



Southwold Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS

29th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Children are now settled into the routine of the new term. We hope you were able to join us for our recent coffee morning to learn about how communication with parents works within our schools. Our website is updated regularly with key diary events including coffee mornings, class assemblies and trips, news, and community information. Term dates can be found on the back of the fortnightly newsletter to help you plan ahead for holidays. If you have suggestions or comments, our school office has a parent comment box that can be used to share your thoughts.

This week we welcomed significant males into school to learn alongside children. A big thank you to those who came along! There are also special days for significant female family members and grandparents later in the year as well as our International Evening in October to look forward to.

Physical activity in school is very important and we aim to provide a range of opportunities for structured physical games at playtime, and a range of physical activity curriculum clubs after school in addition to designated weekly PE lessons. PE days were shared on the curriculum newsletters sent out last week. Please take note in particular of PE days. We have a PE kit that we expect children to wear which will need to be brought into school on these days. One of the reasons that children are asked to change into their PE kit at school is for hygiene purposes. For example, the children learn that when they exercise, they sweat, and it is good practice to not wear exercise clothes all day. Changing for PE in school also allows younger children to develop their independence and learn how to dress themselves. For example, putting jumpers on, managing buttons, putting shoes on, and tying up laces.

Our curriculum is further enriched with a range of opportunities for children beyond classroom learning including clubs for all ages, chess in Year 3, swimming in Year 4, a residential visit in Year 5, and university visits in Year 6. As well as this, children across Key Stage 2 take cycling lessons and all children participate in gardening workshops with our resident gardener Cassie. Follow us on our social media sites to keep up to date!

We have again been celebrating some wonderful holiday homework projects relating to current curriculum learning. It is always very helpful if you can talk with your child about their school learning at home, encouraging them to explain and describe what they are doing and to support their research as this has a positive impact on class learning. During their time with us, children will learn about a range of local and global historical events, as well as about different cultures and religions. We aim to provide children with lots of meaningful, creative, and inspiring educational opportunities, which, with your support, will ensure they become enthusiastic lifelong learners.

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Have you visited the Hackney Local Offer 'things to do' page?
Scan the QR code for more information, or visit:
<https://www.hackneylocaloffer.co.uk/kb5/hackney/localoffer/results.page?localofferchannel=7>.



Smart shoes for school please.
We expect children to wear comfortable black school shoes.
No boots or trainers please!

Learning and Making Friends

The children in Reception have been arriving ready to learn and make new friends in their new environment. They have been getting to know each other while exploring different indoor and outdoor areas and activities such as their table-tops and role-play corner.



Tudor House Sketching

Year 2 have been learning how to sketch Tudor houses in Art. They have learnt a range of different techniques and developed their sketching skills, selecting the best technique that they would like to use to design the roof of their Tudor house.



Powerful Choices Workshop

Last week, Years 5 and 6 took part in a creative workshop called 'Powerful Choices'. During the workshop, they explored key messages around crime, peer pressure and how to keep themselves safe in the community.



Learning Beats and Tempos

In Music, Year 2 have been using xylophones to learn how to play 'London's Burning' as a class, with an awareness of tempo. Using their 'magic fingers', they have been tapping into the notes of the melody on the glockenspiel, then playing it with beaters.



Chess Lessons

Year 3 had their first chess lesson with their specialist Chess teacher. The lesson focused on the names of the pieces and how they can move across the board. They also incorporated the use of technology to make their first lesson more accessible.



Key Dates

AUTUMN TERM (1) 2023

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

Harvest Festival (pupils only)
All day on Thursday 12th October 2023

World Week
Monday 16th - Friday 20th October 2023

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

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

Democracy Day and School Council Elections
Thursday 19th 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

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 give parents and carers the opportunity to meet with one another to 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 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?

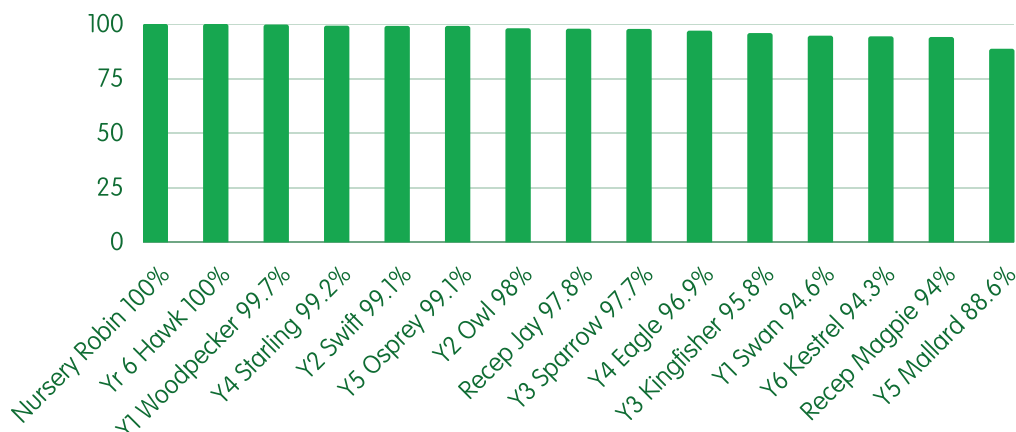
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 97%.

Well done to Nursery Robin and Year 6 Hawk Class, last week's winners with 100%.

Attending school every day makes a real difference.

Please remember that WE DO NOT AUTHORISE HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME and unauthorised absences may result in a fixed penalty notice being issued.



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