



# SYTCHAMPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

January 2025

## Message from Mrs Brogan

Dear Parents and Families,

Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope that you had an enjoyable Christmas time with family and friends. It is lovely to see all of the children back in school engaging in their lessons and friendships. Attendance for the first week of term has been great, so thank you all for coming back with such enthusiasm despite the cold weather!

We were very proud of all of our children's performances in the Nativity Plays and Carol Concerts. We know from the feedback that families thoroughly enjoyed these events, and they made a lovely start to Christmas. Thank you so much for your support and positive feedback.

As I am sure you are aware, the children enjoyed a 'silent' disco during the last week of term as part of their class Christmas parties. This was a really



exciting event which, along with the Christmas dinner, talent show and a visit from Santa really made our Christmas time in school special.

I would like to thank all of the staff for their hard work in putting together the Christmas shows and the other activities, and the PTA for working so hard on behalf of the school and the children to add all of the special touches.

We are now looking forward to a new term, which will see the school community beginning on the next part of its journey together.

Best Wishes

Catherine Brogan.

## What Talent!



The talent show at the end of term was great fun and it was wonderful to see so many get up to share their talents. From singers and songwriters, to dancers, comedians, storytellers, engineers and artists, we had the lot! We also had some great sing-a-longs and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves! Well done to all who took part, and to the fabulous audience members who showed real support and enthusiasm for their friends' efforts.







## Staffing News

As you are aware, I will be handing over the Headship of the school this half term to **Miss Fiona Templeton**. I will be working closely with Miss Templeton to ensure a positive handover, and we will keep families informed of the details and timings of this.

We are delighted to welcome **Mrs Sarah Griffiths** to our TA team. She started with us this week and will be primarily working in the KS2 team (Willow and Elm classes).

## Governor Vacancy

Governors play a vital role in supporting the running of our school and it is a great way to broaden experience and 'give something back'. We have a vacancy on our Governing Body for a member of our community to act as a '**Lloyds Foundation Governor**'. We are looking for someone in the wider school community, as our Parent Governor positions are currently filled.

An interest/experience in Finance, Building Services or Human Resources would be advantageous, but not essential, as the governor would be asked to sit on our Finance, Premises and Personnel Committee. If you know of someone who would be interested in having more information about this post, please contact Clerk to Governors

[seps-govclerk@sytchampton.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:seps-govclerk@sytchampton.worcs.sch.uk)

## A Call for Scientists

The PTA have been working with the school to put plans in place for British Science Week, which we will be celebrating from 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025. We are very grateful for the work

that has been done to secure some funding for trips and activities during that week.

**We are now looking for anyone who has a role in or passion for the Sciences,**

**Technologies, Engineering or Maths**, who would like to get involved in supporting us during this week. If you feel that you could offer any time, resources, ideas, expertise or just enthusiasm to help us make this a great experience for our children, please contact us through the school office, or speak to a member of staff or Claire Howard on the playground.



## PTA

The PTA continues to work really hard to raise money for the school and put on wonderful events for the children and the community. With your help, they raised an amazing amount of money from the Christmas Fayre. Please support them in their next event which looks like great fun!



**Sytchampton PTA Fundraising  
Announcement**

**A huge THANK YOU to everyone who supported  
the PTA Christmas fundraising efforts. We're  
delighted to say that we have raised over**

**£1800+**



The logo is circular with a white background and a red border. It features a central illustration of a bee and the letters 'PTA'. The text 'Sytchampton Endowed Primary School PTA' is written around the inner edge of the circle.



SYTCHAMPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA INVITES YOU TO A

# QUIZ & FIZZ NIGHT



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FRIDAY 7TH MARCH 2025

OMBERSLEY VILLAGE HALL

7PM - 10:30PM

£12 per person [includes food]

Teams of up to 6 or we can team you up

Licensed bar accepting cash & card payments

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To book your tickets please email  
[syтчpta@outlook.com](mailto:sytchpta@outlook.com)



## The HANDi App

Your first port of call when your child is under the weather

It's the time of year when bugs can play on your mind. If your child is unwell, HANDi will ask you questions about your child's condition to help you decide the best course of action - and with all the advice on HANDi developed and approved by NHS paediatricians and other healthcare professionals, you can rest assured that you're getting the best possible advice. It includes the most common childhood illnesses including diarrhoea, vomiting and high temperature. You can find out more here [HANDi App: Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care System](#) and download the App for free on iOS or Android devices.

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## Online Safety

With many new devices being received for Christmas, remember to keep on top of the safety messages, settings and supervision needed to keep children safe online. There are useful resources here. [Parents and carers | CEOP Education](#)

The 12 tips in their [Safer By Christmas](#) Resource are a great place to start – for example.....

**Set up a parent email on your child's Roblox account** to enable important safety settings and safer gaming.

Login to your child's account > 3 dots in left menu > Settings > Account info > Add parent's email.

**Switch to Swiggle.** Unlike other search engines, Swiggle is a child-friendly search engine. Bookmark Swiggle or make it your default browser to support your child with safer searches.

[Swiggle.org.uk](http://Swiggle.org.uk)

**Stop your child from being sent in-chat links on Minecraft.** Some links may be harmful or inappropriate content or scams.

Main menu > options > chat settings > set 'Web Links and Prompt on Links' to Off.

## Term dates 2024 - 2025

### Please Remember that Term Time Holidays are not permitted

- Taking children on holiday or out of school during term time is against the law.
- The school is not allowed to authorise absence during term time
- Taking unauthorised holidays could result in a penalty notice from the Local Authority.

### The agreed term dates are here for your information

	Holidays - School closes to pupils on	School re-opens to pupils on
<b>Autumn Term</b>		Wednesday 4th September 2024
<b>Autumn mid term</b>	Friday 25th October 2024	Monday 4th November 2024
<b>Christmas</b>	Friday 20th December 2024	<b>Tuesday 7th January 2025</b>
<b>Spring mid-term</b>	Friday 14th February 2025	Monday 24th February 2025
<b>Easter</b>	Friday 11th April 2025	Monday 28th April 2025
<b>Summer mid-term</b>	Friday 23rd May 2025	<b>Tuesday 3rd June 2025</b>
<b>End of summer term</b>	Friday 18th July 2025	

<b>Christmas Day</b>	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
<b>Boxing Day</b>	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
<b>New Year's Day</b>	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2025
<b>Good Friday</b>	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
<b>Easter Monday</b>	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2025
<b>May Day</b>	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
<b>Spring Bank Holiday</b>	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2025

## Wrap Around Care

We have some spaces in our WAC club which runs before and after school.

Breakfast Club runs from 8.00am until 8.45am in the Key Stage 1 classrooms and children are given a breakfast of toast, cereal and fruit. Milk or juice is available.

After school, children can stay until 4.15pm or stay and have tea, being collected by 5.30pm Monday-Thursday and 5.00pm Friday.

Please ask in the school office for more information or see our [website](#).

Session	Cost
Breakfast Club	£4.50
3.15 to 4.15pm	£5.00
3.15 to 5.30pm (Mon to Thu)	£10.50
3.15 to 5.00pm (Fri)	£9.50