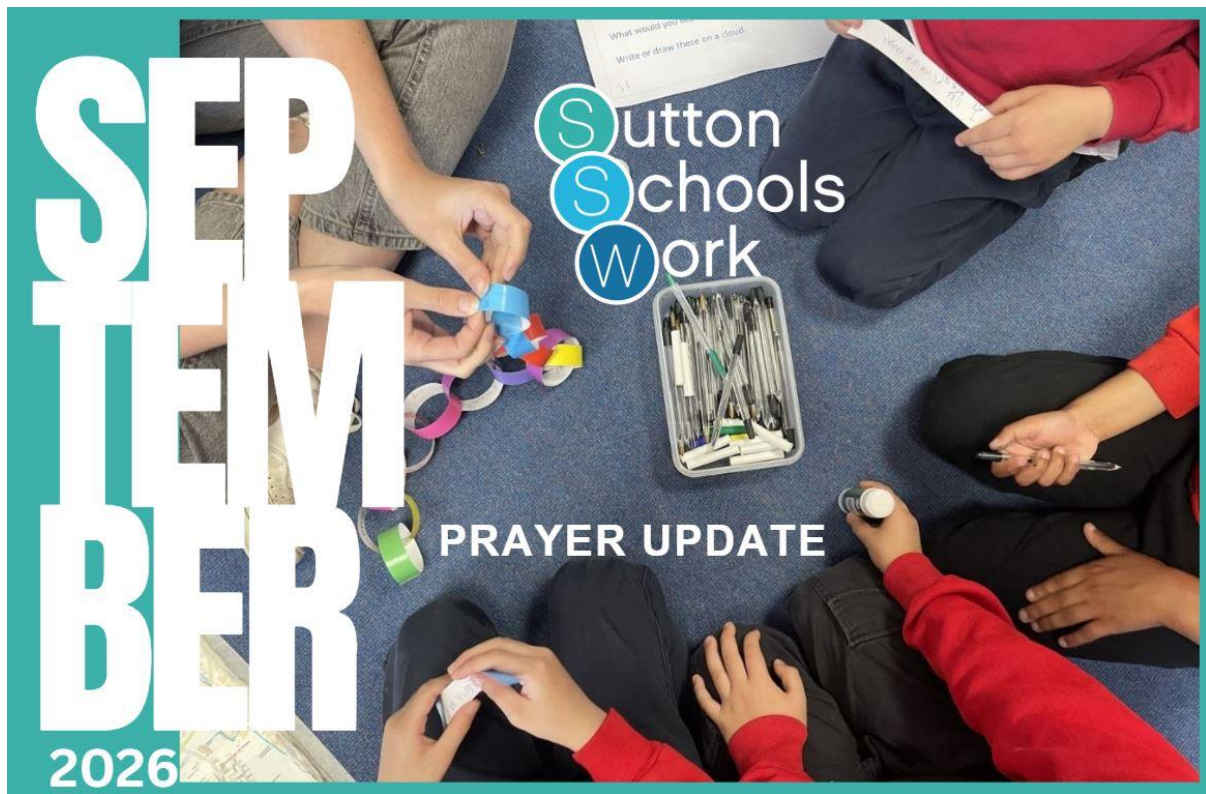




And so we return!

Will this year be anything like last? We certainly pray so, as 25/26 was one of the busiest we've ever known. Our engagement in both primary and secondary sectors increased significantly; our giving from across the borough's churches went up; our number of prayer subscribers rose; new volunteers came on board; our primary team amalgamated its previously separate structures; we gave out over 940 New Testaments to pupils and staff; and there were reasons to hope for even more as we finished off!

And, most wonderfully of all, children walked into churches around the borough and enquired about this Jesus they had heard about....

As we commence this new academic year, there is more exciting news. We have already secured bookings in more primary schools than last year, many of which have booked every workshop we deliver. I have engaged with Nonsuch High School for new year groups and new subjects, and secured more bookings than last year in Cheam High, Oaks Park, Sutton Grammar and Carshalton Girls. There are inklings of hope for a new relationship with Wallington Boys, and there has been movement at Glenthorne which may lead to a brand new CU. I am also booked in to speak at 6 churches this term and tell as many as possible about the amazing work of Sutton Schoolswork, and I'm always overwhelmed by the degree of support I find at all these praying fellowships for what God is doing.

However, the evil one always to disrupt and distract.

So, we are called to pray. You'll find further on some key pointers for prayer. Could I urge you to incorporate these into your own prayers, and ask God to move in these areas. Without prayer, we're just a noisy bunch, fighting against a faintly interested but frankly disengaged audience. But with the engine room in full flow, we become invigorated with a supernatural force that cannot be overcome.

And please talk about SSW at your church. If we haven't visited for a while, please consider speaking to your church leadership to think about inviting us. Every fellowship I attend is full of people who love hearing about what we're doing, and how God is responding to previous prayers. I always walk away from such a time with a new list of believers who want to be included, and each new person is another member of our growing army!

And finally please consider our appeal, the Giving of the 5000. We have begun to see believers responding to this call to increase our financial support, and it is our desire to have sufficient funding to employ a new full-time member of staff to work in our secondary schools. We're not there yet, but we firmly believe that this is the next step, and God will generate the required money. Please visit our website for more detail, and encourage others to do the same.



**SUTTON SCHOOLSWORK'S
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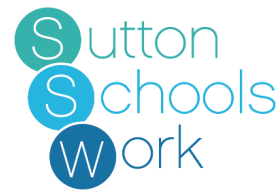
Can you give just **£1 a month** to support SSW?
Can you increase your monthly giving to SSW by **£1**?



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**PRIMARY SCHOOLS
& ASSEMBLY
Prayer Requests:**



Praise God for a new school year!

We have **more than 40 assemblies** booked in our **primary schools** this half term to share our **Autumn 1 assembly - The Bigger Picture**. Based on the story of Joseph, found in Genesis, we are encouraging pupils to see the challenging things they face in life, as part of the bigger picture of their lives. We will demonstrate how God used the tough times in Joseph's life for His glory and Joseph's good.

'We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him.' Romans 8:28

Linking to their PSHE curriculum, pupils will be encouraged to **persevere** and keep going in tough times.

- **PLEASE PRAY** that staff and children would know God's presence with them, especially during difficult seasons.
- **PLEASE PRAY** that pupils would consider how the challenging times in their lives have been used for their good.
- **PLEASE PRAY** for strength and courage for the school communities, to keep going with God's help.

- **THANK YOU, GOD,** for a refreshing and restful Summer break! God has been so good to us with time with family and friends and time in the sunshine!
- **THANK YOU, GOD,** for our AMAZING volunteer team who are ready to get stuck in with all that Autumn term brings.
- **PLEASE PRAY** for all the workshops we have booked in over the Autumn 1 term. In this half term alone we have.
 - 13 x Y3 Bible Explorer Workshops
 - 2 x Y1 Creation Treasure Hunters Workshops

- 1 x Y6 Ask a Christian Workshop
- **PLEASE PRAY** for the Y3 pupils and school staff from 13 different schools engaging in the Y3 Bible Explorers Workshop this half term. May they come away from the workshop with a greater understanding of how to use a Bible and how they have a key part to play in the BIG STORY of Scripture and beyond!
- **PLEASE PRAY** for the Y1 pupils and school staff from 2 different schools engaging in the Y1 Creation Treasure Hunters Workshop this half term. Please pray they leave the workshop space with the knowledge that they are precious treasure to God and that they have a key part to play in looking after God's amazing Earth!
- **PLEASE PRAY** for the SSW team as they go to Green Lane Primary School for the first time. We are delivering a Y6 Ask a Christian Session at this school, which focusses on the big question of 'Are creation and science conflicting or complimentary?' for the first 15 minutes before moving onto 35 mins of general Q&A on the Christian faith. Please pray for deep thinking from the pupils and the start of a positive and long lasting relationship with this school with SSW.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- The possibility of a CU to become reality at Glenthorne
- A new CU to be started at Oaks Park this term
- More schools to book in RE delivery
- GSUS at Sutton Grammar this September to challenge pupils to consider faith in Jesus as relevant and to encourage them to seek Him
- Our new relationship with Nonsuch High to flourish
- All existing CUs to find their feet once more, and new students to be encouraged to attend

SEPTEMBER 2026 EVENTS:

What's happening this month?



SEPT 4th – Assembly – St. Elphege's Catholic Schools

SEPT 8th – Assembly – Culvers House Primary School

SEPT 8th – Assembly – All Saints' Carshalton C of E Primary

SEPT 10th – Assembly – Beddington Infant's School

SEPT 14th – Assembly – Abbey Primary School (KS2)

SEPT 14th – Assembly – Cheam Park Farm Primary Academy (Kingston)

SEPT 14th – Assembly – High View Primary School

SEPT 14th – BLAST (Bible Living And Story Telling) – Brookfield Primary Academy

SEPT 15th – Assembly – Abbey Primary School (KS1)

SEPT 15th – Assembly – Stanley Park Infants' School

SEPT 15th – Assembly – Holy Trinity C of E Junior School

SEPT 16th – Assembly – Avenue Primary Academy

SEPT 16th – Y1 Creation Treasure Hunters – All Saints' Carshalton C of E Primary

SEPT 17th – Assembly – Rushy Meadow Primary Academy

SEPT 17th – Assembly – Robin Hood Junior School

SEPT 17th – Youth Club – St. Peter's Church, Morden

SEPT 18th – Assembly – Brookfield Primary Academy

SEPT 21st – Assembly – Bandon Hill Primary School (KS2)

SEPT 21st – Assembly – Cheam Park Farm Primary Academy (Molesey)

SEPT 21st – Y3 Bible Explorers – Rushy Meadow Primary Academy

SEPT 21st – BLAST (Bible Living And Story Telling) – Brookfield Primary Academy

SEPT 22nd – Assembly – All Saints' Benhilton C of E Primary

SEPT 22nd – Y3 Bible Explorers – St. Elphege's Catholic Schools

SEPT 23rd – Y3 Bible Explorers – Devonshire Primary School

SEPT 24th – Assembly – Robin Hood Infants School

SEPT 24th – Assembly – Cheam Common Infants' Academy

SEPT 25th – Assembly – Bandon Hill Primary School

SEPT 28th – Assembly – Westbourne Primary School

SEPT 28th – Y3 Bible Explorers – High View Primary School

SEPT 28th – BLAST (Bible Living And Story Telling) – Brookfield Primary Academy

SEPT 29th – Assembly – Green Wrythe Primary School

SEPT 29th – Assembly – St. Dunstan's Cheam C of E Primary (KS1)

SEPT 29th – Y3 Bible Explorers – Foresters Primary School

SEPT 30th – Assembly – Devonshire Primary School

SEPT 30th – Y3 Bible Explorers – All Saints' Benhilton C of E Primary

THE POWER OF PRAYER



Would you like to be able to pray for SSW when they need it most?

Please join our new, growing WhatsApp group, which staff use to post as they arrive at a school what they are about to do.

Praying supporters can then quickly pray for that particular activity, asking God to do amazing things.

Please contact the office on
secretary@suttonschoolswork.co.uk
and have your details added.

