



# Southwold Primary School

## HIGHLIGHTS

16th June 2023

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### Dear Parents and Carers,

During the next month we have a very busy schedule including achievement assemblies, music concerts and productions. The learning continues right up to the last day on Thursday 20th July 2023 and it is important that children attend every day until then. School attendance continues to be a core priority to ensure that all children are making the most of their 190 school days each year.

Sports Day this year is on Friday 30th June 2023 and we are hoping for good weather. On this day children need to come to school with or in PE kits of a plain white t-shirt and black shorts/plain black jogging bottoms. Friends and parents are welcome to join us, a separate leaflet will be sent with key timings and location. Sports Day forms part of our Keeping Healthy Week and during this week there will be a number of opportunities for children to take part in sports and activities as well as learn about the importance of a healthy lifestyle. Please help us with this by making sure that packed lunches contain food which will help growing learners. We do not allow chocolate bars, fizzy drinks or crisps to be eaten in our lunch hall or playgrounds and encourage children to try snacks such as carrot sticks and raisins which have less sugar and more vitamins.

Next week you should receive a letter inviting you to make an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher for Parents' Evening which is on Thursday 6th July. You can book a time by either logging onto our booking system or by calling/visiting the school office. We encourage all parents to come and take advantage of this opportunity to talk about how your child has got on this year and find out what you can do to further support them at home. We have had some fantastic examples of home learning projects, completed reading diaries and homework tasks this year!

As the weather starts to warm up please remember our school uniform policy does not allow children to wear sandals to school. This is to protect their feet in busy playgrounds and whilst moving around the building. We ask all children to wear black school shoes.

Our school Governors held their termly meeting in the week before half term. They have agreed the Federation budget and have been discussing standards at each school as well as risks related to national issues such as recruitment. We hope that the Governors' newsletter sent out last term was useful in understanding more about who they are and what they do. There will be another newsletter later this term.

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

### Reminder

**As the days are getting hotter, please ensure sun cream is applied before coming to school so children are protected during break and lunch times.**



**We are proud of all our families for walking, scooting or cycling to school! Please make sure bikes and scooters left at school are stored carefully, respectfully and safely in the designated areas.**



### Hackney City Farm Visit

Last week EYFS enjoyed an enriching trip to Hackney City Farm. The children were lucky to have great weather and all the animals were out to say hello, including ducks, chickens, goats, and donkeys. A highlight included seeing the pregnant pig getting a shower to help her cool down.



### Buoyancy and Boats

For Science Day, Year 2 compared different materials to see which ones would be best for making a buoyant boat. They then tested the boats using weights to investigate which ones would float and sink. The results showed that foil was the best material for making a buoyant boat and could hold over 300 grams.



### Fashion and Culture

Year 6 visited the London College of Fashion to participate in a workshop called 'Fashion Illustration'. They had an engaging discussion about culture and diversity in fashion and learnt all about each other's cultures. They also got to ask the university's panel of students all about their degrees and different career paths.



## Librarians Hard at Work

Over the year, our Librarians have been busy organising our communal bookshelves, making them tidy and easily accessible for everyone to use and choose books. They have also been ensuring the library remains tidy and books are filed in the correct place, while promoting reading diaries and the importance of reading each day.



## Debating at Oxford University

After winning the regional Debate Mate Cup, Southwold were one of the top 8 schools in the UK invited to take part in the Grand Final held at Oxford University. The children represented Southwold wonderfully and all spoke eloquently and confidently. Though they did not go through to the final round, they enjoyed the experience.



## Key Dates

### SUMMER TERM (2) 2023

Year 5 PGL Residential Trip  
Monday 19th - Wednesday 21st June 2023

Keeping Healthy Week  
Monday 26th - 30th June 2023

Sports Day (more information to follow)  
Friday 30th June 2023

Hispanic Day (pupils only)  
Tuesday 4th July 2023 (children can wear red and yellow)

Hackney Year 6 Transition Day (pupils only)  
Thursday 6th July 2023

Parents' Evening:  
Thursday 6th July 2023

Year 1 End of Year Celebration Assembly  
Monday 10th July 2023 at 9:15am (middle hall)

Year 3 End of Year Celebration Assembly  
Monday 10th July 2023 at 2:30pm (middle hall)

Federation Festival of Music  
Tuesday 11th July 2023 at 1:15pm (The Round Chapel)

Year 6 'The Greatest Showman' Performance (1)  
Wednesday 12th July 2023 at 2:15pm (middle hall)

Year 6 'The Greatest Showman' Performance (2)  
Thursday 13th July 2023 at 2:15pm (middle hall)

Year 4 End of Year Celebration Assembly  
Friday 14th July 2023 at 2:30pm (middle hall)

Summer Fayre (Friends of Southwold event)  
Friday 14th July 2023 at 3:30pm (playgrounds)

Year 2 End of Year Celebration Assembly  
Monday 17th July 2023 at 9:15am (middle hall)

Year 5 End of Year Celebration Assembly  
Monday 17th July 2023 at 2:30pm (middle hall)

Children meet their class teacher for September (pupils only)  
Tuesday 18th July 2023 at 1:30pm

Year 6 Disco (pupils only)  
Wednesday 19th July 2023 at 3:30pm

Year 6 End of Year Celebration Assembly  
Thursday 20th July 2023 at 9:15am (middle hall)

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

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

Children's Start Date (Years 1 to 6)  
Wednesday 6th September 2023 at 8:55am

## Coffee Mornings

Parents/Carers are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held in the Raven Room or Bottom Hall at 9:15am on Fridays. 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.

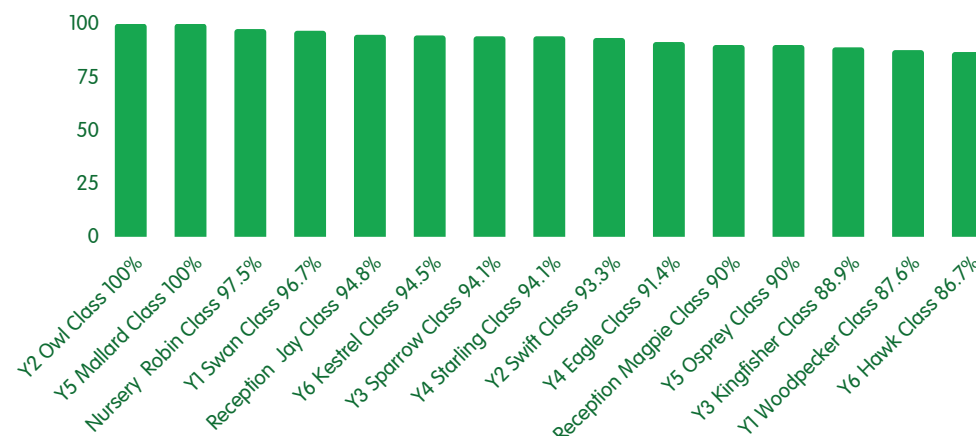
Date	Focus
Friday 23rd June	<u>Transitions:</u> How can I prepare my child for transition to a new class?
Friday 7th July	<u>Summer Holiday activities:</u> What activities can we try in the holidays and what local places can we visit?
Friday 14th July	<u>Parent Reading Assembly:</u> for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2
Date	EYFS Coffee Mornings / Events
Wednesday 28th June	<u>Transition to Year 1:</u> How can I prepare my child for Year 1? (Reception only)

## 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 93%.**

**Well done to Year 2 Owl and Year 5 Mallard class, last week's winners with 100%.**



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