

# September 2025 Newsletter

## Singleton Church of England Primary School

"Passion for Learning .....Passion for life"

Christian Value – Respect

Luke 6:31 "And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them."

We hope you all had a wonderful summer break and enjoyed some special time with your families. As we begin this exciting new term, we're thrilled to welcome both our returning families and the many new children and parents joining our Singleton community. We look forward to getting to know you and supporting you as you settle into school life. As always, our dedicated staff have been working hard to plan a vibrant and enriching year for our pupils. There will be plenty of opportunities for parents and carers to come into school and celebrate the amazing learning and achievements of our children—so please keep an eye on the school calendar for upcoming events and diary dates.

Our School Improvement Priorities for 2025–2026

- We are building on Ofsted feedback by ensuring pupils have regular opportunities to apply their learning in key subjects, helping them to deepen understanding and make meaningful connections over time.
- We continue to promote high expectations and challenge, supporting pupils to develop resilience, self-regulation, and a positive attitude to learning, within a respectful and inclusive school environment.
- As a Church of England Primary School, we are committed to embedding our theologically rooted Christian vision throughout school life. We are also ensuring that all members of our community understand the new SIAMS framework and its importance to our ethos and practice.

We are excited about the year ahead and all the opportunities it will bring. Thank you for your continued support—we look forward to working in partnership with you to make this a successful and joyful year for all our children.



Acorns  
Breakfast and Afterschool Club

### Opening Times

|                  |                        |                      |
|------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>7.30am - 8.40am</b> | <b>3:15 – 5:30pm</b> |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>7.30am - 8.40am</b> | <b>3:15 – 5:30pm</b> |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>7.30am - 8.40am</b> | <b>3:15 – 5:30pm</b> |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>7.30am - 8.40am</b> | <b>3:15 – 5:30pm</b> |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>7.30am - 8.40am</b> | <b>3:15 – 5:30pm</b> |

**Booking** for Acorns closes at 7p.m for the following day. This helps to manage staff and ratios. Without booking the day before, the children will be unable to attend.

### Current Fees

|                                                                 |                   |                                      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Before School Breakfast Club</b>                             | 7.30 am - 8.45 am | £4.75 per child (includes breakfast) |
| <b>After School Club – full session</b>                         | 3.00 pm - 5.30 pm | £9.50 per child (includes snack)     |
| <b>After School Club – early session</b>                        | 3.00 pm - 4.15 pm | £4.50 per child (no snack)           |
| <b>After School Club following an extra-curriculum activity</b> | 4.15pm - 5.30 pm  | £5:00 per child (includes snack)     |

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:

Acorns has its own Facebook page – please have a look at all the wonderful activities that they provide. The feedback from our children is that the club is “amazing”. We agree with them!!!

For any further enquiries, contact details are as follows:

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



## School Office

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

|                  |                         |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>8.00am - 4.15pm</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>8.00am - 4.15 pm</b> |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>8.00am - 4.15 pm</b> |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>8.00am - 4.15 pm</b> |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>8.00am - 3.15 pm</b> |

**Tel (01253) 882226**

Please note that the office is closed for lunch between

**12:00 and 1:00pm (Mon-Thurs)**  
**and 12:00 till 1:30pm (Fri).**

**The phone will not be answered at this time.**

### Payments to School

Please note all clubs and dinners must be paid for **in advance**.

### Dinner Money

You can pay for School dinners on a weekly or half-termly basis. If you choose to pay weekly, you will need to pay a week **in advance**.

**Dinner money for this term will be £107.30 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** and **leave a message** on the answerphone.



## Extra-Curricular Activities

### Information about PE and extracurricular activities

- Please make sure that your child has an additional kit for any after-school activity, as 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.
- Mr Lyons 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.
- 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, we will continue to supplement the cost of the extra-curricular activities once again this year



The overall attendance for **July** 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 Miss Manns, our Family Learning Mentor



Happy Birthday to the following children

#### August

2<sup>nd</sup> Thomas B  
2<sup>nd</sup> Seb W  
3<sup>rd</sup> Kairos  
6<sup>th</sup> Elsie  
9<sup>th</sup> Archie  
13<sup>th</sup> Wilfy  
17<sup>th</sup> Phoebe  
17<sup>th</sup> Harvey W  
20<sup>th</sup> Ayla  
27<sup>th</sup> Ralphie  
27<sup>th</sup> Jules

#### September

3<sup>rd</sup> Ava H  
14<sup>th</sup> Gabriel  
16<sup>th</sup> Michael  
20<sup>th</sup> Layla  
20<sup>th</sup> Georgia  
25<sup>th</sup> Sacha  
29<sup>th</sup> George B

| EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS<br>SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2025<br>FROM MONDAY 8 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER TO WEDNESDAY 22 <sup>ND</sup><br>OCTOBER 2025 |                                                      |                                                                          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                           | Lower School                                         | Upper School                                                             |
| Monday                                                                                                                                    | Multi-Skills Y2                                      | Brass (lunchtime) Y3/4/5/6<br>Multi-Skills Y3<br>Dance Y4/5/6            |
| Tuesday                                                                                                                                   | Football Y2<br>Mrs Warner's Reading Club Y1&2 (FULL) | Football Y3<br>Basketball Y4/5/6                                         |
| Wednesday                                                                                                                                 | Outdoor Hockey Y2                                    | Outdoor Hockey Y3<br>Tennis Y4/5/6 (FULL)                                |
| Thursday                                                                                                                                  | Singing (lunchtime) Y1/2<br>Yoga & Mindfulness Y2    | Singing (lunchtime) Y3/4/5/6<br>Yoga & Mindfulness Y3<br>Football Y4/5/6 |

### Please note there will be no clubs on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October Payment

Miss 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.

All payments are now via the 'Parent Pay' system.

As per our payment policy – Extra Curricular Clubs are to be paid for in advance. Please note that clubs are non-refundable:- therefore, if pupils are absence from clubs as a result of illness or a behavioural incident there will be no refund as coaches are paid for regardless. However, if the coaches cancelled a session, then this would be fully refunded.



## Parish and Community links



### 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.



## Parental Workshops 2025 – 26

### Parent courses and workshops

The staff have once again organized parental courses / workshops as we have done in the past. This year we are going to run the courses online as we know from feedback that the majority of parents find this easier. We would actively encourage parents to try and join these workshops as they really are useful. If you are interested in any of these please let Ms Stansfield know so she can reserve your place and send you the links.

### Foundation Stage parents / KS1 Parents – on line

- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September **4:00pm** - Phonics/ reading workshop (MS TEAMS) – This will be delivered by Mrs Rund

### Parents KS1 /KS2 Parents – online

- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025 **4:00pm** - KS1 Math's Parent Workshop (MS TEAMS) – This will be delivered by Mrs James / Mrs Warner
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025 **4:45pm** – KS2 Math's Parent Workshop (MS TEAMS) – This will be delivered by Mrs James.

### All Parents – In school

- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 2025:** - 2:15 – 3:15pm - **Learning Mentor Workshop**
- Learning Mentor support sessions- Social / Emotional / Behaviour support. Everybody welcomes for a cup of tea and a chat. We have lots of useful leaflets and these sessions are good opportunities to chat with other parents.



These are awarded to children for working hard in class and demonstrating good behaviour.

### July 2025

None due to Prize Giving



## Diary Dates and Holidays

### HOLIDAYS 2025 / 2026

#### Autumn Term 2025

Open: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
 Half Term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025  
 Closes: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 1.30pm

#### Spring Term 2026

Open: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
 Half Term: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
 Closes: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 1.30pm

#### Summer Term 2026

Open: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
 May Day: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
 Half Term: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
 Closes: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at 1.30pm

**Total number of openings – 190 days**

#### Inset days

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025  
 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

### HOLIDAYS 2026 /2027

**Please note these are provisional dates which will be presented to Governors in December**

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

### September 2025

15<sup>th</sup> – Junior Leadership Team (JLT)– application speeches.  
 26<sup>th</sup> - Learning Mentor Parents Workshop 2:15 – 3:15pm.  
 29<sup>th</sup> – 8:40 am Houses of Parliament trip- Parents Meeting  
 29<sup>th</sup> - Y5/6 Class worship 9:00am  
 29<sup>th</sup> - KS1 Math's Parent Workshop: 4pm – MS TEAMS.  
 29<sup>th</sup> - KS2 Math's Parent Workshop: 4.45pm – MS TEAMS.

### October 2025

3<sup>rd</sup> - FOSS Mad Hair Day – bring a bottle  
 10<sup>th</sup> – Y5/6 trip to Houses of Parliament  
 13<sup>th</sup>- Y1/2 Class worship 8:50 am – **Parents Welcome**  
 13<sup>th</sup> – STEM WEEK  
 13<sup>th</sup> - FS - Online – Parents Math's Workshop 4pm  
 16<sup>th</sup> – **Whole School Visit to Church** (Harvest) – everyone welcome (Dried Goods Donations).  
 16<sup>th</sup> – STEM Open Afternoon – 1:45pm – **All Welcome**  
 20<sup>th</sup> – Author Visit  
 23<sup>rd</sup> – FOSS Magical Parties afterschool  
 24<sup>th</sup> - Non -Uniform day –bring a tombola prize  
 24<sup>th</sup> – School closes 3:15pm

### November 2025

3<sup>rd</sup> – School Opens  
 5<sup>th</sup> – Online Parents Evening  
 6<sup>th</sup> – Online Parents Evening  
 10<sup>th</sup> – Y3/4 Class Worship 8:50am  
 10<sup>th</sup> – Anti Bullying Week  
 14<sup>th</sup> – FOSS non uniform – Bring Chocolate and Sweets  
 17<sup>th</sup> – FS Worship 8:50 in School.  
 18<sup>th</sup> – Flu Vaccinations.

Please note that 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 quite clearly indicated in the monthly newsletter which gives up to 3 months' notice. Ms Stansfield usually does try to send out reminder texts/Facebook notices as an additional support to parents, but this may not always happen during busy periods.



## Prize Giving Winners July 2025



**YEAR 6**

**Head Teachers Award** – Gabriella

**Spirit of Singleton** – Mia M

**Creativity** – Mia V

**Christian Values** – Isla

**Ethos** – Molly

**Progress** – Fin P

**Effort and Achievement** – Eliana

**Pride of Singleton**

Jensen, Evelyn, Alfie, Jack, Oliver, Isabelle, Sienna, Ethan, Fin B, Arthur

**Rotary Citizenship Award** – Mia M and Isla

### Termly Awards – All Year Groups

**Christian Values**

Cooper, William, Alice R

**Creativity**

Roman, Freddie, Huxley

**Effort and Achievement**

Wilfy, Milana-Rose, Harry B

**Ethos**

Reeva, Alice K, Malayka

**Progress**

Sophia, Michael, Samson

Congratulations to all our very worthy winners



Miss Manns is going to run Parent Workshops again this academic year. They are very much an informal coffee and a biscuit type event and we encourage parents to come along.

This year after feedback from parents and staff the focus is going to be on the following:-

- Supporting your child with emotional health and well-being
- Supporting with behaviour and dysregulation
- Supporting with resilience

These workshops are intended to be a supportive session. We will go through the Solihull approach looking at the importance of reciprocity, containment, resilience and the relationship between a parent and a child.

We will chat about behaviour, looking at behaviour management strategies, consistency, boundaries structure and routines. Finally, we will discuss behavioural developmental milestones.

The first session is planned for

**Friday 26th Sept 2025 at 2:15**

**Please let the office know if you can attend**



## 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. We ask that you ensure that you continue to support this; the Governing Body made this decision because we have a number of children with allergies and we also promote 'Healthy Eating' in our school. If other snacks are sent in they will be returned home uneaten. Please ensure that you reinforce with the children that fruit snacks must not be shared with others – they must eat their own.

## FOSS (Friends of Singleton School) Updates

### Urgent – Help Keep FOSS Alive for Our Children's Future

We are reaching out with an urgent plea for support. Friends of Singleton School (FOSS) has been an essential lifeline for our school, raising funds that make a real difference in the daily lives of our children. Without it, the resources and opportunities we've been able to provide would simply not exist.

However, FOSS is now at risk of disbanding. Without a Chair, this vital support system will be lost. The current team is willing to guide and support new members, but we desperately need volunteers to step forward and most importantly someone to take on the role of Chair. FOSS have now got a new Treasurer and need the role of Chair to be filled as soon as possible, to ensure the continuation of FOSS.

#### Why FOSS Matters

School funding continues to be an ongoing challenge. The reality is that schools across the country—ours included—struggle to provide even the basics. FOSS has filled that gap, ensuring our children have enriching experiences and improved learning environments. Just in recent years, thanks to FOSS and the match funding provided by the Richard Dumbreck Singleton Trust, we've been able to provide:

✓ An outdoor shelter for our Foundation Stage class   ✓ New books for classroom reading corners   ✓ £5,000 to provide a library upgrade, books, and furniture   ✓ £8,000 for interactive whiteboards across all classes   ✓ Significantly subsidises the cost of the Pantomime to Parents.

Being part of FOSS doesn't necessarily require a huge commitment. Whether you can help at one event, attend occasional meetings, or step into a leadership role, **every bit of support makes a difference**. There's no pressure—just a heartfelt opportunity to be part of something that directly impacts your child's experience at school. **If you would be able to help by joining FOSS** please reach out to **Julie or Rachel in the office** so we can connect you with the FOSS team. Together, we can ensure Singleton School continues to thrive.

#### This Year's Fundraising Goals

**£500 per classroom** (£2000)—to buy fun and enriching items for the children, such as treasure box prizes, wet play activities, and other lovely extras.

**Long-term project: MUGA resurfacing** – Our Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) is in need of resurfacing. The last quote we received (a few years ago) was over **£70,000**, so we're setting up a dedicated fundraising target for this.

#### Thank You for Your Support

We'd like to thank all our parents for the amazing support you give throughout the year. Whether it's attending events, donating prizes, or simply spreading the word—**it all makes a huge difference**.

Please remember **as a parent, you're automatically a member of FOSS**. You don't need to attend every meeting or help at every event—just contributing in any way you can is always appreciated.

**FOSS Summer Celebration raised a grand total of £1,200.**

#### Upcoming Events:-

**3<sup>rd</sup> October Mad Hair Day**

**23<sup>rd</sup> October – Magical Parties (afterschool) more details to follow**



## Houses of Parliament Trip

### Y5/6 Trip to the Houses of Parliament – Friday 10th October 2025

We are excited to share that our Year 5 and 6 pupils will be visiting the **Houses of Parliament** on **Friday 10th October 2025**.

This trip is a wonderful opportunity for the children to explore the historic Palace of Westminster, learn about how our government works, and deepen their understanding of democracy and citizenship. It promises to be an inspiring and memorable experience that links directly to their curriculum.

To help parents prepare, we will be holding a **Parent Information Meeting** on **Monday 29th September at 8:40am** in the **New Hall**. **Following the meeting, the Y5/6 Worship Assembly will take place**, and we warmly invite parents to stay and join us for this special occasion.

We're really looking forward to this enriching day and are grateful for your continued support.



A special welcome to all our new pupils and their families. We look forward to meeting and getting to know you all in the coming weeks and months.

Mrs. Rund has a fantastic term planned with lots of exciting activities.





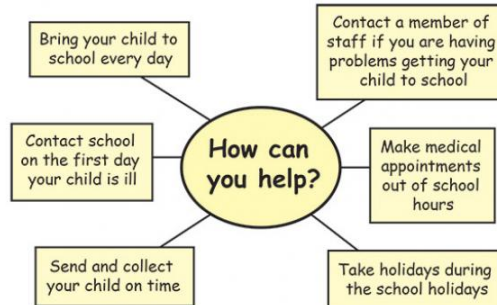
## The Importance of good attendance



| Attendance during one school year | Equals absent days | Which approximately weeks absent | is Which is this 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                                   |

Your children get 14 weeks holiday a year!

There are 38 weeks in open, and 14 weeks can visit family 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.



## Safeguarding information for parents

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.

### A polite reminder about dropping 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 is monitored by Miss Manns – Family Learning Mentor

## Singleton Safeguarding team

### Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL)

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

### Governors with Responsibility for Safeguarding

- **Alec Davies** – Chair of the Governing Body / Safer recruitment / Chair of SHE

### 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.

### This month we are focusing on the use of digital Media.

Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, YouTube, Twitch... the sheer number of social websites in today's world can feel endless. So, perhaps it's not too surprising that 48% of children have been exposed to social media by age seven.

But before you despair, let's take stock of all the positive outcomes these platforms can have – rallying real change, bridging distances, building communities. The problem is not social media in and of itself. It's how it's used.



That's why we want to help parents like you have important conversations with your children early on about how to build a healthy relationship with social media.

#### **Younger Children – Aged 4 – 7 – CEOP website**

Please click on the link [https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/4\\_7/](https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/4_7/)

This will take you to a link called CEOP – Jessie and Friends – This is an interactive website encouraging 4 – 7 year olds to engage safely online and help to recognise worrying or upsetting or scary situations. It also includes resources for parents. The CEOP Education team is part of the National Crime Agency. They run a national online safety education programme, which provides training, resources and information for children and young people aged 4 - 18, their families and professionals who work with them.

#### **Older Children – Aged 8+ - BBC Own it**

The BBC Own it website is a brilliant – highly recommended resource for parents and pupils. It covers a multitude of areas such as:-

- Influencers
- Cyberbullying
- Toxic friendships
- Digital consent
- How to reach out if you need help
- Reporting an issue on social media
- What to do if you see something upsetting
- Mental health support

**Please click on the link**

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit>



## OWN IT

  
The Basics  
Take Control  
It's Personal  
Don't Panic  
About Us

Calm Reflect  
Relax Take  
Pause a beat

Put down your phone and meditate

 Give it a go!

Digital detox tips  
and tricks Check this out!

## Safer Internet Day 2024



The Kindness Challenge -  
Could you pass?



Influencers: Behind The Posts



Navigating Cyberbullying -  
Play the video qu...



Quiz: Are your online  
friendships 'toxic'?