



Sapperton Church of England Primary School
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9th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

A happy new year to you all and I hope the Christmas break was one of peace and fun. It has been a rather icy start to the term - we have luckily managed to avoid too much weather disruption.

Spirituality and Sapperton's Vision

This week all the classes have been looking at our vision 'To nurture faith; to inspire success'. In school we use the bible story 'The mustard seed' to think about how we live out our vision. Our vision is about developing the children to be the very best they can be as they grow through life while developing values that allow them to consider others and our world. We want them to grow up to be responsible adults who flourish in life whilst caring and thinking about others. Everything we do in school through our vision and values links to this. Through the week, we have used some new resources which have allowed us to think about how we live out our values and how we develop spirituality. We are also using an exciting new resource in worship which is called 'Picture news' where the children consider current news topics and have the opportunity to talk about them. The value we are focusing on this term is courage.

Class Dojo

To improve our communication systems, class teachers will now be sending more information to parents and carers over Class Dojo. Please make sure you have signed up for this. We are also using this as a way of awarding house points. You won't be able to see these points at home but they will work towards class treats and points for their new houses. Any reminders or exciting news that you need about to know about a particular class will come out via a message on Dojo.

Website

Our new school website is now live. Thank you to James Beck for working so hard to create this platform for us. The website has a calendar which can be downloaded. It also has class pages that will be updated regularly with news from the classroom. Please have a look at it – feedback is always welcome.

Gate

For this term, the gate may not remain open until 8:55. It will open as normal at 8:40 and close when it goes quiet! We have been noticing that a member of staff has been standing on the gate from roughly 8:50 and all the children have already arrived. If there is no adult on the gate, please drop off by the Office door which will be open for the children to walk through. Parents and carers only need to come to the office with their children if the time is later than 8:55 and then the children will need to be signed in. Thanks for your understanding with this. Welcoming our lovely children first thing means a lot to our staff, so it is important to us that this remains whilst balancing the need for staff to be in class providing the best start to a day.

New Staff

In the last few weeks, we have welcomed some new Teaching Assistants to our team. Mrs Sneddon-Wilkins works in Maple for the mornings supporting Reception, year 1 and 2. Ms Jefferies works in Rowan during the mornings and across all the classes in the afternoons. Also, Mrs Maloney is supporting children from all classes during the

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afternoons. We are very excited to be expanding our team with such great people and welcome them to our school family.

Look Who's Talking Competition

We are taking part in an oracy competition across Gloucestershire this term called Look Who's Talking. We are excited to be offering the children the chance to shine in even more extra-curricular activities. Children need to write a two minute speech that they will present in their classes. The topic can be of their choice and they cannot use technology, but are allowed a few notes to help them. Children will have the chance to write these in class early next week. Please support your child to learn their presentation at home should they want to enter the competition. It is not compulsory that they take part, but we are hoping that this exciting offer enhances the opportunities of those who do. They will be presenting their work in their classes next Friday.

After School Clubs

Please check out the new offer of After School Clubs. There is still time to sign up to these, if any are of interest to the children. If there is a club that you would wish us to offer, please do get in touch and suggest it. Although we cannot facilitate some for logistical or organisational reasons, we are trying to be led by the children's interests wherever possible.

We value the community that is Sapperton School, and want what happens here to be the best it can for every family – please do get in touch with any queries.

Warmest regards and we look forward to the term ahead,

Meg Crampton and Helen Cooper