



Sea Mills Primary Newsletter

24th September 2026



Dear Families

The children are really getting stuck into their learning in the weeks of term and it has been lovely to see them reconnect with their friends and settle into a new year. I have been especially impressed with our new year 6 who are taking on their new school monitor roles brilliantly and also our new Reception children who seem happy, confident and ready to learn - a great start!

We have our **Harvest Festival** at St Edyths on 1st October at 9:30am. Please come along! If you are able to contribute any food items, then please bring them to the office before then. All donations will go to the North Bristol Food Bank.

A parental code of conduct and home school agreement are attached with this newsletter and will also be sent via Arbor. We really value working closely with families and there are key principles in these documents to ensure that your child can be supported in the best possible way. Please read and acknowledge these on Arbor. Your support is very much appreciated.

Warmest best wishes

Andrew Kinnear

Key Dates

Calendar dates for the year ahead can be found here:

[Diary - Sea Mills Primary School](#)

September	28th - PTFA AGM 4:30 30th - Author visit years 3-6
October	Black History Month 1st - Harvest Festival @ St Edyths 9:30 2nd - Year 6 height and weight check 5th - 9th Cycle to School Week 13th - Papaya Workshop 'Me and My Screen' years 3-6 13th - Prospective Reception Parent Tour 9:30 15th - Prospective Reception Parent Tour 4pm 21st - Y6 Class assembly 9am 23rd - INSET day
Term Dates for next year 2026—2027	Term 1 - 3rd September to 23rd October Term 2 - 2nd November to 18th December Term 3 - 4th January to 12th February Term 4 - 22nd February to 25th March Term 5 - 12th April to 28th May Term 6 - 7th June to 21st July INSET days - 23rd October, 27th November, 4th January, 22nd February

Notices

Every Day Counts!

We know that families want the very best for their children, and we understand that children can sometimes feel under the weather. However, every school day really does count. Even a day or two missed here and there can quickly add up and can have an impact on learning, friendships and confidence.

If your child has a mild cold, runny nose, slight cough or minor symptoms but is otherwise well enough to take part in their normal activities, please bring them into school. Being in school regularly helps children keep up with their learning and maintain those important daily routines.

Of course, if your child is genuinely unwell and needs to stay at home, please follow the usual health guidance and let us know. If you are unsure then please use the following to help support your decision [Illness guide](#).

Every day matters. Every lesson counts. Every child belongs.

Every day in school counts...



and every minute counts...



School Age Flu Vaccination

Flu vaccination (nasal spray) for school age children will take place on 29th September in school. For more information and to give consent follow this link:

[Sirona care & health](#)

Fiddle Toys

Fiddle toys can be a big distraction for children in class. Please only allow your child to bring a fiddle toy to school if it has been agreed as a strategy with the SENCO or class teacher.

Big Future Survey

This national survey is for the Children's Commissioner for England and will be presented to government. You can find out more here: [The Big Future | Children's Commissioner for England](#) and the survey can be completed here [About this survey : The Big Future survey - have your say!](#).



Could you tell if your child was being **exploited** **online?**

Join one of our free online sessions led by Child Exploitation Prevention Officer **Andri Nicolaou**

29 September 19:00 - 20:30pm **06 October** 13:00 - 14:30pm

Learn about the different forms of child exploitation and how offenders groom/exploit children both online and offline. We'll highlight warning signs a child may be at risk and practical steps you can take to keep them safe and respond to any concerns.

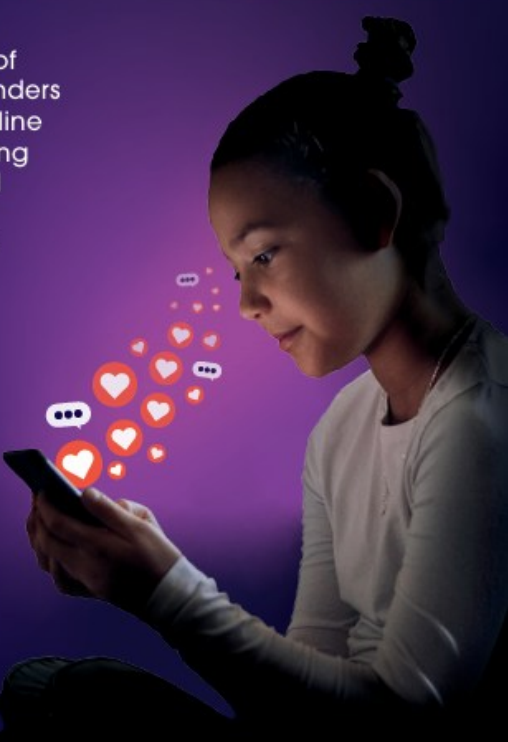
Visit the **Avon and Somerset Police Eventbrite page** or scan the QR codes below

29 Sept



06 Oct





Could You Be Our Next PTFA Chair?

Due to the current Chair stepping down, we are looking to appoint an enthusiastic, organised and inspiring person to become the Chair of our PTFA and help make an even bigger difference to the children at Sea Mills Primary School.

Being PTFA Chair is a hugely rewarding and exciting opportunity to bring our school community together and help create the experiences and memories that make primary school so special.

Why is the role so important?

Our PTFA plays a vital role in school life by raising much-needed funds to provide children with:

- Exciting events and special activities
- Enrichment experiences and opportunities
- Additional resources and equipment
- Memorable experiences that enhance their time at school

Fun opportunities that school budgets may not otherwise allow

Every pound raised by the PTFA helps us to give our children more opportunities, more experiences and more memories.

What will you bring to the role?

We are looking for someone who is:

- Enthusiastic and positive – someone who can inspire others to get involved
- Organised and reliable – able to help plan events and keep things moving
- A confident communicator – comfortable working with parents, staff and the wider school community
- A team player and leader – able to bring people together, delegate and encourage others
- Creative and full of ideas – willing to think of exciting new ways to fundraise
- Approachable and friendly – someone who can build strong relationships across our school community

Committed to our children – passionate about making their school experience the very best it can be
You don't need to have been a PTFA Chair before - what matters most is your enthusiasm, commitment and willingness to get involved. There are other roles that will also be voted on such as secretary, deputy chair and treasurer, so please get in touch if you would like to apply for one of these.

If you would love to lead a fantastic team, bring our school community together and make a real difference to the lives of our children, we would love to hear from you! Please share an expression of interest to deputy.seamillsp@seamillsprimary.co.uk by Friday 25th September.

A vote will then be held at the **PTFA AGM** on **Monday 28th at 4.30pm to appoint the new committee.**