



**Southwold  
Primary School**

# HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 25th February 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had both a safe and enjoyable half term break.

During the week before half term we had a spot light on 'Children's Mental Health Week' in partnership with Unlocking Potential. Children had the opportunity to discuss what makes up our sense of identity and how this is important in ensuring confidence, learning how to make choices in line with own values as well as learning to understand and respect others. This builds on our work around 'belonging' undertaken last year and was an important opportunity to continue our reflections together. Children took part in an assembly and class discussions across the week. We hope you found the information and activity ideas sent home useful.

On **Thursday 3rd March** we will be celebrating World Book Day. All children are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character. Certificates will be given to all those dressed up across the school as well as a prize for best dressed book character from EYFS, KS1 and KS2! Costumes 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. Look out for other school events linked to World Book Day on our Facebook and Twitter pages as well as posters on the school gates. We encourage all of our children not only to learn the mechanics of reading but also to learn to enjoy reading for pleasure. We are constantly refreshing our home reader libraries so that children have something new to read. Please help us with this by making sure that children read every night and record their reading in their home school diaries. Don't forget that there are also example questions that you can ask in the diaries, this helps children to develop their understanding and comprehension skills.

On **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March** we are holding our parent consultation meetings, where you get the chance to meet your child's class teacher, look at children's books and discuss their termly report. You will be receiving a separate letter inviting you to this in the next two weeks.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Stephen O'Brien  
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie  
Executive Headteacher

## HINDU TEMPLE

Last half term Year 1 were learning about Hinduism in their Religious Education lessons. The children were lucky enough to visit a Hindu temple. Hindus believe that the temple acts as a contact between the gods and goddesses and the worshipers. The children enjoyed seeing the different rooms and hearing about the different statues.



## THE ANGLO SAXONS

Children in Year 4 went to see the Anglo-Saxon exhibit to support their Humanities learning this half term. The children were so excited to see such a vast range of historical artefacts, from weapons and armour to jewellery and coins. They got to see what an Anglo-Saxon house would have looked like, as well as learn all about the Viking raids that took place.



## SAFARI STU

Year 2 children were learning about animals and their habitats last half term. The children were visited by Safari Stu and had the opportunity to learn about a range of animals. The children had the opportunity to hold a variety of animals and learn specific facts about their habitats and characteristics.



**SMART BLACK SHOES FOR SCHOOL PLEASE!**



## VALENTINE'S BAKE SALE



A big thank you to everyone who donated items to sell or who came along and supported the 'Friends of Southwold' Valentine's bake sale. From vegan brownies to Mr Aadil's cup cakes, there was a sweet treat to cater for everyone! We are delighted to announce that we raised a fantastic £232 for new resources!

## GOVERNOR VISIT



It was the turn of Southwold to host the governor visit morning this term, the focus of which was on PSHE and pupil voice. A range of pupil voice leaders spoke to governors about the important roles that they do such as Art Ambassador or Green Team member. The Viridis governors were thoroughly impressed by what they saw!

## COFFEE MORNINGS AND

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 in EYFS, thank you so much for supporting the school and your children!

Date	Focus
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Physical Education:</b> How does sport benefit your child? How can you get involved with sports in school?
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Science:</b> What exciting experiments can I try with my child at home?
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Unconscious bias:</b> How can I ensure I tackle unconscious bias in myself and others?
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Easter Holiday Activities:</b> What activities can we try in the holidays and what local places can we visit?
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	<b>Parent Coffee Morning &amp; /Reading Celebration Event</b>

## 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 **94.7%**

**Well done to Year 5 Mallard Class, the weekly winners with 98.3%**

