



MESSAGES FROM MR GALE

Headteacher's Introduction – September Newsletter



Welcome back to a new school year at Southfields School. It has been wonderful to see our pupils return to school with such enthusiasm, positivity and readiness to learn. I would like to begin by thanking all parents and carers for your continued support in ensuring that **your child attends school every day and arrives on time**. Good attendance is one of the most important factors in helping children achieve their full potential. Every day in school provides valuable learning opportunities, helping pupils to build knowledge, develop friendships and establish the routines that enable them to thrive. Your commitment to making attendance a priority is greatly appreciated and plays a vital role in your child's success.

The start of the academic year has been extremely positive. Pupils across the school have settled quickly into their new classes, embraced high expectations and have already begun to make excellent progress in their learning. Classrooms have been busy, purposeful and filled with children eager to engage with new topics and challenges. It has been a pleasure to see such a positive attitude towards learning from all year groups.

Before welcoming pupils back, our staff team took part in a range of important training to ensure that we continue to provide the highest standards of care and support for our children. This included comprehensive safeguarding training and allergy awareness training. These sessions ensure that all staff are equipped with the knowledge and understanding needed to keep children safe and support their wellbeing throughout the school day.

We are especially proud of how well our youngest children have settled into school life. Our Nursery and Reception pupils have made a fantastic start and are already following routines superbly. The confidence, independence and enthusiasm they have shown during their first few weeks have been remarkable, and we are delighted with how quickly they have become part of our school community.



It was also a pleasure to welcome so many parents and carers to our recent Welcome Meetings at the start of term. Building strong partnerships between home and school is incredibly important, and these meetings provided a valuable opportunity to share information about the year ahead and discuss how we can work together to support every child to achieve their very best.

Earlier this month, the school welcomed Ofsted inspectors on 15th and 16th September. We are delighted that the inspection resulted in the school receiving the fantastic judgement of **'Strong' in all areas of the inspection framework**, recognising the exceptional quality of education, leadership, inclusion and wider provision across the school. This significant achievement reflects the hard work, dedication and commitment of our pupils, staff, governors and families, and we would like to thank everyone for the part they have played in the school's success.

The term has already provided children with a wide range of exciting opportunities beyond the classroom. Pupils have enjoyed participating in a variety of after-school clubs, developing new interests and talents. Children attending the residential visit to Rough Close have benefited from a memorable experience that supported teamwork, resilience and independence. Year 6 pupils enjoyed a visit to the Herbert Art Gallery, enhancing their learning through first-hand experiences, while Year 4 pupils explored the River Sherbourne as part of their rivers study, bringing their geographical learning to life. These enrichment opportunities are an important part of our curriculum and help create lasting memories alongside academic achievement.

Finally, I would like to remind parents about the importance of appropriate jewellery in school. **Necklaces should not be worn by children as they present a significant health and safety risk**, particularly during playtimes, physical education lessons and other active parts of the school day. We would be grateful for your support in ensuring that children do not wear necklaces to school so that we can maintain a safe environment for everyone.

Thank you once again for your continued support. We have made a fantastic start to the academic year and look forward to sharing many more successes and achievements with you in the months ahead.

James Gale
Headteacher

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Mr Gale
Headteacher



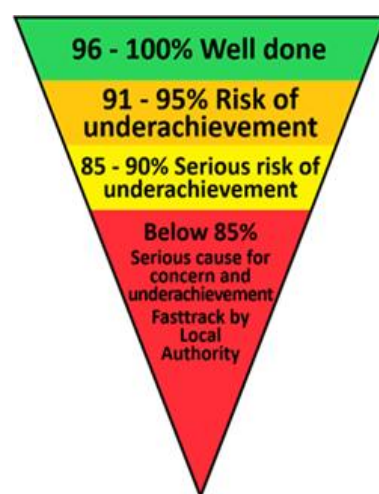
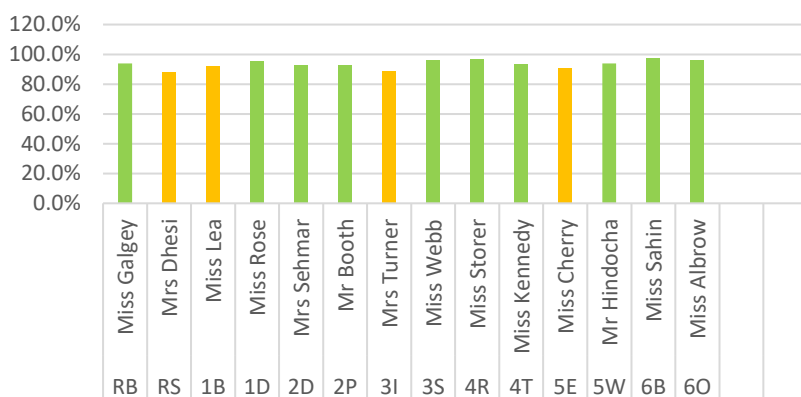


ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Attendance Update - September Whole School - **94.2%**

The Attendance Target we have set is 96%!

Class Attendance - September 2026



A reminder **that it's fine to send your child to school** with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature. Remember to encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

**The table below shows: Persistent Absentees
(Pupils who have Less than 90% Attendance)**

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
11	9	10	9	11	5

Persistent absence is when your child has missed so much time off school that they become categorised as PA or persistent absence (Attendance below 90% + persistent absent). **Poor attendance impacts on a child's future not just academically but also on their social and emotional development.**





ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Dear Parents/Carers

The Department of Education (DfE) **does not consider holidays or leisure travel** to be exceptional circumstances. All requests for Exceptional Leave of Absence must be completed in advance and forms are available from the school office. The Local Authority will issue fines where parents have taken their children out of school, and it has not been authorised by the Head Teacher.

Fines for unauthorised absence:

- **1st Offence** - £160 per parent reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days
- **2nd Offence** - £160 per parent
- **3rd Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)** - the third time an Offence is committed a Penalty Notice **will not** be issued, and the parent(s) may be prosecuted under section 444(1).

If fines are unpaid, parents may be prosecuted under the Education Act 1996.

Mr J Gale

Being Late is Never Great!

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
37 minutes	53 minutes	1 hour 21 minutes	1 hour 26 minutes	1 hour 44 minutes	1 hour 28 minutes	2 hours 20 minutes

Total Minutes Lost - 9 hours & 2 minutes

A reminder that the school gates are open between 8.50 and 9.00am.

The knock-on effects being late has on a child's learning is massive. Children have commented on how they dislike being stared at when they enter classrooms late and the anxiety this causes.

Please be aware that if your child is late to school, they will now need to sign in using the monitor by the main office. A reason for the lateness will be required.

Thank you to all those parents who continue to ensure their children arrive on time every day.





School Sport, Clubs, & Competitions

At Southfields Primary School, we are incredibly proud of the wide range of enrichment opportunities available to our pupils. Our after-school clubs programme continues to provide children with opportunities to develop new skills, stay active, express their creativity and pursue their interests beyond the classroom.

This Autumn Term, we are offering an exciting selection of sports, creative and enrichment clubs that cater for pupils across all year groups. The breadth of our provision ensures that children can access activities that support their physical development, confidence, teamwork, creativity and personal interests.

The popularity of our clubs highlights pupils' enthusiasm for learning, sport and personal development. It is particularly pleasing to see so many children participating in a diverse range of activities, from football, basketball and gymnastics to music, journalism, cooking and storytelling.

We would like to thank all staff who generously give their time to lead these clubs and provide such valuable opportunities for our children. Their commitment enables us to offer a rich programme that enhances our curriculum and helps pupils discover new talents, build friendships and develop lifelong interests. We look forward to seeing our pupils continue to enjoy and benefit from these fantastic opportunities throughout the Autumn Term.

To ensure that all pupils can enjoy a safe, positive and successful experience, our after-school clubs operate with the same high expectations for behaviour, respect and conduct as the school day. Pupils are expected to follow school rules, demonstrate positive attitudes and show respect to staff and other children at all times. Where a pupil's behaviour falls below these expectations, parents will be informed and, where appropriate, access to the club may be withdrawn. We believe this approach helps to maintain a positive environment where all children can participate, learn and thrive.

Sports Superstars

Athletes of the Month:

Madeira (3I) Aurora 6B Richard 3S

Sports Classes of the Month:

3I Whole Y6 1B





Southfields Superstars of the Month

Y1 Daisy	Zayan - GL	Joy -GL	Rhea – GL (Res)	Joyce GL
Y1 Buttercup	Lucian - GL	Emilia-GL	Rehan- respect	Maraki--GL
Y2 Daffodil	whole class	Sedra – GL	Asya - Respect	Umar - GL
Y2 Poppy	Ameena (GL)	Lavishga GL	Fatima GL	Celeste GL
Y3 Iris	Emmanuel – GL curious	Aramis - resilient GL	Fatima kindness	Zahran – GL curious
Y3 Sunflower	Jovan - respect	Greatchild - respect	Neda – Kindness	Maro – GL curious
Y4 Rose	Mirzana – Kindness	Rishabh - Respect	Shauib - Respect	Khrithya - Respect
Y4 Tulip	Anenyasha - respect	Nathaniel – GL - Res	Anastasia - Kindness	Yunus – GL (res)
Y5 Elm	Whole Class - Respect	Lazo- GL - Cur	Angus and Afrah - Respect	Marwa
Y5 Willow	Robert - resourceful	Yafait – GL - Col	All - Respect	Saba – GL - Res
Y6 Birch	Aurora - Kindness	Kritin - Respect	Augusta and Charvik Kindness	Rahf GL resourceful
Y6 Oak	Neve – Curious Learner	Mohammad - Respect	Tyler – GL (Res)	Fatima S – GL (res)





Reading with your child



Each month we award children in each class for REMARKABLE READING. We place reading at the centre of our curriculum and are determined to encourage a love of reading in all of our children. At the end of each month we award our 'Readers of the month' with a book of their choice!

Congratulations to our amazing 'Readers of the Month' for their superb dedication to reading. These children will all receive a book of their choice! Great work!

Year 1: Shaniya and Cobi

Year 2: Seif and Keisha

Year 3: Vivaan and Hassan

Year 4: Vedha and Fathir

Year 5: Haajra and Galla

Year 6: Annam and Rawnaq



Key Diary Dates

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| • Thurs 1st Oct | 4T Trip to River Sherbourne |
| • Mon 5th Oct | Year 6 Trip to the Belgrade Theatre |
| • Thurs 8th Oct | Herbert Art Gallery, Inclusive Arts Day (selected children) |
| • Friday 9 th Oct | Reception Handwashing |
| • Mon 12th Oct | Year 6 Trip to Transport Museum |
| • Wed 14th Oct | 5W Trip to Dovedale |
| • Fri 16th Oct | 5E Trip to Dovedale |
| • Fri 23 rd Oct | Reception Parents Read Write Inc Meeting (Phonics) |
| • Mon 26th to Fri 30th Oct | School Closed for Half Term |
| • Mon 2nd November | School Closed for Staff Training |
| • Tue 3rd November | School Re-Opens for all Pupils |





Pastoral Team Updates

Who can access a Family Hub?

Family Hubs offer a diverse range of services designed to meet the needs of the entire family and the broader community.

From universal offerings like Baby Health Clinic to personalised support addressing the specific requirements of your child and family, a Coventry Family Hub is inclusive and accessible to everyone.

Examples of services offered include:

- ✓ Parenting support
- ✓ Stay and play sessions that help children be ready for school
- ✓ Baby and Me sessions to help children get the best start in life and parents make new friends and local connections
- ✓ Assistance for children with special educational needs and their families
- ✓ A range of child and family health activities, including a baby well-being clinics and infant feeding advice
- ✓ Guidance on managing finances and getting back into work or training
- ✓ Family support which may be offered within the home
- ✓ Relationship support
- ✓ Targeted youth support for young people aged 11 to 19

Anyone can come to a Family hub and all the offer is FREE!

How do I get help from a Family Hub?

You can drop into any of our eight Family Hubs during operating hours from 8.30am to 5pm, call 0800 8870545, or have someone who is familiar with your situation request help on your behalf.

Regardless of where you live within the city, Family Hubs are ready to provide support. We run a daily "Here to help" offer so you can get help and advice as soon as you contact us.

Many of the support staff working in Family Hubs also visit different locations throughout the city, such as community centres, schools, or health clinics.

This collaborative approach ensures the Family Hub offer is available to all, even if you are unable to visit a Family Hub building, and support can be arranged either in your home or within your local community.

For more information about Coventry Family Hubs, please visit www.coventry.gov.uk/familyhubs

Contact us

Seeking support from a Family Hub is simple:

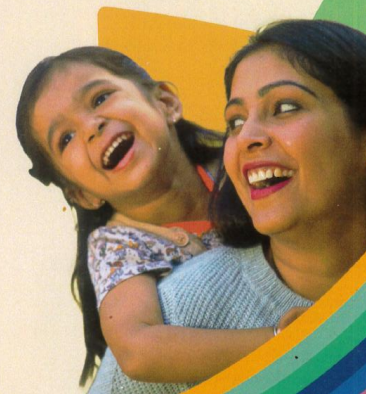
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Call us on 0800 8870545 or have someone request help on your behalf

Visit www.coventry.gov.uk/familyhubs



What is a Coventry Family Hub?



Our pastoral team are here to support you and your child during their time at Southfields. If you would like to contact the team please email / phone:

Email: pastoral@southfieldsprimary.org

Phone: 02476 226810





What is a Family Hub?

A Family Hub is a welcoming place where children, young people and families of all ages can seek help and support, and to experience activities that enable your family to thrive.

Whether you're a parent with young children, a teenager, or anyone in between, a Coventry Family Hub is the place to go to connect you with the help and guidance to ensure you receive the right help at the right time with the right people.

By collaborating with various services, agencies and teams, the Family Hub helps residents access a wide range of services, providing information, advice, and support tailored to your individual circumstances.

Where is my nearest Family Hub?

Aspire Family Hub

Gosford Park Primary School
Humber Avenue, Coventry, CV1 2SF
Phone number: 024 7697 8100
Email: AspireFamilyHub@coventry.gov.uk

Families For All Family Hub

454 Foleshill Road, Coventry, CV6 5LB
Phone number: 024 7697 7991
Email: FamiliesforAllFamilyHub@coventry.gov.uk

Harmony Family Hub

Clifton Street, Coventry, CV1 5GR
Phone number: 024 7697 8030
Email: HarmonyFamilyHub@coventry.gov.uk

Mosaic Family Hub

Jardine Crescent, Coventry, CV4 9PL
Phone number: 024 7697 8160
Email: MosaicFamilyHub@coventry.gov.uk



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Park Edge Family Hub

Roseberry Avenue, Coventry, CV2 1NE
Phone number: 024 7697 7880
Email: ParkEdgeFamilyHub@coventry.gov.uk

Pathways Family Hub

Radford Primary Academy
Lawrence Saunders Road, Coventry, CV6 1HD
Phone number: 024 7697 8130
Email: PathwaysFamilyHub@coventry.gov.uk

The Moat Family Hub

Moat House Primary School
Deedmore Road, Coventry, CV2 1EQ
Phone number: 024 7697 8036
Email: TheMoatFamilyHub@coventry.gov.uk

Wood Side Family Hub

Upper Ride, Coventry, CV3 3GL
Phone number: 024 7697 8090
Email: WoodSideFamilyHub@coventry.gov.uk

COVENTRY SCHOOL NURSING

A GUIDE FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS

The Coventry School Nursing service provides vital resources enabling you to build your child's emotional and mental resilience. As your child grows so do their needs. This guide aims to support you and your child during the primary school years, building on the support you received from the health visiting service.

PARENTING SUPPORT

Parenting can pose challenges as you guide your child through the various stages of Primary School. The School Nursing team are here to assist by providing guidance, referrals, and connections to suitable agencies.

Below are parenting videos the school nursing team have created in response to many parents requesting support in these areas. Additionally we also offer hearing screening clinics for reception aged children.

Tolieting Advice

Sleeping Tips

Behaviour Challenges

Understanding Anxiety

Challenges in Eating

Hearing Screening

Did you know that we offer free audiology clinics for children in reception class? For further information, please contact the team via email address@coventry.gov.uk or in the house.

ChatHealth for parents in Coventry

07507 329114

ChatHealth is a free service for parents to send confidential SMS messages to School Nurses for impartial health advice and support. Available anytime, replies are provided during opening hours (9am - 4.30pm Monday to Friday) for various health issues.

01926 495321 Ext 7494

swg-tr.contactschoolnursescoventry@nhs.net

ChatHealth: 07507 329 114 (Parent Line)

ChatHealth: 07507 321 949 (For 11-18 year olds)

Coventry School Nursing Team

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SCHOOL NURSE SUPPORT SERVICES

Alongside the support services outlined on page one, we also provide the following:

- Nutritional and dietary support
- Delivering the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) for reception and year 6 students
- Puberty advice
- Year 6 Health Questionnaires
- Emotional well-being and relaxation advice
- Parent health questionnaires (completed the summer term before your child starts school)
- Social media: we regularly share advice and information about our services on our social media pages (links provided in the footer)
- School Nurse Newsletters: we regularly distribute newsletters through schools, covering various topics and providing health and lifestyle advice.

IF YOU HAVE ANY OF THE BELOW CONCERNS, CONTACT...

Pharmacist & Self Care
Sore throat, cold symptoms, sore/sticky eyes, sore throat, cold sores, diarrhoea or constipation, indigestion, aches and pains, repeat prescription services.

Dentist
Tooth pain, swelling to your mouth, injury to your mouth, pain or bleeding gums, and advice on oral hygiene.

Optician
Blurred vision, pain in or around your eye, redness, vision, flashes, and floaters.

GP
A range of clinicians, including doctors, nurses and sometimes physiotherapists to help you with both mental and physical health issues.

111
If you need non-emergency advice or same-day attention when your GP is unavailable, call NHS 111-247.

Minor Injuries Unit
Cuts and minor burns, sprains and strains, suspected broken bones and fractures.

A&E or 999
Suspected heart attack or stroke, chest pain, breathing difficulties, severe bleeding, unconscious, serious burns.

Testicular Torsion Awareness
Testicular Torsion is a serious emergency that occurs when the blood supply to the testis is cut off. If you have any concerns, please contact the team via email address@coventry.gov.uk or call A&E.

What are the Year 6 Questionnaires?

We offer all year 6 students the opportunity to complete a health questionnaire about them. They will receive a health care plan to support them with making healthy choices. All health questionnaires are reviewed and if required the student will be given the opportunity to speak to one of the school nurses.

HOW TO CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL NURSING TEAM

The school nursing service operates Monday to Friday 9am - 4.30pm, excluding public and bank holidays. You can reach us using the contact details provided in the footer.

01926 495321 Ext 7494

swg-tr.contactschoolnursescoventry@nhs.net

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This month in pictures!

It's been another remarkable month – here are some photographs to show the wonderful learning experiences our children are having...

