



Southwold Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS

12th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Year 6 children undertook their Key Stage 2 tests this week. They have shown great resilience, maturity and pride. Well done Year 6, we are proud of you!

In the week before half term we will also undertake teacher assessment of all children in Years 1 to 5 in reading, writing and maths to see the progress that has been made and organise any additional support that might be needed. You will receive an update on this in the termly report that you receive at parents' evening which is due to take place on Thursday 6th July 2023.

Before the half term, a group of children from the federation undertook the first residential trip abroad since the pandemic. A group of 15 children from Orchard, Southwold and Hoxton Garden travelled to our partner school in Tenerife for a few days, funded by the Erasmus Plus programme. As you can see from the photographs on our website and social media pages, they had an amazing time.

As the weather warms up children take off their jumpers and these can sometimes get lost or left behind. Children move around the school for different lessons such as PE and music as well as visiting the hall for assembly and the playground at break times. Whilst we cannot take responsibility for lost uniform, we will always do our best to remind children to pick up their jumpers and to help find lost items. To support us in this, please make sure that all uniform is labelled with both a first name and surname. Please also check the jumper your child brings home to make sure it is theirs and return it if it has the wrong name!

Our school continues to look very smart and we very much want our children to feel a sense of pride. To support this, please ensure that they wear the correct uniform, which includes black shoes and trousers, not jogging bottoms. We also expect children to bring a PE kit of a white t-shirt and black shorts.

We have a number of events lined up for the Summer Term including a Sports Day, Summer Fayre and our Federation Music Festival in addition to the end of year celebration assemblies and Year 6 leaver events. Dates will be published just before the half term break and will be available on the playground notice boards and website as well as sent home as a flier.

This week we have waved goodbye to Ms Gillham, our Upper School Deputy Headteacher as she starts her maternity leave ahead of welcoming the new arrival. We are delighted to say that Ms Hanley, the current Assistant Headteacher will be stepping into the Deputy Headteacher role in order to ensure continuity for the children and staff. I hope you will join us in wishing Ms Gillham 'good luck' and Ms Hanley 'congratulations!'

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

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Reminder

Our online parent calendar can be accessed via the school website. Please check this for all upcoming dates and events.



Have a thought you want to share? Our parent comment box can be found in the school office.



Gardening Workshop

The children in EYFS participated in an exciting gardening workshop where they made cress heads. The children decorated the pots as faces and then planted the seeds. They now have the important job of looking after the seeds as they wait for their 'hair' to grow.



Design and Technology

In Art, Year 1 enjoyed creating their own moving picture book using sliders and levers. They had fun fine-tuning their design skills to make their very own picture books. The adults then joined them in the afternoon to design the Three Billy Goats Gruff story.



IntoUniversity Trip

Year 5 went on a trip to Into University where they learned about what it would be like to be astronomy students for the day. They had lectures, attended seminars and completed fantastic work in their teams which included creating a house for survival on planets such as Venus and Mars.



Debate Mate Cup Winners

Year 5 and Year 6 children won the online debate mate team cup last week against schools from all around the UK. The children were commended on how mature and compassionate they were when addressing the other team, showing excellent sportsmanship.



Cut Your Carbon Campaign

Did you know that it takes 20,000 litres of water to make just 2 pairs of jeans? As part of the national campaign 'Cut Your Carbon', the Eco-Team held an assembly to encourage Southwold to save water by reusing, recycling, and reducing the amount of clothes that they buy.



Key Dates

SUMMER TERM (1) 2023

Earth Day:
Friday 21st April 2023 (Children can wear the colours green and blue)

Families Week:
Monday 24th April - Friday 28th April 2023

Bring a Significant Female to School Day:
Wednesday 26th April 2023 at 8:55am to 10:00am

Grandparent Afternoon Tea (1):
Friday 28th April 2023 from 2pm onwards

Grandparent Afternoon Tea (2):
Thursday 4th May 2023 from 2pm onwards

Early May Bank Holiday:
Monday 1st May 2023 (SCHOOL CLOSED)

King's Coronation Bank Holiday:
Monday 8th May 2023 (SCHOOL CLOSED)

Class Photos:
Friday 5th May 2023

KS1 SATs:
May 2023

KS2 SATs (Year 6 only):
Tuesday 9th May - Friday 12th May 2023

Science & Technology Day / Science Fayre:
Thursday 25th May 2023

INSET DAY:
Friday 26th May 2023 (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)

May Half Term Break:
Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June 2023

Friends of Southwold (FOS) Events

Event Planning Meeting:
Friday 21st April 2023 at 10:00am - Raven Room

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Friday 12th May 2023 at 2:00pm - Raven Room

Bake Sale:
Friday 12th May 2023 at 3:30pm to 4:00pm - Playground

Family Quiz:
Thursday 18th May 2023 at 3:30pm - 4:45pm - Middle Hall

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.

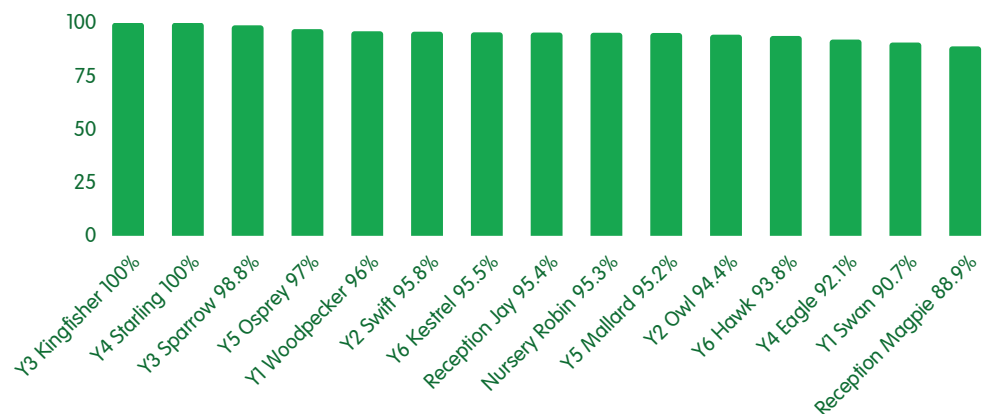
Date	Focus
Friday 19th May	<u>Art</u> : What artistic skills does my child develop in school? (children can attend this coffee morning)

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 **94.3%**.

Well done to Year 3 Kingfisher and Year 4 Starling class, the weekly winners with 100%.



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