



**Southwold  
Primary School**

# HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday 21st July 2022

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## Dear **Parents and Carers**,

This is the last newsletter of the academic year and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents, carers and pupils for their continued hard work and dedication across the past school year. Thank you to everyone who came to celebrate children's successes at the parent consultation evening and celebration assemblies over the past two weeks.

It is the time of year again where we wish farewell to our Year Six pupils. They have been a credit to the school and have risen to the challenges presented this year with resilience and determination. The recent results for tests taken at the end of Year 6 show the high percentage of children that achieved the expected standard in Reading, Writing & Mathematics were significantly above the national average. This is an amazing achievement and we are very proud of our children and staff who worked so hard to prove what they know. We are equally proud that all three schools in our partnership achieved similarly great results. We wish all pupils a fond farewell and a successful transition to secondary school.

On Tuesday children met their new teachers for September. You will have a chance to meet with your child's new class teacher and learn more about their Autumn term curriculum at our meet the teacher sessions in September (dates on the back). We will be saying a fond farewell, thank you and good luck to Mr. O'Brien who will move to our partnership school in September as well as welcoming Ms Carr to her new role as Acting Headteacher at Southwold School. A full staffing structure will be shared in the first newsletter of the Autumn Term.

We will be setting tasks to support children's learning during the long summer break so that children come back as ready as possible for a new academic year. Please support us by making sure that, as well as getting out and about and enjoying themselves, children also read regularly, learn their times tables and complete the homework projects as this will help make the Autumn Term successful!

Thank you for your continued support this year. We wish you a happy and healthy summer break.

Mr Stephen O'Brien  
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie  
Executive Headteacher

## D&T DAY



Last week we had D&T Day where children spent the day designing and making a product. From healthy desserts in Year 3 to moving toys in Year 6, all the children made something to take home. Also, a big thank you to the adults who came into school to help out.

## YEAR 6 PGL



As children in year 5 did not go to Kench Hill last year they were able to go on a PGL trip this year. The children got to take part in team building activities such as raft building and abseiling. The pictures speak for themselves, but it looks like it was an amazing trip for our Year 6s!

## SUNFLOWERS



As part of Eco-Schools Ms Ani ran a school wide competition to grow the biggest Sunflower. The classes had to ensure that their flowers were well watered and looked after if they wanted to win the competition. We can announce that the class with the biggest sunflower was Mallard.

**CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2022 (KS1 AND KS2)**

## EYFS PICNIC

Last week we hosted our second annual EYFS picnic, a chance for the families of new children joining Nursery and Reception to get together and make friends before children join us in September. The afternoon was really well attended and we look forward to welcoming our new starters next term!



## READING CHALLENGE

Don't forget to pop to your local library during the summer break to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge. The theme for this year is 'Gadgets' with lots of amazing new books (and some favourites) on science and innovation. How many books will you read over the summer?



## HOME LOAN LAPTOPS

Would you like to borrow a laptop for your child to learn at home?



Please speak to the office staff who will be able to assist

Our experience with online learning has shown that a number of families would benefit from short term access to IT equipment. We want to help learners who plan to engage in learning at home but don't have suitable IT equipment in order to do so. We are able to provide a small number of laptops that can be loaned out to families. Please ask in the school office!



## Key Dates

### Summer Term 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

### Autumn Term 2022

**Staff Training Day:** Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September

**Children's Start Date:** Monday 5th September

**Meet the Teacher:** Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th September 2022

**Bring a Dad/Significant Male to School Day:** Wednesday 28th September 2022

**World Week & Democracy Day:** Monday 17th October – Friday 21st October 2022

**Half Term Holiday:** Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October 2022

**Children's Start Date:** Monday 31st October 2022

**Parents Evening:** Thursday 8th December 2022

**End of Term Finish Date:** Friday 16th December 2022 at 2pm

### Spring Term 2023

**Staff Training Day:** Tuesday 3rd January 2023

**Children's Start Date:** Wednesday 4th January 2023

**Work & Enterprise Week:**

Week beginning 23rd January 2023  
**Safer Internet Day:** Thursday 9th February 2023

**Half Term Holiday:** Monday 13th February 2023 – Friday 17th February 2023

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## ATTENDANCE

Coming to school everyday makes a real difference!  
Whole school attendance for last week was **94.3%**  
Well done to Year 2 Owl Class the weekly winners with **99.3%**!

