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PRAYER SPACE:

This week, all pupils across the school have participated in a prayer space at St Mary Magdalene Church.

During the sessions, children have participated in a range of activities which promote prayer, reflection and peacefulness. Prayer Spaces enable children to explore life's questions in a creative and interactive way.

Themes of the different stations included prayers for our new King, King Charles III, people who are facing challenging times and things that the children are grateful for.

Thank you to all members of the church community that have helped to run this event for the pupils and staff of South Bersted Church of England Primary School.

"I like doing the prayer space when I was drawing on the pads saying sorry for things."

"You can pray everyday."

Year 1



"I wrote about clean water and that all people should get clean water"

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STAYING SAFE ONLINE:

Children are spending the majority of their free time on their computers or devices, according to a new report. Over half (57%) of youngsters aged five to 13 are devoting 23 hours a week – almost a whole day – to online activities.

To support you and your child in staying safe online, please use our E-Safety [checklist](#) and links to practical information from the NSPCC on our school website:

<https://www.southbersted.co.uk/safeguarding/internet-safety/>



READING AT SOUTH BERSTED:

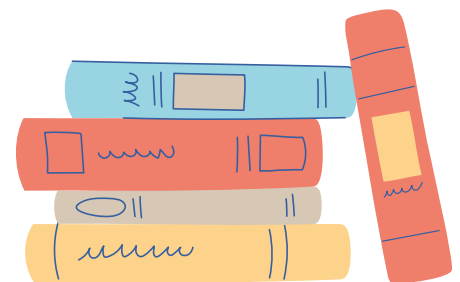
Congratulations to our Year 1 pupils, who this week have completed their Phonics Screening assessment. The screening is taken by all pupils across the country. Once the thresholds have been released, we will share the results with parents and carers.



WORD MILLIONAIRE:

Congratulations to **Riley (Yr 5)**, who this week became a word millionaire.

There are a number of children who are working hard to achieve this milestone by the end of year. During Monday's Collective Worship, Riley will be presented with his voucher and letter.



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ATTENDANCE:

Whole school attendance remains at 93.9%. Our aim is to ensure that attendance is above 94% for this academic year.

Congratulations to Year 3 who have the highest attendance for this half term.

A reminder that any absence requests for holidays will not be authorised.

<u>YEAR GROUP</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
Year 3	95.8%
Year 1	95.7%
Year 5	95.6%

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS:



The current battle is still underway until Wednesday next week.

Year 4 are currently in the lead with 12,658 points, in second place are Year 3 with 9,157 points. Years 5 and 6 are trailing a long way behind but there is still time for all this to change!

SPORTS DAY:

EYFS & Key Stage 1: 21st June 9.00 - 11.30am

Key Stage 2: 22nd June 9.00 - 11.30am



One sports day please drop your child off as usual and leave the site while the children are registered. The gates, will open again at 9:00am. Please gather on the field where there will be chairs for you to sit on. If you would like to bring your own chair please do so.

For both key stages, the children will complete their field activities first and then their track events. For the field events, please move around with your child's group and for the track events please do not cross the track.

The children will be competing to earn points for their house team with a house winner for each key stage and then an overall winner announced in worship next Friday.

Photographs can be taken during the event, but are not to be shared on social media as you will not have the permission of the other parents to share these.

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RED BOOK:

Please note our Celebration Worship, will take place on Monday due to school visits and prayer space.



DANCE EXTRAVAGANZA:

Save the date for our Dance Extravaganza.

19th July 2.45pm

LINKS WITH FELPHAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE:

Following our work with FCC last week, this week pupils in upper Key Stage 2 have engaged in further events. On Tuesday, Year 5 visited the school to take part in a Magic Day.

"It was really fun to experience what secondary school will be like."

Isla J - Year 5

"I really enjoyed it as we got to do different things and see what we would like to do at secondary school."

Alex C-L - Year 5



On Wednesday, pupils in Year 6 took part in Soccersize, a sports transition event run by FCC. All pupils were a credit to the school and gained a great deal from these experiences.



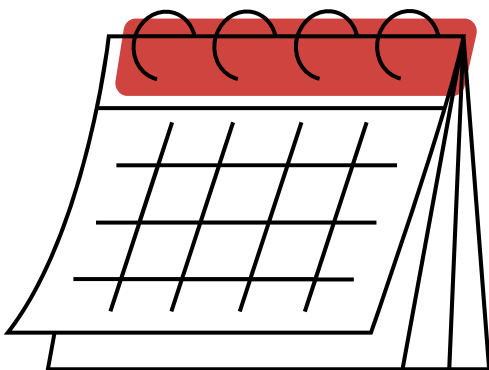
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2023 – 2024 TERM DATES:

5th September 2023	Start of Autumn Term (8.35am)
23rd - 27th October 2023	Half Term
18th - 31st December 2023	Christmas Holidays
3rd January 2024	Start of Spring Term (8.35am)
12th - 16th February 2024	Half Term
2nd - 12th April 2024	Easter Holidays
16th April 2024	Start of Summer Term (8.35am)
27th - 31st May 2024	Half Term
24th July 2024	Summer Holidays



Inset Days/Bank Holidays

4th September 2023 - Inset Day

20th October 2023 - Inset Day

1st January 2024 - Bank Holiday

2nd January 2024 - Bank Holiday

29th March 2024 - Bank Holiday

1st April 2024 - Bank Holiday

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LETTERS SENT HOME:

Tuesday 13th June - Staffing Update

Wednesday 15th June - My Child at School (MCAS)



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday 21st June - Key Stage 1 Sports Day (9.00- 11.30am)

Wednesday 21st June - New Reception Picnic - Group A (3.30-4.30pm)

Thursday 22nd June - Key Stage 2 Sports Day (9.00 - 11.30am)

Friday 23rd June - New Reception Parent Meeting (9.15 - 10.15am)

Friday 23rd June - Year 4 Campover

Please note we are still experiencing technical issues with the website so are unable to update the calendar at this time.

SUMMER
HOLIDAYS

SUMMER HOLIDAY EVENTS:

Attached to this week's newsletter are flyers from SAM Music Service and Allstars and Dynamos Cricket regarding lessons and courses running through the summer holidays that your child may be interested.

Key Stage 2: