



Southwold Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS

25th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

All children have been set homework tasks and projects for half term. Our commitment to home learning means that we expect children to engage in learning and developing their understanding of key skills in reading, writing and maths at home as well as at school. Please support them with this by making sure that tasks are completed and children do not forget to read and talk about their learning at home. Knowing times tables is particularly helpful, along with reading the time, counting money and of course, sharing a book.

Our Year 5 pupils are looking forward to their trip to the PGL activity centre in Sussex next month. This will give them the opportunity to experience the great outdoors and try out new adventure activities. It is an exhausting but fun three days away from home for teachers and pupils alike and we look forward to sharing news of their activities with you through regular noticeboard and website updates as well as in this newsletter. Please could parents of children who are going read carefully the packing list so as not to forget anything!

We still have spaces in Nursery from September 2023 for three and four year olds. Both part time or full time applications are welcome and application forms can be collected from the school office. Many studies have shown that children who have the opportunity to attend nursery develop good communication and social skills shown through confidence, self-assurance and demonstrating good interpersonal skills.

We continue to ensure a spotlight on safety through our curriculum delivery and pastoral care. Whilst we teach children the risks of being online and being safe, it is important that you monitor your child's use of the internet and how they are connecting with the outside world to make sure that they are engaging safely. The website: www.thinkuknow.co.uk holds lots of useful information about the social networks children and young people use. Having a bedtime routine that removes the temptation of televisions, tablets, phones or game consoles is very important for mental health and a good night's sleep.

We hope that you have a very happy half term break and we look forward to seeing children safely back on Monday 5th June at 8:55am.

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Reminder

**School closes for half term
on Thursday 25th May
2023 and re-opens to all
pupils on Monday 5th
June 2023 at 8.55am.**



**School uniform should be
clearly labelled to ensure
missing items are reunited
quickly with their owner.**



From Eggs to Chicks

The children in EYFS have been enjoying their new classroom residents. They had eagerly watched and looked after chicken eggs, patiently waiting for them to hatch into chicks. They have also enjoyed being able to stroke the chicks, describing them as 'soft' and 'fluffy'.



Creating Clay Relief Tiles

Last week, Year 2 created their own clay relief tiles based on animals. First, they had to roll out a base and cut it into a square tile shape. They then used a range of techniques such as rolling, joining and imprinting to create their animal tiles.



Exploring Kew Gardens

Year 4 visited Kew Gardens where they explored the Palm house and Temperate house, as part of their Science and Humanities topics. They had an extremely exciting day and had the chance to explore the Treetop walkway and Children's garden.



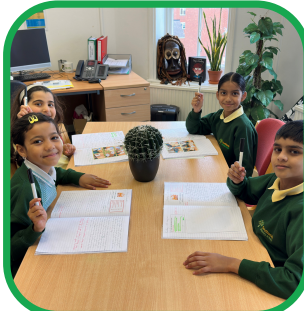
Great Big School Clean

The Green Team enjoyed taking part in the Great Big School Clean this week as they took their litter pickers onto the local streets. If you are interested in helping litter pick, there is still time to pledge to take part in The Great British Spring Clean!



Pen Licence Holders

Congratulations to all of our new pen licence holders who have shown great care and pride in their handwriting and presentation this half term. We hope they will continue to demonstrate exemplary handwriting skills to encourage their peers.



Key Dates

SUMMER TERM (2) 2023

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

Children's Start Date:
Monday 5th June 2023 at 08:55am

Keeping Healthy Week (including sports day):
Starts Monday 26th June 2023

Parents' Evening:
Thursday 6th July 2023

End of Term Finish Date:
Thursday 20th July 2023 at 2pm

INSET Day (school closed to pupils):
Friday 21st July 2023

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 9th June	<u>PE:</u> How do we support children's physical development in school?
Friday 16th June	<u>In-class Coffee Morning:</u> How can I support my child develop their number skills?
Friday 23rd June	<u>Transitions:</u> How can I prepare my child for transition to a new class?
Friday 7th July	<u>Summer Holiday activities:</u> What activities can we try in the holidays and what local places can we visit?
Date	EYFS Coffee Mornings
Friday 16th June	<u>In-class Coffee Morning:</u> How can I support my child develop their number skills?
Wednesday 28th June	<u>Transition to Year 1:</u> How can I prepare my child for Year 1?

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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 94.2%.

Well done to Year 2 Owl and Year 1 Swan class, the weekly winners with 98.3%.

