



Southwold Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS

17th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Making sure that everybody is safe is always a very high priority in our schools. We have regular lesson themes on safety including keeping safe online, being safe in the community, water safety and road safety. Please help us by making sure that you show your children how to cross the road safely by using the crossings and showing them how to stop and check both ways for traffic before and whilst crossing. This way you can be more confident that they will do the same when you are not with them.

A daily healthy lunch will make sure that children can get all the vitamins and energy they need to learn without getting tired in the afternoon. If your child brings a packed lunch please make sure that they have a good balance of fruit and vegetables as well as protein such as meat, cheese or nuts. We do not allow children to have crisps, chocolate bars or fizzy drinks for their lunch as part of our healthy schools' ambition to teach children the importance of a healthy diet. Carrot sticks, raisins, nuts and yoghurts are all good alternatives. Children can also bring a healthy snack for morning break to keep them going.

We have a school uniform to create a sense of belonging to our school as well as to instil a sense of being smart and proud of being part of our school community. To be fair to everyone we insist that all pupils wear our uniform every day and we have tried to keep the costs as low as possible to make sure that it is not a financial burden on parents. A full list of our uniform is available on our website. Please remember that we expect all children to wear black school shoes, not boots or sandals and we do not allow jewellery to be worn for their own safety.

By now you will have received an invitation to make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher at parents' evening on Thursday 23rd March 2023. You can choose appointment slots either using our online system or by calling the school office. We ask that all parents make a commitment to come in so that they can see their child's workbooks and share with them how important learning is. We hope that your child's termly report and termly targets will be useful to you in knowing how you can further support them from home.

We will again be setting creative homework projects during the Easter holidays to prepare for new Summer Term topics. Learning will be continuing up until 2pm on Friday 31st March 2023 when we break for Easter, with school opening for the Summer term on Monday 17th April 2023 at 8.55am.

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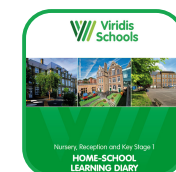
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Reminder



**We are a SMART
school. Black shoes and
not trainers please!**



**Home reading diaries
and reading books
should be brought to
school every day!**

EYFS Musicians

As part of their expressive art and design topic, the children in EYFS have been exploring music through the use of different instruments. They have enjoyed working together to make their own rhythms and beats. Some even added their own lyrics to their songs while matching pitches and following the melodies.



Investigating Plants

Year 1 went on a walk to investigate the variety of plants that can be found in the local area. Along their journey, they had fun identifying and describing a variety of flowers (some planted and some wild), as well as a number of deciduous and evergreen trees. This was linked to this half term's science topic, 'plants'.



Maths in the Wider World

Year 6 had a visit from National Numeracy and Ellie Austin-Williams (who runs a podcast called This Girl Talks Money) to talk about maths and numbers in the wider world. They explored and wrote down all the ways they would incorporate maths into the lives of people with a range of hobbies and jobs such as hairdressing, nursing, doing DIY and playing football.



IntoUniversity Trip

Year 5 visited IntoUniversity to learn about life after school. They enjoyed discussing what their dream careers would be and what it would take to get there. They also learnt about different universities within the UK and the different types of courses on offer. Their day was packed with engaging activities and games.



Wellbeing Coffee Morning

Last week, we held a wonderful coffee morning session focused on children's well being and mental health. We discussed tips of how to support children to discuss their emotions and strategies to help them work through both small and big feelings. The children then created a connection collage to show who and where they feel connected to in their lives.



Key Dates

SPRING TERM 2023

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

Children's Start Date:
Wednesday 4th January 2023

Work & Enterprise Week:
Monday 23rd January - Friday 27th January 2023

Safer Internet Day:
Thursday 9th February 2023

Half-Term Holiday:
Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February 2023

Children's Start Date:
Monday 20th February 2023

Film Night (Friends of Southwold Event):
Thursday 23rd February 2023

World Book Day (children can dress up):
Wednesday 1st March 2023

'Southwold's Got Talent' Competition
(Friends of Southwold Event):
Wednesday 22nd March 2023

Parents' Evening:
Thursday 23rd March 2023

Easter Bonnet Competition (children only):
Monday 27th March 2023

EYFS Design & Technology Day:
Tuesday 28th March 2023

Years 1 & 2 Design & Technology Day:
Tuesday 28th March 2023

Years 3 - 6 Design & Technology Day:
Thursday 30th March 2023

Easter Bake Sale (run by the School Council):
Thursday 30th March 2023

End of Term Finish Date:
Friday 31st March 2023 (SCHOOL CLOSING at 2pm)

Coffee Mornings

Parents/Carers are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held in the 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.

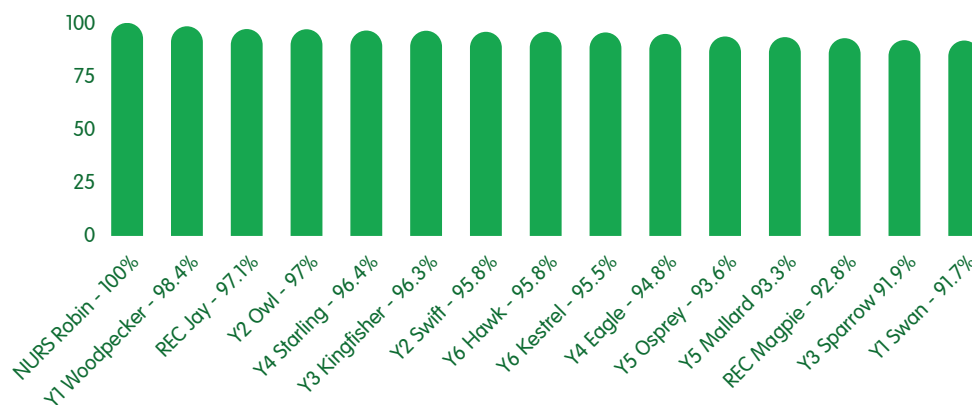
| Date | Focus |
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| Friday 24th March | <u>Easter Holiday Activities</u> : What activities can we try in the holidays and what local places can we visit? |
| Friday 31st March | Parent Coffee Morning & Reading Celebration Event for lower school. <u>(Children can attend)</u> . |

Attendance

Children have only 190 school days in a year so coming to school every day makes a real difference!

The whole school attendance for the last week was 95.3%.

Well done to Nursery Robin class, the weekly winner with 100%.



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