

Severnbanks Primary School

WHERE STARS SHINE

NEWSLETTER 2

OCTOBER 2026



A message from the headteacher

Dear Families,
It has been wonderful to see how settled the children are becoming as we move further into the term. Classrooms are busy with learning, routines are well established, and pupils are growing in confidence and independence every day. It has also been lovely to see so many children taking part in our many school clubs. The enthusiasm, commitment and enjoyment they are showing is fantastic, and these opportunities play an important role in enriching school life.

One of our key priorities this year is ensuring that every child makes the most of their learning time. Regular attendance is essential to this, as even small amounts of missed learning can quickly add up and impact progress. We ask for your continued support in ensuring that children attend school every day and arrive on time, ready to learn.

We are also committed to maintaining a positive learning environment where all children can thrive. While the vast majority of our pupils demonstrate excellent behaviour and attitudes to learning, any disruption caused by unacceptable behaviour will be challenged and will result in appropriate consequences. Every child has the right to learn without interruption, and we will continue to work to ensure this for all our children.

Where we contact you regarding attendance or behaviour, we greatly value your support and partnership. By working together, we can ensure that all children are able to learn, achieve their best and enjoy a successful and rewarding year at school.
Thank you, as always, for your continued support. The positive start we have made this year is only possible because of the strong partnership between home and school. I look forward to seeing all that our children achieve over the coming weeks and months.

Mrs Bradley

Admin corner:



- 👕 **A little school reminder!** 👕
- Please remember to label all clothing — jumpers, coats, PE kits and anything else your child may mysteriously decide belongs to someone else!
- 🍽️ Lunches: Please remember to order your child's lunch via ParentPay. Hungry tummies + not lunch they would like = a very long afternoon! 😂

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Attendance Matters

We have again started monitoring attendance across the school and have already identified a number of pupils whose attendance we will be keeping under review.
Regular attendance is vital for children's learning, progress and wellbeing, and every day in school really does make a difference.

As we move towards half term, we will be writing to families where a child's attendance has fallen below 90%.

The purpose of this contact is to work in partnership with parents and carers, understand any barriers to attendance and explore what support we can offer to help improve attendance moving forward.

By working together, we can ensure every child has the best possible opportunity to succeed and enjoy their time at school.

Attendance so far this year

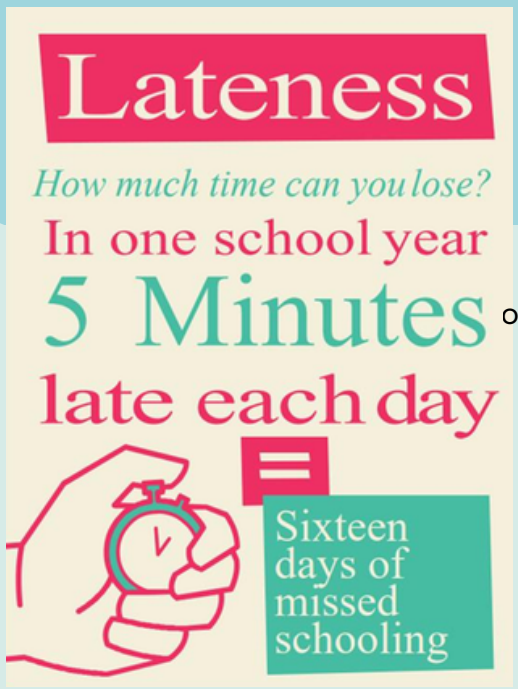
Starlets: 94.0%
Reception: 97.65%
Year 1: 96%
Year 2: 96%
Year 3: 95.5%
Year 4: 94.7%
Year 5: 93.%
Year 6: 93.3%

Who will be the best year group next time?

Key Dates

Autumn Term

Friday 25th September: European Day of Languages
Friday 25th Sep: Crazy Sock day: PTFA event
Friday 9th October: Yellow Mental Health Day
Tuesday 13th Oct: 3.30-6.00pm: Pupil consultation evening (Year 1-6)
Wednesday 14th Oct: 3.30-6.00pm: Pupil consultation evening (Year 1-6)
Friday 16th October: Wear an item of red to show racism the red card
Wednesday 21st October: Harvest Festival
22nd and 23rd October: INSET Days
26th-30th October: Half term
Monday 2nd November: Pupils return to school
Tuesday 10th Nov: 3.30-6.00pm: Pupil consultation evening (Reception)
Wednesday 11th Nov: 3.30-6.00pm: Pupil consultation evening (Reception)
27th November: Christmas Fair: PTFA Event
18th December: End of the term



School gates open at 8.35am and close at 8.45am

Belonging Ambition Respect Kindness

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Cross Country

Well done to all of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils who took part in the recent Cross Country Team Event, representing our school with pride and determination.

The children demonstrated outstanding resilience throughout the event, pushing themselves to keep going and giving their very best effort from start to finish. They represented the school brilliantly, showing respect for other competitors, encouraging their peers, and celebrating each other's achievements.

Taking part in a cross-country event requires courage, perseverance, and a positive attitude, and every member of the team should be incredibly proud of their efforts. They were fantastic ambassadors for our school and truly embodied our values through their resilience, kindness, and sportsmanship.

Congratulations to all involved on a wonderful achievement! We look forward to seeing their continued success in future sporting events.





Family Surveys

Last year, your feedback helped to inform and shape our approach, and we are keen to hear your views again this year.

This short survey is part of our ongoing commitment to listening to families and improving how we communicate and work together.

We would be grateful if you could complete our Transition Survey and share your thoughts on your child's start to the school year. Your feedback will help us identify what is working well and where we can make improvements, helping to inform our approach moving forward.

https://forms.gle/xNQ3PHjsdtvsriMq9



Considerate Parking

We have received reports of children having to walk in the road because cars are blocking the pavement outside school. There have also been concerns about double parking, which can make it difficult for emergency vehicles to get through. We know drop-off and collection times can be busy, but please park considerately and keep pavements and access routes clear. Thank you for helping to keep everyone safe.

Severnbanks Award Winners

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We are delighted to continue celebrating the achievements of our pupils with another group of award winners. It has been wonderful to see children showing our school values, working hard, and being positive role models in their classes.
Our Friday celebration assemblies are a highlight of the week, and we love welcoming family members to join us as we recognise and celebrate our pupils' successes.
Congratulations to this week's Brightest Shining Stars. We are very proud of you!

Stars that Shine







Our Senior Student Team

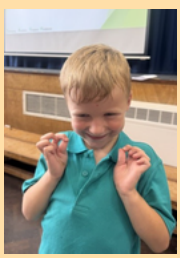
We are delighted to introduce our new Head Boy, Head Girl and Deputy Head Pupils. Selecting this year's team was not easy, which is a real credit to all of our Year 6 pupils who showed excellent leadership and commitment throughout the process.
Our successful candidates truly represent the high standards and values of our school, and we are confident they will be outstanding role models for their peers throughout the year.



Kindness Cup



Kindness is one of our core school values, and we love catching our children showing care, compassion and consideration for others. These are our latest kindness Cup winners.



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European Day of Languages

The Whole School marked European Day of Language, from learning to count in French, exploring artwork and making our own chocolate to tasting so many foods from around Europe, we all had a great day marking the occasion.

















You Are Not Alone Drop-in

Every 1st Tuesday of the month - 7.00pm - 8.30pm

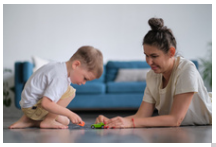
A free monthly online drop-in for parents & carers



The You Are Not Alone community is a friendly and safe space run by Erik & Sally Wagter where you can come and learn about autism & PDA, ask questions, connect with like-minded people or simply listen and learn from other people's conversations.

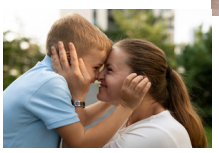
In this community we talk about all sorts of things such as:

- helping your child regulate their emotions & feelings (meltdowns etc)
- understanding autism and PDA
- navigating school and EHCPs
- Supporting your child with friendships
- understanding and managing challenging behaviour
- managing sensory needs
- developing a positive relationship with your child (family dynamics)
- exploring EOTAS or home education
- looking after your wellbeing
- and so much more











Here's what parents have said:

' My husband Jamie was saying that in the last few sessions, he has learned so much more about autism and PDA than he has over the past year - Jo (parent)

'Thank you so much for the group this evening. I can't tell you how grateful I feel and I really do feel less alone and more validated. My hope is back' - Louise (parent

You can request the Zoom link on our website

https://youarenotalone.community or you can send an email to

team@youarenotalone.community

AUTISM FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE

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Bright Lens

A Neurodivergentparentinginformation Program



Families often come tous feeling like they've already been throughthe wringer — judged, misunderstood, or simply lost in the noise. This program meets them where they are. It doesn't assume they need 'fixing' or that their child is 'challenging' in the way the world has described. Instead, it invites parents into a new way of seeing, one grounded in understanding neurodivergence, building safety, and reconnecting relationships.

To enroll, please scan the QR code and fill out the form. Once we receive it at our end we shall send you an email to confirm.

HILLTOP CHILDREN AND FAMILY CENTRE

TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2026

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8 WEEK PROGRAM

6PM UNTIL 8PM

A SAFE SPACE TO TALK WITH OTHER PARENTS ABOUT THE CHALLENGES AND TRIUMPHS OF PARENTING NEURODIVERGET CHILDREN.



Gloucestershire Gateway Trust

E-SCOOTERS



LEGAL

- ✓ Over18 withavalid driving license.
- ✓ Insured.
- ✓ Taxed.
- ✓ Legal to use on any public road.
- ✓ Subject to drink drive and other driving offences legislation.



ILLEGAL

- ✗ Insurable.
- ✗ Taxable.
- ✗ Legal to use on any public road/pavement.
- ✓ Subject to drink drive and other driving offences legislation.
- ✓ Likely to be seized and crushed by Police.



Get FREE personalised meal plans worth £86 per year for FREE!
If you're fed up with deciding what to cook every night (or just want to save money on food shopping!) then this is for you! Forest of Dean District Council are supporting their local community by providing FREE membership (usually £86per year) to all parents and families of your school! There's no catch, it's totally free, and you'll never be charged; it must be good as over 30,000 people use the service already.
The service is created by celebrity TV Chef Theo Michaels.

Simply visit https://FiveDinners.com/MyCommunity find Forest of Dean District Council and sign up today to get instant access to your own personalised meal plans with a new one every week, plus a complete shopping list so you don't even have to think about what to buy. You can personalise your meal plans to suit your specific needs, like child friendly, affordable meals, menopause friendly, vegetarian (or eat everything!), quick and much more!

Sign up today by visiting https://FiveDinners.com/MyCommunity to get your **FREE membership** – no catch, just free, to help people living in and working in the Forest Of Dean, to save money and eat better. You may remember TV chef Theo and his kids when they did 36 live cook a longs during lockdown with thousands of families around the UK joining in or from daytime TV, he's a dad of 3 Children and knows what a faff it is trying to eat well every night!

Please note – you must visit that link otherwise you won't find the FREE offer!