



# Southwold Primary School

## HIGHLIGHTS

30th September 2022

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### Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you are now settled into the routine of the new term. Term dates are on the back of this newsletter and information about upcoming events can be found on our website including class assemblies and class trips. This week we had significant male family members join us in classrooms. A big thank you to those who came along! There are special days for significant female family members and grandparents later in the year as well as our World Week celebrations in October to look forward to. We are again running a series of coffee morning sessions for parents on different themes on Friday mornings which are listed on the back of this newsletter, you are welcome to drop in, even if you don't have time to stay for the whole session.

Last week we sent home year group curriculum newsletters which give information about the topics that each class is studying this half term and there are more details of our curriculum on our website. Please take note in particular of PE days. We have a PE kit that we expect children to wear which will need to be brought into school on these days. Please scan the QR code on the next page to access the school uniform ordering website. If you are struggling to access this online please ask for help at our school office.

Children have brought in some fantastic summer homework projects related to their curriculum themes, thank you for your support with this. It is very helpful if you can talk with children about the topics being studied at home, encouraging them to explain and describe what they are doing and to do their own research as this will support class learning. During their time with us, they will learn about a range of local and global historical events as well as about different cultures and religions. We aim to provide children with lots of meaningful, creative, inspiring and above all educational opportunities, which with your support will ensure they become enthusiastic lifelong learners.

Our curriculum is further enriched with a range of opportunities for children including clubs for all ages, chess in Year 3, swimming in Year 4, a residential visit in Year 5 and university visits in Year 6. As well as this, children across Key Stage 2 take cycling lessons and all children participate in gardening workshops with our resident gardener Cassie. This academic year we will also see a group of children visit Spain as part of our language work and connection with our partner schools! Follow us on our social media sites to keep up to date!

**Ms Rachael Carr - Headteacher | Ms Rachel Davie - Executive Headteacher**



### Reminder



**SCHOOL STARTS AT 8:55AM  
AND LEARNING STARTS  
STRAIGHT AWAY.  
BE ON TIME  
AT FIVE TO NINE!**



**PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT  
CHILDREN COME TO SCHOOL  
PREPARED!  
ALL CHILDREN NEED  
A PE KIT OF A PLAIN WHITE  
T-SHIRT, BLACK SHORTS OR  
JOGGING BOTTOMS AND  
PLIMSOLLS**

### Exploring the EYFS Environment

Reception have started the academic year with a few busy mornings! They have been enjoying exploring all of the different areas throughout the early years environment whilst developing their language and play skills.



### Funny Stories at the Library

Year 2 enjoyed their visit to the library last week where they had a funny story read to them. Before leaving, they got the chance to borrow their own book to read at home. They are looking forward to their next trip.



### Flax Seeds Workshop

Year 4 took part in their first gardening workshop this week where they learnt some interesting facts about flax seeds, in particular, the process of preparing them from plant to seed. The seeds they prepared will be used for their next lesson.



## Best School Garden Winners

This week we found out that our Southwold garden won the runner up prize for 'Best School Garden'. In October, our Eco-Schools lead will be taking a group of children to the award ceremony! Well done to all the children for their hard work in ensuring our garden is maintained all throughout the year!



## Bring a Significant Male

We were so lucky to have a number of adults join us for 'Bring a Dad or Significant Male to School' day. We worked in pairs to retell the stories using actions and we were able to show our adults how we have settled into class and all the different activities that we do.



## Coffee Mornings

Parents/Carers are invited to drop into our coffee morning sessions on various themes which are held in Raven Room at 9:15am on a Friday morning. These are an opportunity to meet with other parents as well as learn more about what the school does and get some practical tips on how to support your child with their learning from home.

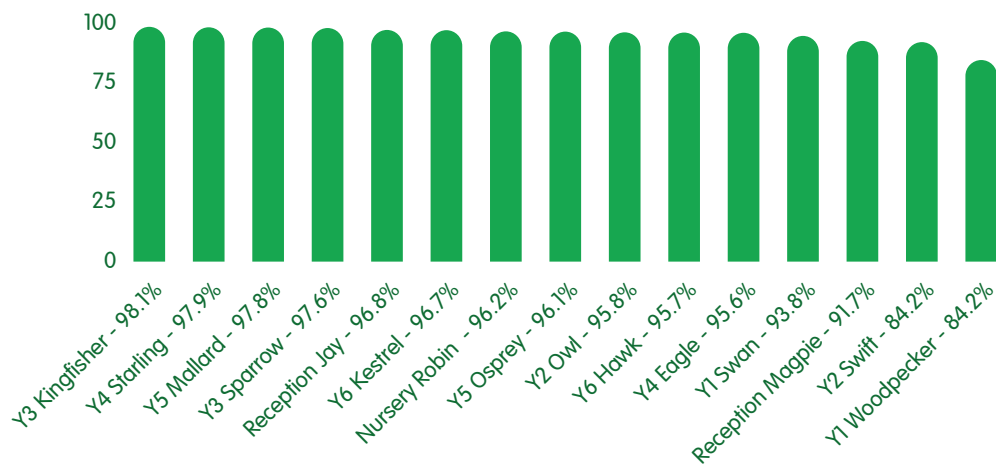
Date	Focus
Friday 7th October	<u>Science</u> : What exciting and simple experiments can I try with my child at home? (children can attend this coffee morning)
Friday 14th October	<u>World Week</u> : What will my child be learning during World Week?
Friday 21st October	<u>Homework Support</u> : How can I set a routine and help my child with their homework?
EYFS Coffee Mornings	
Thursday 13th October	<u>Maths</u> : How can I develop my child's mathematical understanding at home?
Thursday 24th November	<u>Language Walks</u> : How can I develop my child's listening and vocabulary skills whilst exploring the outdoors?

## Attendance

Regular attendance at school promotes pupils' well-being, maximises progress in learning and helps pupils reach their potential. We are very proud of the achievements and progress of our pupils and are passionate about a child's right to an education. Attendance for all children is monitored weekly with the school seeking to work in partnership with parents to achieve above 97%.

**Whole school attendance for last week was 95.1%.**

**Well done to Year 3 Kingfisher Class, the weekly winners with 98.1%.**



## Key Dates

### AUTUMN TERM 2022

Staff Training Days:  
Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September

Children's Start Date:  
Monday 5th September

Meet the Teacher Days:  
Monday 12th September - Years 1 & 2  
Tuesday 13th September - Years 3 & 4  
Friday 16th September - Years 5 & 6

Pupils and Siblings Photographs:  
Wednesday 14th September

Queen Elizabeth II Funeral (SCHOOL CLOSED):  
Monday 19th September

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

World Week  
Monday 17th October - Friday 21st October

Traditional Dress Day / International Evening:  
Wednesday 19th October

Democracy Day & School Council Elections (pupils only):  
Friday 21st October

Half Term Holiday:  
Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October

Children's Start Date:  
Monday 31st October

Parents' Evening:  
Thursday 8th December

Last Day of Autumn Term:  
Friday 16th December (SCHOOL CLOSING 2PM)

Christmas Holiday:  
Monday 19th December - Monday 2nd January 2023

Staff Training Day (SCHOOL CLOSED):  
Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Children's Start Date:  
Wednesday 4th January 2023

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