



Southwold Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS

13th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all of the family members who came to spend a morning in school last week as part of Significant Male morning. We had a staggering attendance of 128. The children were very proud to show off their learning and the feedback from adults who attended was very positive. Please don't forget that a family member is welcome to join their Nursery, Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 child at the short morning reading session from 8.55am – 9.15am each Friday ahead of the coffee morning at 9.15am.

During these first few weeks of the school year, we have been focussing on key skills such as reading confidently and with understanding, as well as building writing stamina. We have also been practising knowledge of key maths skills such as pairs of numbers that add to 10, 100, 1000 and essential confidence in times tables facts. Please support us by making sure that children practise skills at home too including the use of Mathletics, Timestable Rockstars and reading for 10 minutes each evening. There are some tips in home reading diaries on how you can support your child. You can also speak to your child's class teacher who will be happy to help!

We are delighted to have so many families making an active choice to walk or cycle to school. Walking to school requires no set up, apart from shoes, a warm coat and a hat on a chilly day. Children get to learn important life skills, road safety and independence, as well as contributing to physical and mental wellbeing. If you are bringing a bike or scooter to school, please help us by storing these with care and consideration for others in the designated parking areas.

World Week is a part of our enrichment programme and will take place next week. It delves into and celebrates the diversity within our schools. It creates opportunities to explore relevant global issues and topics, linking National Curriculum subjects in a cross-curricular way. It also provides a context for pupils to acquire, develop and apply a broad range of knowledge, understanding and skills. The theme for World Week this year will be 'Our World; Our Responsibility.' The aim of the week is for children to gain an awareness of their own role in protecting the planet they live in, from the impact they can have in their local environment, to how their actions contribute to the health of the wider world. We hope you will be able to join us for our annual International Evening on Wednesday 18th October 2023.

The month of November will also be Black History Month. The theme this year is 'Celebrating Our Sisters' and through weekly assemblies, children will explore the lives of Floella Benjamin, Beverley Knight, Dame Jocelyn Barrow and Dame Sharon White. Look out for updates on our social media and websites!

Thank you for your continued support.

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

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Key Messages



We are committed to healthy lunches. If your child does bring a packed lunch, this must contain healthy options. Please do not include chocolate bars, crisps or biscuits. Thank you for your support.



As we move towards colder weather, please ensure all school uniform items are clearly named including hats, coats and gloves.

Understanding the World

As part of their 'Understanding the World' curriculum, the children in EYFS have been thinking about families. They have been using natural resources such as stones and sticks to create representations of their family members such as parents and siblings.



More or Less Than?

In Maths, Year 1 have been learning about identifying and representing more and fewer. The children have been rolling dice and representing that number using dominos, numicon and cubes. They have also had to figure out which quantity was more or fewer.



Flax Fibre into Cloth

Year 5 took part in an exciting gardening workshop where they learnt how to turn homegrown flax into linen cloth. They had the chance to feel the different fibres and learnt about how flax and other natural fibres can be made into cloth.



Pupil Voice Fayre Success

Our Pupil Voice Fayre was a roaring success and everyone left motivated to apply for a pupil voice job at school. Some of the ambassadors from last year talked to the pupils about what the different jobs entail and what it takes to be successful pupil voice representatives.



Cycling Try-Outs

Children from Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in try-outs to qualify for the school cycling competition. They had lots of fun riding electric roller bikes that tracked their speed and stamina. We look forward to the school team being announced shortly.



Key Dates

AUTUMN TERM (1) 2023

Black History Month

Whole month of October and November

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 20th October	<u>Science</u> : What exciting and simple experiments can I try with my child at home?(Children can attend this coffee morning)

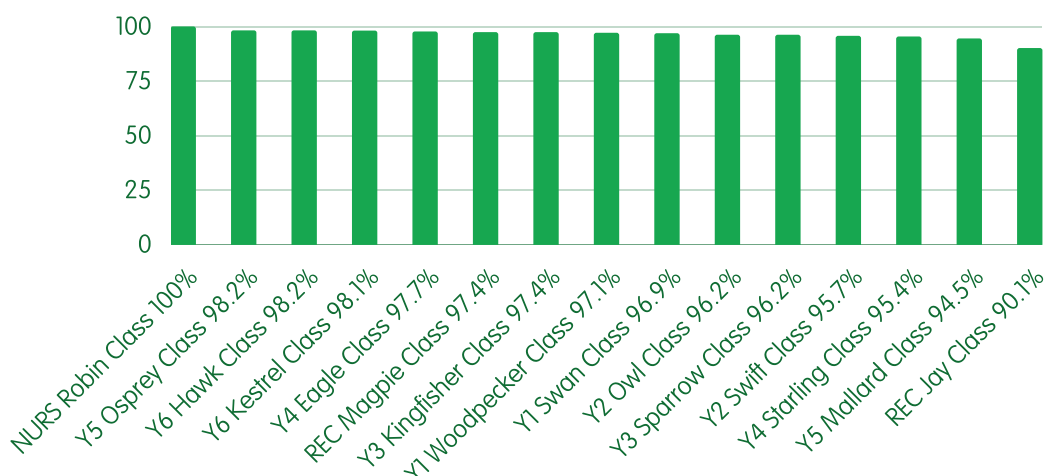
Attendance

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

Well done to Nursery Robin Class, last week's winner 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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