



Southwold Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS

22nd March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you were able to meet with your child's class teacher at parents evening yesterday and enjoyed looking through your child's books. If you were not able to attend, please contact the school office or speak to the class teacher, so that we can arrange a new meeting time for you. If you did not collect your child's termly report, this will be posted to you. Each child's report contains targets and areas to work on in the coming term. Please help us to help your child by encouraging them to learn their times tables (or if younger counting in steps of 1, 2, 5 and 10), practise spellings and read at home either with you, or on their own. Children achieve so much more if they are encouraged to learn these key skills at home as well as at school.

This week we undertook our annual pupil survey which all children in Year 1 to 6 were asked to take part in. Children had the opportunity to share their opinions about learning, personal development, wellbeing and behaviour. We will be sharing the headlines of the survey in the new term in our newsletter as well as on our website.

Teaching children how to make sure that they are safe is very much part of the curriculum in our school. To help with this, we ask that children are not left unsupervised in the playground before 8:45am as there are no school staff there until this time. If you have to set off to college or work early, we run a breakfast club from 7:45am where children can be with their friends and supervised until the start of school. When travelling to and from school make sure that you take this opportunity to show your children how to cross the road safely by using the crossings and showing them how to stop and check both ways for traffic. This way you can be more confident that they will do the same when you are not there.

Spring Term ends at 2pm on Thursday 28th March 2024, when children have a two week break. We will be following our full timetable up to this point, with learning every day. Please help us make sure that children receive their full 190 days of schooling this year by not asking for absences outside of this period. We will be, as usual, setting holiday homework projects including research projects for the topics classes will be studying in the first half of the summer term. Please encourage children to explore the themes they will be learning about and, of course, continue to encourage them to read, write and count everyday!

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Reading Books

Reading books and diaries should be brought to school each day to ensure readiness for reading in school and to celebrate home reading achievements.



PE Kits

PE kits must be worn by all children for hygiene and safety reasons. Our PE kit is deliberately practical, comfortable, appropriate to the curriculum content and affordable. Bringing a PE kit to school teaches responsibility and supports a sense of team work in participation.

St Patrick's Day

Early Years learned all about St Patrick's Day this week. Using an assortment of tools, they explored how to create different designs and textures. Combined with vibrant green paint, they created unique shamrock art, the three-leaved plant symbolic of St Patrick's Day. What a fun way to express creativity and celebrate!



Sunflowers

Year 2 are learning about Vincent Van Gogh's painting 'Sunflowers' and were practising their painting skills. First, they were practising thick, thin, and curved brushstrokes. They then used colour mixing to create different shades of yellow and orange to use to paint the sunflowers.



Living Things

Year 4 went to Kew Gardens to learn about the different trees and species found in the rainforest. This is linked to their Science and Topic unit "All Living Things" and "Rainforest". They learnt how the plants and animals need each other to grow and survive. They also measured the humidity, light and temperature needed for a tropical rainforest.





Junior Road Safety

The Junior Road Safety Officers had a workshop where they discussed how to ensure others stay safe when travelling to and from various destinations. They brainstormed ways to encourage drivers to behave more considerately outside the school area. They then delivered an assembly to Year 5 and Year 6 about the importance of staying alert and responsible.



Southwold's Got Talent

A huge congratulations to all those who took part in Southwold's Got Talent. The judges were blown away by all the acts. The audience were treated to performances from magicians, singers, gymnasts and musicians! A very enjoyable evening for all, thank you to Friends of Southwold for organising.



Key Dates

SPRING TERM 2 (2024)

Easter Bonnet Competition
Monday 25th March

Early Years Design and Technology Day
Tuesday 26th March at 8:55am

Year 1 and Year 2 Design and Technology Day
Tuesday 26th March at 1:30pm

Years 3 - 6 Design and Technology Day
Wednesday 27th March at 1:30pm

Term End and Start

The second half of the spring term ends at 2.00pm on Thursday 28th March 2024, and the Summer Term starts at 8:55am on Monday 15th April 2024. Please scan the QR code to view our [2024 - 2025 term dates](#).



School Uniform

Please scan the QR code to order school uniform.



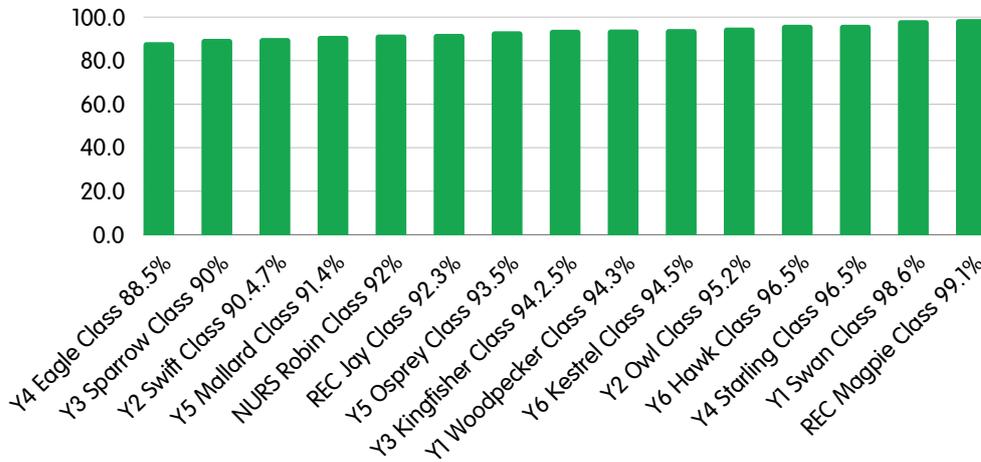
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 93.8%.

Well done to Reception Magpie Class, last week's winner with 99.1%.

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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