



Sea Mills Primary Newsletter

7th January 2026



Dear Families

Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed the holiday period and wishing you all the best for 2026. It has been so lovely to welcome the children back to school they seem really positive to be back and classes have a really settled and purposeful atmosphere.

Our Sea Mills Super Skill this term is 'Caring' and we started the term with an assembly on how we can be good friends. We will be really celebrating pupils who help other children both in class and on the playground.

Sea Mills Primary has now officially joined The Leaf Trust. We have been working alongside the trust for a year now so it is great to properly join. We are really looking forward to the extra support to further improve teaching and learning. Ross Newman (the CEO) and Faye Kitchen (Head of Education) visited to welcome the children to the Trust yesterday and shared the draft of the 'Leaf Trust Story' book that our children have been involved in publishing. We are looking forward to getting the final copies soon. The children had previously had sessions on joining The Leaf Trust and this included an opportunity to send questions to Ross and Faye. There were some great questions which they answered yesterday - we now know what their favourite colour is and their favourite ice cream!

Wishing you a great week, with warmest best wishes

Andrew Kinnear

Key Dates

Calendar dates for the year ahead can be found here:

[Diary - Sea Mills Primary School](#)

January	8th - Year 3 and 4 swimming sessions start 12th - PTFA meeting 3:30 - 4:30 14th - RE workshops - Reception, Year 1 & 2 15th - Closing date for Reception Applications (starting 2026) 15th - RE workshops - Year 3, 4 & 5 16th - 'Rags to Riches' collection deadline - all donations to the office
February	2nd - Level 2 Bikeability Group 1- year 5/6 (all day) 3rd - Level 2 Bikeability Group 1- year 5/6 (am only) & Level 1 Bikeability PM only (year 4 only) 4th - Governor Development Day 5th - Year 1 Class Assembly 9am 6th - Number Day 9th - Level 2 Bikeability Group 2- year 5/6 (all day) 10th - Safer Internet Day 10th - Level 2 Bikeability Group 2- year 5/6 (am only) 13th - Last day of term 14th - 22nd - Half Term 23rd - INSET Day - school closed for pupils 24th - First day of school for pupils

Notices

Closing date for Reception Applications - Thursday 15th January

Please let the office know if you need any assistance with this.

Back in and ready to learn :)

We have enjoyed welcoming everyone back yesterday. Last term our overall attendance dipped due to illness, which we know was unavoidable for many families. We're hopeful that the Christmas break has given children the chance to rest, recover, and return feeling refreshed and ready to learn. As the colder weather continues, please help by ensuring children come to school dressed warmly and appropriately. Thank you, as always, for your continued support in working together to keep our children happy, healthy, and in school.

Congratulations to year 4 for winning 5 stars; awarded for best attendance in a week. They will be selecting their prize this week.

3pm Pick up - only by arrangement

A small number of children are picked up early for family reasons (for example transport). This is in place through prior arrangement. Please don't request an early pick up without arranging this ahead of time as it is disruptive for story time at the end of the day and is unmanageable for Mrs Papantoniou.

Careers Day - postponed!

In the last newsletter, we requested volunteers to come and visit and talk about their jobs in a Career's Day on 21st January. We have postponed this until later in the year but would still love to hear from you if you would like to get involved - just let the office know.

Smoking at the end of the lane

Please avoid smoking or vaping at the end of the lane on the approach to school. Whilst this is a public space it would be very much appreciated if this is smoke free so children don't need to walk through this on their way in.

Belated thank you PTFA!

A belated thank you to the PTFA for a magnificent Christmas Fayre. It was packed with festive fun - the children loved it and I know it made everyone feel very Christmassy! The PTFA are already planning events for 2026 with - see letter below.

Join Us for the Next PTFA Meeting

Monday 12th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful festive break.

We're excited to invite you to our next PTFA meeting:

Date: Monday 12th January 2026

Time: 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Location: School Meeting Room

Online Option: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 934 199 445 339 4

Passcode: AT2V8F

This is a great chance to come together, share ideas, and support our school community. Children are welcome to join too!

What's on the agenda?

Meet other parents and carers in a friendly environment

Hear about PTFA projects and initiatives

Plan upcoming fundraising activities

Any other business

We'd love to see as many of you as possible—whether in person or online. Your contribution and support make a real difference to the success of our events.

If you can't make this meeting, don't worry! You can check our calendar for future meetings and events. You'll also find lots of useful information on our PTFA page on the school website: [Sea Mills Primary- PTFA webpage](#)

Thank you for your continued support

Warm regards,

Maisie Williams

On behalf of Sea Mills PTFA