



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for all your kind words, cards, gifts and understanding regarding my decision to step away from being a Head of School and seek a return to the classroom announced this week. It was not an easy decision, especially after fifteen years at SLE, however it is the correct one.

SLE is a different place entirely from the one that I entered in September 2009. There were 63 children in the whole school when I started, and Mrs Light and I taught 38 of them in one class! We now have 152 children and a nursery on site serving the village of Shortlanesend. We left the local authority and joined Aspire MAT, and built relationships with schools in the area, establishing our school at the centre of our community, which proved vital as we navigated our way through Covid and the two lockdowns together.

During my time, I have enjoyed the wonderful company of almost countless, and truly amazing colleagues, families and most importantly children and feel very lucky to have been associated with the school and the community, for such a long and successful period of the school's history. Nothing lasts forever, but it has been an absolute privilege to be here. I know that the heart of the school is in very capable hands moving forward to sustained improvement and further exciting developments. Our school will continue to thrive and the children of SLE will always have every opportunity to Smile-Learn-Excel at SLE.

Thank you all for your support, challenge and friendship along the way over the past 15 years. And all the very best to you all for the future. – Mr Wilson

Staffing

Next week will see the interviewing and appointment of a SENDCO for our school, who will be based at SLE for two days a week from next half-term, and a teacher for Kenwyn Class to start after half-term.

School Calendar

Remember to keep an eye on our school website calendar for important diary dates:
[Shortlanesend School - Calendar](#)

Parent Consultation Meetings Week beginning Monday 21st October

Keep an eye out for an email for further information and guidance on booking your time slot.



Story Time dates for the Autumn Term 2024



Parent/Carers are invited into school at 3pm to read with their child in their classroom. We look forward to seeing you there!

Class	Year	Date
Helford Class	Year 3	Wednesday 16 th October
Gannel Class	Year 5 / 6	Wednesday 6 th November

Wraparound Care

Early Birds (7:50 – 8:30) and After School Club (3:15-5:15) are available.

Places for **After School Club** wrap around club need to be booked in advance through Parent Pay.

Aspire Finance have noted any debts from last year showing on Parent Pay – We would great appreciate your settlement of these as a matter of urgency please.

School Day

The school day is simplified to an **8:45 start** and a **3:15 finish** for all classes. The gates will be opened at 8:35 – please ensure that your child is in school **by** 8:45 for registration.

Uniform

A reminder that we ask for your child to wear a school sweatshirt, cardigan or hoodie as part of our required uniform. These can now be purchased from Key Wear in Truro. The rest of the uniform can be purchased anywhere you wish. This decision is in place to ensure that the cost of uniform is kept low. However, we wish to ensure our uniforms is fully affordable and accessible, therefore, high street alternatives to branded school uniforms are very acceptable.

It is important that you support our school by ensuring your child has the correct uniform. If you do have any issues sourcing or affording the correct uniform, please contact the school for help and support.

School PE Kit

- White T-shirt
- Black shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms
- Trainers for outside activities.
- Choice of **school** hoodie, sweatshirt or cardigan



Non Pupil Days/Term Dates 2023-24

We have set our INSET (Non pupil) Days for the academic year as:

Monday 4th November 2024

Friday 14th February 2024

Wednesday 23rd July 2025

Our Term Dates for 2024-25 are:

Autumn Term:

Thursday 5th September 2024 – Friday 20th December 2024

(Half-term: 28th Oct – 1st Nov – return to school on **Tuesday 5th November**)

Spring Term:

Monday 6th January 2025 – Friday 4th April 2025

(Half-term: 17th – 21st February)

NOTE: We have an inset day on **Friday 14th February**

Summer Term:

Tuesday 22nd April 2025 – Tuesday 22nd July 2025

(Half-term: 26th May – 30th May)