

Tudor Grange Samworth Academy

A Church of England School



28th August 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your family have had a restful and enjoyable summer break. On behalf of everyone at Tudor Grange Samworth Academy, I would like to extend a warm welcome as we begin the 2026-27 academic year.

As an all-through school, we have much to celebrate from last year. Across both our primary and secondary phases, pupils continued to make positive progress and achieve strong outcomes.

At Key Stage 2, our pupils achieved:

- 70% expected standard in Reading
- 66% expected standard in Mathematics
- 64% expected standard in Writing
- 53% achieved the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Mathematics combined

At GCSE, we continued our upward trajectory, with outcomes improving for a third consecutive year:

- 50% achieved Grade 4+ in both English and Mathematics
- 60% achieved Grade 4+ in Mathematics
- 58% achieved Grade 4+ in English
- Mathematics saw particularly strong improvement, with Progress 8 improving from -0.50 to -0.22

These successes are the result of the hard work and commitment of our pupils, staff and families working together. Whilst we are pleased with this progress, our ambition remains high and we are determined to continue improving outcomes for every child.

The most important message from both our KS2 and GCSE outcomes is clear:

Pupils who attend well achieve better outcomes.

There is a direct link between attendance and achievement. Regular attendance helps pupils:

- Achieve stronger academic outcomes.
- Build confidence and resilience.
- Develop positive friendships and relationships.
- Access enrichment opportunities and wider school experiences.

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Punctuality:

All pupils should arrive at school by **8:20am** to ensure they are ready for learning at **8:30am**.

If your child is absent, please notify the school before 8:30am. We do not authorise holidays during term time except in exceptional circumstances, and we ask that medical appointments are arranged outside the school day wherever possible. Our shared goal is for every pupil to achieve the highest attendance possible.

Uniform and Appearance

Thank you for your continued support in maintaining our high standards of uniform. A smart uniform promotes pride, belonging and readiness to learn. **Please ensure your child attends school in the correct uniform every day.**

A reminder that:

- Trainers, including black trainers with any logo, are not part of the school uniform.
- Hoodies and non-school outerwear should not be worn.
- Facial piercings are not permitted.
- Jewellery must comply with the school uniform policy.

Your support in maintaining these standards is greatly appreciated.

Readiness to Learn

All pupils should arrive at school fully equipped every day.

This includes:

- School planner
- Pens, pencils and essential stationery
- Reading book where appropriate
- PE kit when required
- A suitable school bag

Being prepared for learning helps pupils make the most of every lesson and develop positive habits for the future.

Mobile Phones

We continue to operate a no mobile phone policy. Mobile phones must be switched off and kept out of sight throughout the school day. If a phone is seen or used, it will be confiscated and sanctions will be applied in line with the school's behaviour policy.

We also ask parents not to contact pupils directly during the school day. Should there be an urgent message, please contact Reception and we will ensure this is passed on promptly.

Single Lunch

This year we have introduced a single lunch period for all secondary pupils. The change has been designed to:

- Improve access to enrichment activities and clubs.

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- Enhance supervision and support.
- Create a stronger sense of community across the school.

As with any significant change, we will continue to review and refine arrangements based on feedback from pupils, staff and families.

Seneca Learning

This year, we will continue to use Seneca Learning as our homework and platform across the school. Every pupil will have access to a Seneca account, and parents can also access their child's account to monitor engagement, completion of homework and progress.

Seneca has been carefully selected because it supports retrieval practice, helping pupils revisit, remember and strengthen knowledge over time. Research shows that regularly revisiting previously taught content is one of the most effective ways to improve long-term memory and academic achievement.

We ask all parents and carers to regularly check that homework is being completed and encourage pupils to engage fully with the tasks set. A small amount of regular practice can have a significant impact on a pupil's confidence, knowledge retention and examination performance.

Looking Ahead

Our priorities for this academic year are clear:

- Excellent attendance.
- High standards of behaviour, uniform and conduct.
- Strong teaching and learning in every classroom.
- Further improvements in English, Mathematics and Science.
- A culture of belonging, kindness and high expectations for all.

Families play a vital role in supporting children to succeed. The strongest outcomes are achieved when school and home work together, sharing the same ambition for every child.

Key date this Half Term

- Tuesday 1st September - Race to 50 Attendance Challenge Starts
- Thursday 10th September - Secondary Open Evening 5-7pm
- Friday 18th September – Y6 Fab Friday Event
- Wednesday 23rd September – Y6 Warning Zone Trip
- Thursday 24th September - Whole School Photos
- Friday 25th September - KS1 Fab Friday Event
- Wednesday 30th September - Y1-6 Parents Evening
- Thursday 1st October - Y1-6 Parents Evening
- Thursday 1st October - Reception Fab Thursday Event
- Friday 2nd October - Inset Day (school closed to pupils)
- Monday 5th October - Nursery Marvelous Monday Event

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- Thursday 8th October - Y11 Information & Parents Evening (5-7pm)
- Friday 9th October - LKS2 & Y5 Fab Friday Event
- Thursday 15th October - Top Banana Event
- Friday 16th October - Inset Day (school closed to pupils)
- Monday 19th to Friday 23rd October – Half term (school closed to pupils)
- Monday 26th October - Inset Day (school closed to pupils)

Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to working with you throughout the year and celebrating the many successes that lie ahead for our pupils and wider school community.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Bannon
Principal

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