



**Southwold  
Primary School**

# HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 28th February 2020

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## Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope that you enjoyed the half term break and are well rested as we start the second half of the year. Thank you to all parents and carers who supported the half term holiday homework projects, there were some fantastic examples of research presented in very creative ways! It is also pleasing to hear so many children talking positively about reading for pleasure over the holidays, thank you for continuing to support this very important part of pupil learning at home. Don't forget that there are also example questions that you can ask them about their reading in their home school diaries to help them to develop their understanding and comprehension skills. We are constantly refreshing our home reader libraries so that children have something new to read but please help us with this by checking at home for misplaced or lost books and return them to the school office please.

World Book Day will be taking place on Thursday 5th March and children are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character. This can be as simple or elaborate as time allows for and teachers will be happy to share ideas with you in preparation for the day.

We are continuing to invest in annual subscriptions for Mathletics and Times Table Rock Stars online learning programmes so that children in Years 1 to 6 can access them at home as well as at school for free. All children have their own password to log on to the site (usually in their home school diaries). These both offer fun and interactive ways to learn key maths skills such as times tables and number bonds so please encourage your children to access these at home.

On **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March** we are holding a parents evening, when you get the chance to meet your child's class teacher, look at their books and discuss their termly report. You will be receiving a separate letter inviting you to this, however please contact our admin teams or use the online booking systems via the website to make an appointment so that you don't miss out.

Thank you for all of your support!

Mr Stephen O'Brien  
Headteacher

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Executive Headteacher

## ROMAN LIFE

This half term Year 3 are learning about the Romans. To find out even more about their new topic Sparrow and Kingfisher Classes went on a trip to the Museum of London. The children saw different artefacts which helped them to compare life in Roman times with their lives today.



## THE LITTLE RED HEN

Reception have been reading The Little Red Hen. They thought that it was not fair that the animals



did not help the hen to make the bread, so they decided to help her instead. They worked together to add all the ingredients, mix and then



bake the bread. When it was ready it tasted delicious!

## TOYS FROM THE PAST

This half term Year 1 are learning about toys. Swan Class had a fantastic time playing with traditional toys and learning about different toys from the past on their trip to the Museum of Childhood.



**SMART BLACK SHOES FOR SCHOOL PLEASE!**

## HEALTHY EATING

Children in Early Years have been learning about keeping healthy. They learnt about the importance of eating fruit as part of a balanced diet. The children made fruit kebabs as an alternative to sugary sweets or cake bars.

They had fun selecting their favourite fruits, before getting to taste them. Have you tried making fruit kebabs at home?



## VIKING BREAKFAST

Last half term Year 4 were learning about life in Viking Britain. Did you know that The Viking people ate a lot of bread and porridge? They would make porridge from barley, oats, buckwheat or millet. They then mixed berries and apples to add sweetness. During their gardening workshop the children used wheat from our rooftop garden to make their own porridge in the same way that the Vikings did a thousand years ago.



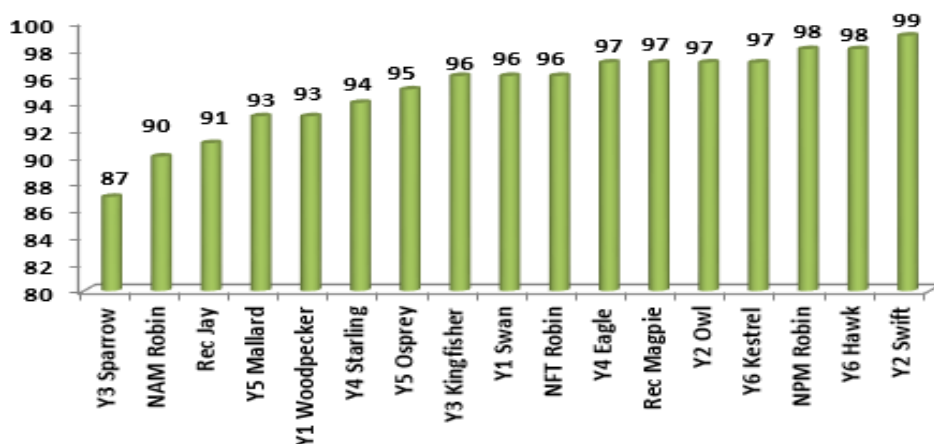
## COFFEE MORNINGS

We continue to review evaluations weekly and plan content that parents ask for as well as relevant community content such as road safety and holiday activities. Where possible, we arrange for children to attend so you can experience learning alongside them. This year we are seeing record numbers of parents attending both coffee mornings and parent reading for EYFS and KS1, thank you so much for supporting the school and your children!

Date	Focus
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Music:</b> Learn to play an instrument with your child!
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Speech and Language:</b> Find out how to improve your child's speech and language skills
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Road safety:</b> Responsible passengers, pedestrians and cyclists.
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Easter Holiday activities:</b> Children will be attending this morning with their parents.
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Parent Reading Assembly for EYFS

## ATTENDANCE

Children have only 190 school days in a year so coming to school everyday makes a real difference! Whole school attendance for last week was **95.4%**  
**Well done to Year 2 Swift, the weekly winners with 99%.**



## Key Dates

### Autumn Term 2019

**Children Start Date:**

Wednesday 4th September

**Half Term Holiday:**

Monday 21st to Friday 25th October

**Children Start Date:**

Monday 28th October

**Parents Evening:**

Thursday 28th November

**End of Term Finish Date:**

Thursday 19th December at 2pm

### Spring Term 2020

**Start Date:**

Monday 6th January

**Half Term Holiday:**

Monday 17th to Friday 21st February

**Staff Training Day:**

Monday 24th February

**Parents Evening:**

Thursday 26th March

**Finish Date:** Friday 3rd April at 2pm

### Summer Term 2020

**Start Date:**

Monday 20th April

**Bank Holiday:**

Friday 8th May

**Half Term Holiday:**

Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May

**Parents Evening:**

Thursday 2nd July

**End of Term Finish Date:**

Friday 17th July at 2pm

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