

10 December 2025

Dear Parent(s)/Adult(s) with Parental Responsibility,

As we come to the end of a busy and rewarding term, I would like to express my thanks for your continued support. In particular, your engagement with our new Arbor app, using it to monitor your daughters' attendance, punctuality and academic progress has made a significant difference. Strong communication between home and school plays an important role in helping every student succeed, and we appreciate the partnership we share with you.

**Parent Views - January 2026** To build on this partnership I will be inviting a sample group of parents / adults with parental responsibility to attend a one hour meeting in January 2026 with me to give their feedback on our school and work together to improve what we do and how we do it. If you are not one of the parents selected at random and would like to attend this meeting, please get in touch with me - you will be very welcome.

**Holiday dates** - I would also like to remind you of the upcoming holiday arrangements. School will close for the winter break on **Friday 19 December 2025 at** the slightly earlier time of **12:15pm**. We hope this provides a calm start to the festive period for all families. School will reopen on **Tuesday 6 January 2026**, and all students must be through the school gates **before 8:25am** so that we can begin the new term promptly and positively.

**Green, Orange and Red flags** at Water Lane gates are helping punctuality to school. The flags are a clear sign for students about their punctuality : 0800-0820 is a green flag = on time, 0820- 0825 is an orange flag = hurry up you are nearly late, 0825 is a red flag = late. Please talk to your daughter about this and help her have an organised start to the day.

**Extra INSET day - school closed for students** Please note that **Monday 5 January 2026 will be an additional Staff Training Day**, during which the school will be closed to students. This important training will focus on strengthening staff approaches to supporting all students in making the most of their learning opportunities at SBS. Colleagues will be developing new strategies to engage those students who need additional support, ensuring our classrooms remain calm, focused and aspirational learning environments for everyone.

As we approach the holiday, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a **safe and peaceful break**, and a **happy and healthy New Year**. We look forward to welcoming all students back in January, refreshed and ready for another successful term.

Thank you again for your ongoing support.



Rae Potter - Headteacher