



SAS CPD Update 23-24

Number 3

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Please see below.

SAS CPD 2023-2024 - Date change.

Please note the change of date for SAS Course LIT/23/174 - Planning a writing unit. This now takes place on Tuesday 2nd July 2024, 9:15 – 15:30 at Stonehouse Community Centre.

You can book a place on Planning a writing unit now (as well as the remaining courses of the 23-24 academic year) at <https://cpd.sgsts.org.uk/>

Another change to note - I am trying to move the SEN course for TAs away from KS2 SATS week. Watch this space!

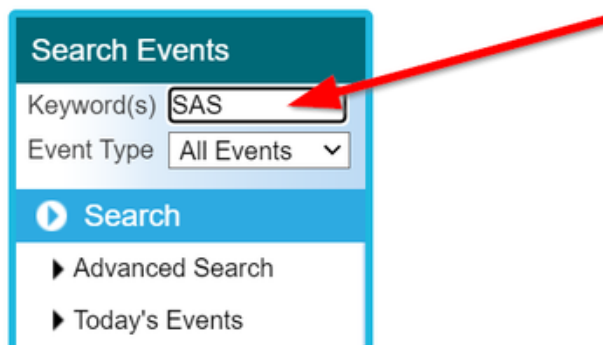
How to book a SAS CPD course:

Navigate to <https://cpd.sgsts.org.uk/>

or click the link below...

LINK - SAS CPD BOOKING SITE

Log in, and filter the courses for "SAS" (see image)



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And search for the courses you require. Simple!

COURSES BEFORE CHRISTMAS!

Tuesday 28 November 2023	SAS - Supporting KS2 Pupils with SEND for TAs - Stroud Association Schools Only
Tuesday 5 December 2023	SAS - Teaching Writing: Plot & Dialogue
Thursday 14 December 2023	SAS - Assessing Year 2 in 2024: Beyond the teacher assessment framework - joint English and maths focus Stroud Association Schools Only
Monday 18 December 2023	SAS - Teaching Writing: Setting & Language

As of now, all face-to-face courses have venues booked, so that's all good then!

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS



PLEASE READ IN FULL!

Following amazing behind the scenes support from Sandy, a governor at Whitminster Primary, we have managed to convince Microsoft to resurrect the sas.gloucs.sch.uk domain. Therefore this email is coming from the school-safe email address of

cpd@sas.gloucs.sch.uk

I shall 'retire' my personal account for SAS purposes and you are invited to make this new address a 'safe-sender' and share it widely.



Something to do

A number of heads at the recent (and very useful SAS Briefing) volunteered to let me know this email had arrived correctly in their in-boxes, rather than Junk. Please can they do so now? Thank you in advance.

Amazing SCIENCE opportunity!



Lynn Loomes, co-head at Woodchester Endowed Primary School writes the following:

"Back in July, I submitted an application for Woodchester to become a Small Schools' Science Hub and won an Enthuse grant of £25,000 from STEM York, a national organisation set up to improve young people's lives through the power of STEM (Science, Technology and Maths). The Enthuse grant programme encourages schools to work in collaboration to improve the outcomes of pupils in STEM subjects so that they develop an understanding of the opportunities and careers that are available in STEM. The aim of our hub is to:

- support our children in accessing better science resources;
- encourage all children to make good progress in science;
- provide support and interventions in science, when needed.

Any primary school is able to attend, although the focus for funding is on those that are considered small (a single class or less per intake). In addition, any school is welcome to attend even if they are already working in an Enthuse hub with other schools. Funds are available to put towards CPD attendance, supply cover and purchase new resources that can be shared across the hub.

Future training dates are:

Thursday 25th January – STEM Science Ambassadors and what they can do for you

Tuesday 5th March – Fair Testing and Planning

Thursday 25th April – Assessment and Progression

Early July – Science Fair at Forest Green Rovers for Y4 and Y5 pupils

24/25 possible training sessions:

SEND and Science

Science SL Curriculum and Monitoring

Taking Science outside

For further information please contact Lynne at

LLoomes@woodchester.gloucs.sch.uk

Something tap your feet to!



Jake Muskett at Gastrells Primary writes:

"I'm really pleased to be able to let you know that for the first time in a number of years the Stroud Country Dance Festival will be returning. Stratford Park has been booked for Thursday 7th March and Thursday 14th March and as in previous years the festival will take place in the evening starting at 6:30pm.

We are really keen to have as many schools and children involved as possible so please do not feel like you or your children at your school need to be expert country dancers to enjoy this. For those of you who have not been involved before we will send out a list of the dances that can be rehearsed in the weeks leading up to the event and there will be a 'caller' on the night who will guide all of the children through the dances.

If you are interested please complete the online form via the link below then we can begin to circulate more information in the coming weeks so that everyone is able to be fully prepared in time for the festival.

Registration is set at £10 per school with all dancers going free. Adults coming to watch will be charged £1 with children spectating charged 50p.

[Sign Up here - Stroud Country Dancing](#)

It is important to add that this is not run by Atlas so please contact me directly should you have any further questions at this stage.

Kind regards

Jake Muskett

[Email Jake - Stroud Country Dancing](#)

Something else to do

I maintain the [sas.website](https://sas.org.uk)

The SAS Website - Members page

and try to keep it as an up-to-date database for all area schools, member schools, clusters, hubs, academy status and current head teachers, but details often change. If you notice an error, drop me a line. And remember to make this resource known to any new and incoming head teachers too. Thanks.

Something to know



Special Days or Weeks coming up

26th Nov to 3rd Dec - National Tree Week

1st December - Advent begins

3rd December - International Day of People with Disabilities

4th December - International Cheetah Day

5th Dec to 6th Dec - St. Nicholas Day

6th December - Elf Day (Alzheimer's Society)

7th December - Christmas Jumper Day (Save The Children)

7th Dec to 15th Dec 2023 - Hanukkah (Jewish)

8th December - Bodhi Day

10th December - Human Rights Day

11th December - International Mountain Day

13th December - Saint Lucia Day

15th December - Wear A Christmas Hat Day (Brain Tumour Research)

15th December - Panto Day

16th December - Jane Austen Day

21st December - National Robin Day (small birds and wildlife in winter)

21st December - Winter Solstice (Northern Hemisphere)



Something to watch out for



Coming your way in another email - the Integra Newsletter from our partners in South Gloucestershire.

I will also post a copy onto the SAS website.

The SAS Website - Recent emails



SAS Conferences and Briefings

The Spring Term conference date has been confirmed - it is Friday 2nd Feb. We hope to see you all there at Forest Green Rovers. You have plenty of time to cancel - but until you do SAS will assume (and order) a meal on your behalf. Non-attenders who do not notify us in advance should expect an invoice for the cost of the meal. We will publish the deadline after Christmas.



Something to help



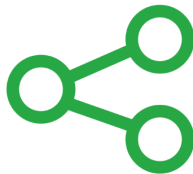
If you are in a C of E school and/or change the runner on the focus table in Collective Worship (or even better, get the children to do it) here is a useful resource - I downloaded one every year! Organised by school term, it includes celebration dates of most major world faiths too.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	2024
January	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	Epiphany
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
	28	29	30	31				
February	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Pentecost
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
	29	30						
March	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Lent
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April	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Easter
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	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
	29	30						

* If you make note of these saints during your worship the colour should be white.

[LINK - Liturgical calendar - colours for the year](#)

Something to share?



If you have had a bright idea, or a recently discovered resource which works for you and your setting, why not use this newsletter to tell others?

Always happy to hear from you!

Email me: [Something to share](#)

Something to consider



Ella writes "For the last 4 years, early years charity Kindred², have conducted research into what school readiness looks like across the country. Working with Savanta, this annual survey shines a spotlight on the impact of school readiness on children and schools by gaining valuable insights from primary teaching staff.

I was hoping you would be happy to share this year's survey with your primary school colleagues by forwarding this email or sharing the survey link: <http://kinsq.org/school-readiness-survey>

The survey takes just 5 minutes to complete and we're asking anyone in a primary school with an understanding of the 2023 Reception intake to respond. We're looking for individual responses – so multiple professionals in a school can complete the survey.

This survey remains, we believe, the only comprehensive measure of the developmental state of the Reception intake, and the impact of the issue on schools. The results will be used to help the wider sector, policymakers and the government understand the impact of school readiness on schools and children across the country.

With thanks and best wishes,

Ella Lloyd Newman

Ella Lloyd Newman (she / her)

SEEN Research Lead, Kindred²

Something to promote



Common Sense Media - Reviews for what the kids are into (before they get into it)

Get some safeguarding promotion in your newsletter! This free site reviews thousands of Apps which children might have access to, considers usefulness for teaching, rating engagement, pedagogy, support and risk. The site includes reviews BY PARENTS including thoughts on the appropriateness of age-restrictions. Do parents know the risks of the apps they allow children to access?

LINK - Common Sense media - for parents

Course attendance

Please, if it is within your power to do so, let the integra team (ststraining@southglos.gov.uk) and I know if you can't attend a booked course, at the earliest moment possible. One SAS teacher found she was the ONLY attendee on her course, due to cancellations and 'no-shows'. In the future we may well have to impose a minimum number and a 'cut-off' date, in order to ensure that SAS expenditure benefits the most staff members possible.

Website Audits



Email me: Website Audits

I am willing and available to carry out full school website audits against all DfE requirements (providing a professional commentary and

recommendations) for a fraction of 'The Going Rate' for S.A.S. Schools. Previous experience suggests I can complete this in around 10 hours, at a cost of £10 per hour. Please ask for details.

This is the 8th newsletter in this Mailer-Lite web-style (of which the .pdf is a poor substitute) . If you've not seen one before...

1) Check your spam folders etc

2) Add cpd@sas.gloucs.sch.uk to your 'safe-senders' list.

3) Tell your HT colleagues about what they are missing.

You (OR OTHER MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF?) can access recent emails from SAS CPD here...

Recent emails

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