



# Southwold Primary School

## HIGHLIGHTS

15th September 2023

### Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school. We hope that you all had an enjoyable summer break. We extend a warm welcome to our new pupils and families joining our Reception and Nursery classes this academic year.

This week we have held Meet the Teacher sessions for Years 1 to 6 to share the learning that will be taking place across this half term. If you missed this, please take a moment to read the year group curriculum newsletter which includes what children will be learning, homework expectations and what day PE will be taking place.

Within this newsletter, you will also find details of who is who on our whole school staffing structure for this academic year. Don't forget, lots of other useful information including diary dates and news can be found on our school website and social media accounts so don't forget to check and follow us. The details can be found on the overleaf of this newsletter.

Children have been talking about and celebrating their holiday homework projects which are being proudly displayed in classrooms and shared in assemblies. Thank you for taking the time to discuss and research new learning topics, this helps children to make links, ask questions and practise vocabulary with ease.

Children have been given new home reading diaries and reading books this week. Reading is an important part of wider learning. Daily practice supports fluency and understanding. Please help us to support children in developing this most important of skills by ensuring they read to, or with you each day.

All primary school children in Reception to Year 6 in state-funded schools in London will get free school meals for the 2023/24 school year. The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan is providing the funding as an emergency cost of living support measure. The meals will help families with the spiralling cost of living. In addition, our school is also funding free school meals for all full time Nursery children.

At the end of last term, we were pleased to receive our Key Stage 2 results which again places the achievements of pupils at Orchard, Southwold and Hoxton Garden schools well above national averages. This is down to the hard work of pupils and teachers, but also very much due to the support that you give from home in ensuring that children read every night, learn times tables, complete homework tasks and come to school ready to learn.

Thank you for your support.

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

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Please make sure that your child looks smart in our uniform for school everyday.

Our school uniform is available from the MAPAC website, [please scan the QR code below to access this](https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/orchardprimarye9).

If you struggling to access this online please ask for help at our school office.



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### PE Award

Last term, our subject leaders had worked extremely hard in ensuring our school strives for excellence in everything we do. We are proud to announce that we have successfully been awarded the Association for Physical Education (afPE) Quality Mark.



### Settling In

Year 1, have been investigating a range of modern and old toys as part of their humanities topic, toys through time. The children investigated and got the chance to play with a range of moving, electronic, soft, and musical toys.



### Class Council Meeting

This week, Year 4 held their first class council meeting of the new academic year. They discussed the goal setting and shared ideas on how they were going to meet them. The new class councillors did an excellent job of ensuring all voices were heard in the class.



## Staffing Profile 2023 - 2024

Children have now settled into their new classes and are back into a routine. A big welcome to the new members of the teaching team who joined us this September!

Ms Rachel Davie - Executive Headteacher Ms Rachael Carr - Headteacher		
Ms Ruth Grover EYFS & KS1 Deputy Headteacher		Ms Linda Hanley KS2 Deputy Headteacher
Ms Esme Moira Assistant Headteacher		
Ms Catherine Holley Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO)		
Year 6	Kestrel Class Matthew Bethell	Hawk Class Peter Storey / Esme Moira
Year 5	Mallard Class Simmy Moosa	Osprey Class Diandra Todesco
Year 4	Eagle Class Meena Chowdhury	Starling Class Tony Modinos
Year 3	Sparrow Class Natasha Matthews	Kingfisher Class Hannah Hinde
Year 2	Swift Class Rachael Warrington	Owl Class Abigail Lodge
Year 1	Woodpecker Class Niamh Murphy	Swan Class Ruzina Akhtar
Reception	Jay Class Lauren Ani	Magpie Class Grace Cooper
Nursery	Robin Class James Mulvany	

## 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 22nd September	<u>Communication</u> : How can I access information about the school, events and my child's learning?
Friday 29th September	<u>Homework Support</u> : What strategies can I use at home to help my child with their homework?
Friday 6th October	<u>World Week</u> : How do we celebrate diversity and inclusivity within our school?
Friday 13th October	<u>Online Safety</u> : What does our curriculum teach about being safe online?
Friday 20th October	<u>Science</u> : What exciting and simple experiments can I try with my child at home? (Children can attend this coffee morning)
EYFS Coffee Morning	
Thursday 12th October	<u>Language Walks</u> : How can I develop my child's listening and vocabulary skills whilst exploring the outdoors?

## Cycling Events

Please contact the bike bus team if you would like to join their enjoyable group cycle ride to school on Wednesday mornings. Email [darren@like2bike.uk](mailto:darren@like2bike.uk) and include your postcode, which will help them plan the new route. Look out for their survey, to be announced very soon.

### Sunday 24th September 2023 - Kidical Mass

The family-friendly cycle ride starts at 10:00am from Stonebridge Gardens (Snake Park), Haggerston E9. Join the group ride from Hackney into Central London.

### Monday 25th - 29th September 2023 - Cycle to School Week

Southwold supports Cycle to School Week. Why not jump on your bike and ride to school? Look out for posters announcing a special one-off group cycle ride that week. For further information, visit [www.bikeability.org.uk/cycleto-school-week](http://www.bikeability.org.uk/cycleto-school-week).

## Key Dates

### AUTUMN TERM (I) 2023

Bring a Significant Male to School Day  
Wednesday 27th September 2023 at 8:55am - 9:45am

Year 6 Kestrel Class Assembly  
Wednesday 20th September 2023 at 9:05am

Year 6 Hawk Class Assembly  
Wednesday 20th September 2023 at 9:05am

Black History Month  
Whole month of October

Individual and Sibling Photographs  
Monday 2nd October 2023

Year 5 Osprey Class Assembly  
Wednesday 4th October 2023 at 9:05am

Year 5 Mallard Class Assembly  
Wednesday 4th October 2023 at 9:05am

Year 4 Eagle Class Assembly  
Wednesday 11th October 2023 at 9:05am

Year 4 Starling Class Assembly  
Wednesday 11th October 2023 at 9:05am

World Week  
Monday 16th - Friday 20th October 2023

International / Traditional / Cultural Dress Day  
All day on Wednesday 18th October 2023


Democracy Day and School Council Elections  
Thursday 19th October 2023

International Evening  
3:30pm - 5:00pm on Wednesday 18th October 2023

Last Day of Autumn Term 1  
School closes at 3:30pm on Friday 20th October 2023

Half Term Holiday  
Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October 2023

Children Return to School  
Monday 30th October 2023

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