



**Southwold  
Primary School**

# HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 21st January 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our recent parent survey analysis has now been completed and we received 178 responses in total. The outcomes have shown the community thoughts and feelings about our school provision. Some of the highlights from the survey include:

- **99%** of parents agreed with the statement 'My child likes school'
- **98%** of parents agreed with the statement 'The school provides a good education for my child'
- **98%** of parents agreed with the statement 'My child feels safe at school'

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete this. We take all feedback very seriously and the leadership team will be reviewing all contributions to the survey across this half term for things we can do even better.

At the very beginning of each school day children set straight to task whilst the teacher calls the register. This often involves rehearsing key skills such as spellings, handwriting or times tables. This is also the time that many children read one to one with an adult or receive additional help. When children arrive to the classroom late, they do not only miss out on their own learning time, but it disrupts this time for other children in the class. Please help us by making sure that children are on time and in the playground ready to line up at 8:55am to come into school with their class.

Despite the changeable weather, we are keen that children get fresh air and play outside each day so please make sure that they bring a warm coat, hat and gloves to school and that these are clearly marked with their name in case they get lost. Remember, we expect children to wear black school shoes whilst at school and not boots for safety reasons, as well as to make sure children are comfortable when in class. PE at this time of the year mostly takes place indoors but we still expect all children to have a white t-shirt, plain black shorts or black jogging bottoms as their PE kit.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Stephen O'Brien  
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie  
Executive Headteacher

## MAKING BIRD FEEDERS

This week the children in Reception had the exciting opportunity to work with one of our school gardeners. During the gardening session,



children learnt about the wide variety of birds that can be found in Great Britain. They then went on to make bird feeders using apples and seeds.

## ASTRONOMY

This half term Year 5 are learning about 'Space' and our solar system in Science. During their weekly lesson, Osprey Class created a model of



the Earth and used a light source (torch) to demonstrate how as a result of the planet Earth rotating on its axis, day time and night time happen.

## LEARNING TO CATCH

Children in Robin Class have been learning to slide and catch bean bags in their PE lessons. The children explored speed and distance and



different ways of moving on the floor to collect the bean bags. They learned new vocabulary such as 'sliding', 'crawling' and 'collecting'.

**READING AT HOME IS VERY IMPORTANT!  
PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK AND SIGN HOME SCHOOL DIARIES!**



## ECO NEWS



As an Eco-Schools Flagship school we have been finding further way to reduce the amount of one-use plastic that we have in school. This half term Mr O'Brien is trialling a new Attendance prize box where more prizes are made from wood or recycled materials rather than plastic. The new box has gone down well with the pupils so far!

## SCHOOL STREET



Detmold Road is a designated 'School Street', this means that it is closed to vehicles of non residents between 8:30am-9:15am and 3:15pm-4:00pm. Due to non-compliance our School Street is currently being enforced by traffic wardens and a mobile camera unit. Infractions carry a penalty charge of up to £120.

## COFFEE MORNINGS AND PARENT DROP INS

Date	Focus
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Music:</b> What does the music curriculum look like at our school?
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Wellbeing:</b> What will my child learn during the Children's Mental Health Week?
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Online safety:</b> How to support my child to use digital technologies safely, positively and responsibly? ( <b>Safer Internet Day parent workshop for KS2 parents only</b> )

Ms Stacey, our Learning Mentor, is available to talk to parents/carers each morning on the playground when you drop your children at school to discuss any concerns you may have regarding behaviour, learning or any other support you require. If you would like to pre book an appointment, please call the school office to arrange this.

## Key Dates

### Spring Term 2022

**Children's Start Date:** Tuesday 4th January 2022  
**Work and Enterprise Week:** 24th January 2022  
**Safer Internet Day:** Wednesday 9th February 2022

**Half Term Holiday:** Monday 14th February to Friday 18th February 2022

**Children's Start date:** Monday 21st February 2022  
**World Book Day:** Thursday 3rd March 2022  
**Parents Evening:** Thursday 24th March 2022  
**End of Term Finish Date:** Friday 1st April 2022 at 2pm

### Summer Term 2022

**Easter Monday:** Monday 18th April 2022  
**Children's Start Date:** Tuesday 19th April 2022  
**Families' Week:** Starts Monday 25th April 2022  
**Bank Holiday:** Monday 2nd May 2022  
**Science & Technology Day (with Science Fair):** Monday 23rd May 2022

**Half Term Holiday:** Monday 30th May 2022 – Friday 3rd June 2022

**Children's Start Date:** Monday 6th June 2022  
**Staff Training Day:** Friday 24th June 2022  
**Keeping Healthy Week (including sports day):** Starts Monday 27th June 2022  
**Parents Evening:** Thursday 7th July 2022  
**End of Term Finish Date:** Thursday 21st July 2022 at 2pm  
**Staff Training Day:** Friday 22nd July 2022

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## ATTENDANCE

Coming to school everyday makes a real difference!  
 Whole school attendance for last week was **96.4%**.  
**Well done to Year 1 Woodpecker Class, the weekly winners with 99.3%.**

