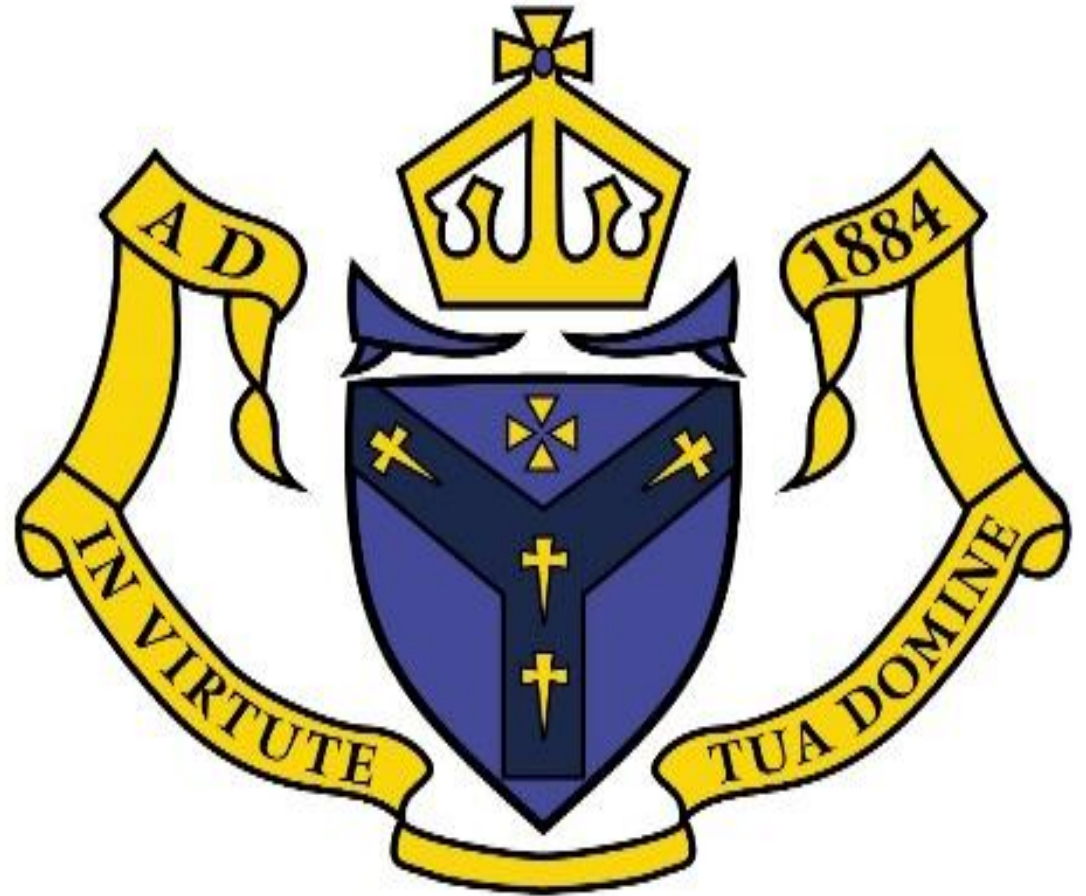


WELCOME TO
SISSINGHURST VA
CHURCH OF
ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Year R Parents Welcome Evening





WELCOME
AND
THANK YOU



MEET OUR YEAR R TEAM



MRS JEFFREY – CLASS TEACHER

MRS SAXBY – TEACHING ASSISTANT

OTHER STAFF YOU NEED TO KNOW



MRS HOLMAN – HEADTEACHER



MRS DESAI – DEPUTY HEAD



MRS RIDGWAY – FLO



MRS HODGES and
MRS PAPAGNO – OFFICE



MRS BRANSON –
BUSINESS MANAGER



MRS WOLFE –
SENCO



FOSS
-
FRIENDS OF
SISSINGHURST
SCHOOL



TRANSITION VISITS

WELCOME PICNIC –

Friday 3rd July 12:30 -2:00

Meet class teachers, meet buddy, have a picnic on the field and explore their new classroom.

Parents to stay on the field, mingle and ask any questions.

TASTER AFTERNOON –

Thursday 9th July 1:15– 2:40

Parents drop off. Buddies meet them at the gate and walk them to their classroom.

Get to know their new friends and classroom, play games and have fun.

STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER



Week 1

Wednesday 2nd
September

9:05 drop off
11:30 pick up

All other children in the school will have arrived by
9:00.

Y5 buddies will meet them at the gate and walk them
to their classroom.

Pick up just before lunch.

Thursday 3rd September

8:40-8:55 drop off
11:30 pick up

Walk up to the classroom with the rest of the school
and their friends.

Pick up just before lunch.

Week 1	
Friday 4th September	8:40-8:55 drop off 1:10 pick up
Walk up to the classroom with the rest of the school and their friends. Stay for lunch and pick up after lunch.	
1:10-1:40 after pick up Parents are invited back into the classroom to be shown around by your child and to have a chance to chat to the class teachers.	

Week 2	
From Monday 7th September	8:40-8:55 drop off 3:10 pick up
Full time! Yay!	

Drop off and collections are always at the gate.

We will come out a little earlier on the first few weeks, to avoid the crowds!

If you would like to book in a 1:1 meeting with us, let us know.



Phonics Taster Meeting

Friday 11th September

2:30-3:00

An opportunity to learn about how we teach Phonics and Early Reading and to ask any questions you might have so far.

We use the scheme Little Wandle.



In EYFS we follow the Early Years Framework, and our learning is mostly play based.

The areas of learning that we focus on are:

- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design



THE EARLY YEARS
CURRICULUM

Our curriculum is underpinned by the
Characteristics of Effective Learning:

- PLAYING AND EXPLORING
- BEING AN ACTIVE LEARNER
- CREATING AND THINKING CRITICALLY

These are the behaviours and attitudes that children use to engage with their environment and develop the skills needed for future learning and success.

We explore them through our dinosaur learning friends!



THE EARLY YEARS
CURRICULUM



INSIDE OUR CLASSROOM YOU WILL FIND...

role play, small world, reading tree,
cosy corners, creation station,
messy play, maths area, writing and
mark making spaces, construction
zones, puppet theatre, ICT, funky
finger activities.





IN THE OUTDOOR CLASSROOM YOU WILL FIND...

sand pit, water play, small world,
role play, construction sites,
gardening spaces, mud kitchen,
obstacle courses, reading spaces,
writing shed, musical instruments,
stage, dens and more!

Lots of opportunities to problem
solve, investigate and explore!





CHILDREN COME TOGETHER FOR WHOLE CLASS AND SMALL GROUP TEACHING

- Sharing stories, games, songs and rhymes
- Phonics (reading and writing)
- Maths
- RE
- PE
- Music
- Collective Worship
- Plan, Do Review



SNACK AND LUNCH

We have a '**rolling**' **snack bar** usually consisting of oranges, apples, tomatoes, bananas, tomatoes, cucumbers and carrots.

Milk is free for under 5s

School dinners or packed lunch?

All EYFS and KS1 children are entitled to a free school meal.



OPAL – Outdoor Play and Learning



This happens every lunch time for the whole school.

All children are able to access a variety of resources and equipment every day.

They can make choices in their play, be imaginative, adventurous, resilient, confident and cooperative.



OPAL – New Lions



The new Lions will gradually be introduced to these areas.

They will play in the ballcourt to begin with, with their buddies, at lunch time.

They will also sit and eat lunch with their buddies for the first two weeks.



FOR SEPTEMBER YOUR CHILD WILL NEED...



LABEL
EVERYTHING –
I MEAN
EVERYTHING!



A book bag (no backpacks)



A water bottle (just for water)



PE bag (with shorts, coloured t-shirt, jumper, joggers and plimsolls/trainers)



Waterproofs and wellies – we go out in all types of weather!

HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR CHILD TO BE SCHOOL READY?

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

- **Develop strength** through activities such as running, climbing, jumping, crawling, pushing, lifting etc.
- **Begin making marks** in sand, with chinks, painting, using crayons etc.

ENCOURAGE INDEPENDENCE

- **Dressing themselves** – zipping up coats, putting on and taking off their new uniform and PE kit, putting shoes on the right feet.
- Managing their **toileting** needs.
- Recognising their **name**.



HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR CHILD TO BE SCHOOL READY?

ROUTINE AND DAILY STRUCTURE

- **Walk or drive the route** to the new school during the summer so it becomes a familiar environment.
- **Gradually adjust wake-up and sleep times** in the weeks leading up to the start of the term so they are naturally in sync with the school day.

COMMUNICATION, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL SKILLS

- Play **sharing and turn taking games** like Snap or Connect 4 to help develop sharing and turn taking and strategies to cope with not winning.
- **Talk about big feelings.** Read books about starting school to help open up conversations about feeling nervous or excited. This will help children develop their **listening skills and ability to understand and communicate** their own feelings. We use the [Colour Monster](#) book at school.

The Colour Monster Book <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aBPFplfLvZo>

The Colour Monster Goes to School <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Iu8Bh10kCF8>



HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR CHILD TO BE SCHOOL READY?

TALK POSITIVELY TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT WHAT TO EXPECT

- School is **fun**, not scary!
- Come along to the **Taster Sessions**.
- Show them the [Lion Class social story](https://www.sissinghurst.kent.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=735&type=pdf) and encourage them to **share it with their friends and family**.

<https://www.sissinghurst.kent.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=735&type=pdf> – social story



SPECIAL BOX PROJECT



A special box containing all of their favourite things...

toy, book, a picture of their favourite food, family photo, a drawing they've done etc.

In the first few week of September, I will send out a list asking a couple of children to bring in their box each day to share with the rest of the class to help us get to know each other.





THANK YOU

We look forward to welcoming you and
your children in September

