

Sitwell Nursery & Infant School Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing 09.02.2026



What's happening in school...

We had a fantastic time in school last week with lots of special events happening! It was lovely to see so many family members join us for the Afternoon Tea event, which was organised by our wonderful PTA. The selection of sandwiches and cakes looked amazing! I wish I had bought a ticket! Number Day on Friday was a huge success and we raised a brilliant £119.50 altogether for the NSPCC. This is a really worthwhile cause - thank you so much for your donations! These are much appreciated.

Thank you to all parents who were able to join us for the Parents Evening sessions last week. We hope you found the time spent chatting to your child's class teacher useful. Please make sure to support your child at home with the targets that have been shared. This will help them to make as much progress as possible over the coming months.

Next half term will see us begin to take the children out on their first educational visits this year. KS1 classes (Roses, Tulips, Bluebells, Poppies & Snowdrops) will be visiting Yorkshire Wildlife Park on 4th March and Reception classes (Buttercups & Sunflowers) are going to be visiting Austerfield Outdoor Centre on 10th March. We will be sending out further information about both visits soon and asking for parent helpers who will be able to come with us on the day to help out with a little group. Watch out for the email coming soon!

I am pleased to report that we have had no further instances of graffiti in the toilets since our last newsletter. Thank you for reinforcing our expectations at home.

We close for the half term holiday on Thursday 12th February - please note that school is closed on Friday 13th February for staff training. We will be back in school on Monday 23rd February at the usual time. Have a fabulous holiday everyone!

Mrs Peart ☺

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Whole school	94.2%
Roses	96.3%
Tulips	91.6%
Bluebells	94.6%
Poppies	93.3%
Snowdrops	90.6%
Sunflowers	95.5%
Buttercups	99.7%
Daisies	92%
Daffodils	91.3%

Attendance Zones

96% - 100% attendance is seen as good attendance, and as a school we aim for every child to achieve this target. Sitwell Infant School uses 'attendance zones' to monitor attendance and provide support.

Red - below 91% Amber - 92% - 95%

Green 96% - 100%

Attendance Ladder

Below you will see the attendance ladder, which shows the impact that days absent from school can have on a child's attainment and well-being. To give children the best chance of success, they need to be in school as often as they possibly can.



Be In SCHOOL
Be On TIME

Attendance matters...

Our attendance last week was disappointing again with lots of illness throughout school. Attendance overall declined further to 94%, which is below our target of 96%. We need children in school every day to be able to make the most progress with their learning and development! Please try to ensure this happens. We understand that children do get ill, but we are able to give medicine throughout the school day to support them once they are well enough to come back to school.

We just want to remind parents again that any appointments for the doctors or dentist really need to be made outside of school time and if this is not possible, please try to make them towards the end of the school day. We had several children lose attendance marks last week due to medical appointments and this affects children's overall attendance figure.

You can find more information about attendance and absence on our website here:

<https://www.sitwellinfantschool.co.uk/learning-achieving/attendance>

Thank you so much for valuing and supporting your child with excellent attendance. It really does make a difference!

Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

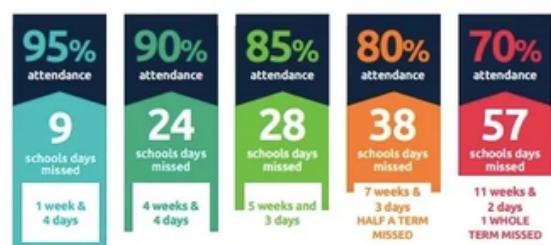
When your child misses just...	they miss days per year
5 mins per day	= 3 days
30 mins per day	= 18 days



Patterns of lateness can have a serious impact on your child's education.

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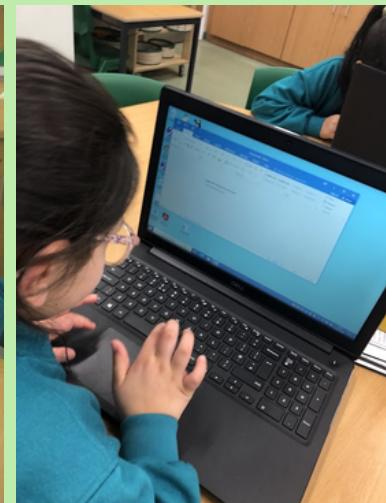
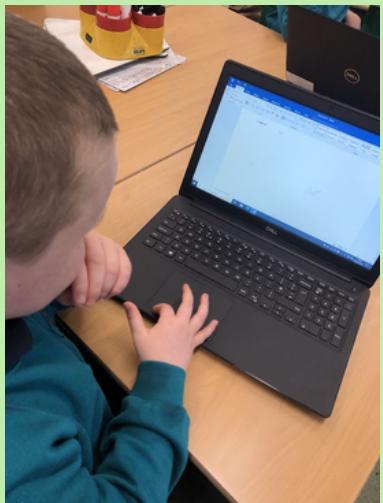
Every day in school counts...



and every minute counts...



This week in pictures



Upcoming Events

SPRING TERM 2025



**FEBRUARY
6**

NSPCC Number Day

Staff and children dress up linked to numbers for a small donation. Letter has been sent to families. Poster below



**FEBRUARY
10**

Safer Internet Day

Children will be learning all about how to stay safe online.



**FEBRUARY
12**

Space Explorers - Tea Club

15:15-17:45

Tickets £10 on arbor app. Register your child for tea club, top account up and book.



**FEBRUARY
12**

School Closes

School closes at the normal time for half term. We reopen on Monday 23rd February 2026.



**FEBRUARY
13**

INSET DAY

School closed today for teacher training.



**FEBRUARY
23**

School Reopens

School reopens after February half term. Welcome back everyone.



**MARCH
2**

Spy School - Tea Club

15:15-17:45

Tickets £10 on arbor app. Register your child for tea club, top account up and book.



**MARCH
4**

KS1 Educational Trip Yorkshire Wildlife Park

During school time. Please order a sandwich option should you wish your child to take a school lunch



**MARCH
6**

World Book Day

Details to be sent out in due course



**MARCH
6**

Daffodil Enrichment Activity

Zoolabs

13:30-14:30pm

Mini Beasts to visit Daffodil class



**MARCH
10**

Reception Educational Trip Austerfield

During school time. Please order a sandwich option should you wish your child to take a school lunch



**MARCH
16**

Reception Family Learning Event

13:15-15:15

Information to be sent out in due course.



**MARCH
20**

Red Nose Day

Details to be sent out in due course.



**MARCH
25**

Extravaganza - Tea Club

15:15-17:45

Tickets £10 on arbor app. Register your child for tea club, top account up and book.



**MARCH
27**

School Closes

School closes at the normal time for half term. We reopen on Monday 13th April 2026



**APRIL
13**

School Reopens

School reopens after the Easter holidays. Welcome back everyone.

Wrap around Provision

Our Wrap Around Provision is the perfect solution for busy families! We're open every morning from 7:45am to 8:45am and every afternoon from 3:15pm to 5:45pm. Children can enjoy a range of exciting activities and snacks in a safe and familiar environment with our dedicated staff. Spaces are limited, so please book your sessions through Arbor or contact the school office for more details.



We are excited to announce that we are offering a **free tester session** for our **Tea Club**! This is a wonderful opportunity for children to enjoy and experience all of the fun activities we have to offer. This free session will be a short tea club session, which will require you to pick your child up at 4.30pm.

Please note that this does not include attendance for one of the themed tea club sessions.

We highly encourage you to sign up for your child for this session. It's completely free of charge, and we believe your child will have a fantastic time meeting new friends and exploring our club's offerings.

If you're interested in signing up, please inform the school office who will add your child to the requested date.



Our amazing Tea Club team will be hosting more exciting events throughout the year.

Next up we have Space Explorers.

This is now fully booked, should you wish your child attend please contact the office and we can add your child to the waitlist.

After half term we have Spy School!



ABM Theme Day Menus

ABM, our catering company, will be organising some great theme day menus after the holidays. You can book these on Parent Pay directly. They all sound delicious!

