



Dear parents/carers,

I cannot believe I am now writing the final newsletter of this academic year. It only seems like 5 minutes ago that we had all come back together again in September with the excitement of a new year!

There are so many things to celebrate that I don't really know where to begin. I would like to start by saying a huge thank you to all my staff for their dedication to all the pupils at St Swithun's. They work tirelessly to ensure that our children get the best possible experiences and a curriculum that supports each child's individual needs. Without this team of amazing people we would not have been able to achieve this year's SATs results. Whilst this data is still provisional, I am pleased to announce that 72% of our children in Year 6 reached at least the expected standard in reading, writing and maths. This is above the national average of 65%. 12% of the children also reached the higher standard in all these areas. Well done everyone!

This week we are also saying farewell to our first group of Year 6s. I have had the privilege of watching them grow and develop into amazing individuals and I am sure they will all go on and achieve fantastic things. It was wonderful to hear them share their memories of St Swithun's and I couldn't help but shed a few tears during their leavers service on Tuesday morning. I was so proud of them all.

I would also like to say thank to the Governing Board. This is made up of volunteers who are vital in ensuring the strategic direction of the school. In September we will be looking for additional parent governors. If you think you may be interested in this role, please come and speak to me.

Year 6 have also been performing alongside Year 5 in their end of year production of Scheherazade. Everyone performed brilliantly and they dazzled everyone with their many talents. Well done.

Elsewhere in school, Nursery were visited by a farm on Monday. The children got to hold a wide range of animals and learn about looking after them too.

We also had the PTFA AGM on Monday evening. The PTFA have had a very successful year and have raised over £6500 to support the school. A massive thank you to them all for giving up their spare time to raise extra funds. I look forward to working with them next year.

In September, the cost of school dinners will increase to £2:20 per child, for children in Nursery and Years 3-6.

Lastly, I wish everyone a restful, safe and relaxing break and I look forward to seeing everyone again on Wednesday 4th September.

Yours faithfully
Mrs Anita Whitehurst
Headteacher



Wednesday 4th September	Children return to School	
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Birthdays—From 13th July to 31st August 2019

Ralph	Issy R	Katie F
Elijah	Ben M	Archer
Dawson	Jaida Mae	Santi
Zenikah	Lexi	Dylan D
Erin	Lily B	Zach
Mel	Harriet Y	Millie S
Preeya	Anna H	Alex
Willow A	Sophia	Josh D
Eva	Tyler	Joseph K
Kai C	Logan	Jacob
Aiden	Addison	



House Points

First	Second	Third	Fourth
Matthew	John	Mark	Luke

Rainbow Point Certificates

Abigail	James B	Freya	Archie	Finley
Max G	Hayden	Connie	Libby	Ben M
Max O	Max E			

Attendance week ending 12th July 2019

	Class	Percentage
Class with highest attendance last week	Willow	97.78%
Percentage attendance last week	n/a	95.93%
Percentage attendance to date	n/a	96.02%



Values Education

This half term our value is Truth and Truthfulness.

“Tell the truth to each other.” (Zachariah 8.16)