** (Office Manager)
  - Rachel keeps and maintains a log of all staff and volunteers who have DBS clearance to work with children and the Governors review, and general safeguarding in school monthly.

#### Prevent Lead

- **Kate James** (Y5/6 Teacher)
- **Alec Davies** (Governor)

#### Useful information / Publications for Parents

### Children's Safeguarding Assurance Partnership

Each month we will provide some links or publications to download that will cover a wide range of current Safeguarding information for parents taken from the Children's. Safeguarding Assurance Partnership Website.

#### KS2

This month we are providing links for the 'Parent' section of the 'Children's Safeguarding Assurance Partnership Website that educates parents on the **'dark web'**. This is something that parents and carers often feel ill equipped to have discussions around should the topic arise.

To support with this, colleagues at the NCA (National Crime Agency) in partnership with The Children's Society and the Marie Collins Foundation have produced a short (5-minute) information film for Parents & Carers about the Dark Web, explaining what it is and why/how some young people may wish to access it.

**\*\*Important Advisory:**

These resources are intended for professionals and parents and carers use only. As explained in the supporting NCA resource, it is strongly advised that you do not have conversations about the Dark Web with your child if they are not already using it.

You can access the NCA's Dark Web explained parents page by clicking the link below: \_

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/dark-web-explained/>

#### KS1

For parents of younger children we have provided a link for CEOP – Jessie and Friends which takes you to an interactive website for 4 – 7 year olds that support and helps them to develop their understanding of engaging safely online – with help to recognise worrying, upsetting or scary situations

You can access this website by clicking on the link below

[https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/4\\_7/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/4_7/)





## Our School Day

The school day starts at **8.40am** when **all** children come into school – we **expect all** children to be in school at this time.



Registers are taken by **8:50 am** and your child will receive a **late mark 'L'** if they are not in class by **8:50am**

Children arriving after **8.40am** are required to come into school via the school office. They must be accompanied by a Parent/Carer who must provide a reason for their lateness which is kept on record.

At **9.10am (30 minutes after the start of the school day)** the registers will be closed. In accordance with the regulations, if your child arrives after that time, they will receive a mark that shows them to be on site – **'U'**, but this will not count as a present mark and it will mean they have an **unauthorised absence**.

**Please note our expectation is that all children are in class at 8:40am as this is when the school day starts. We still have a number of families that are dropping children off regularly after this time. If you arrive after 8:40 and therefore have to enter via the front entrance you will be required to sign the late book and give a reason for the late arrival. The Family Learning Mentor will be monitoring this. Please note that late arrivals disrupt the class and impact on the other children's learning as well as your own child's learning. Being 5 minutes late every day equates to having 3 days off across the school year!**

## Prize Giving

PRIZE GIVING  
CEREMONY



This years end of year **'Prize Giving'** event will take place on: -  
**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July – at 8:50am**

This will be a celebration of the school year.... but more than that it will be a time to reflect on our wonderful Year Six pupils and their journeys through Singleton School.

All Year Six parents please make sure that you save the date!

