



Southwold Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS

8th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have been celebrating the wonderful world of books. A range of different activities have taken place as part of our World Book Day including a book swap and peer reading where our older children read alongside our children. Children and staff dressed up as their favourite book characters and assemblies were held to celebrate the many familiar book characters and to make links between books and authors. A big thank you to staff and parents for making this a special day for children. Learning to read and enjoy books is an essential part of being a great learner and we make it our mission to make sure that every child is a confident and fluent reader by the time they leave us to start secondary school. Please help us with this by making sure that children read the books that they borrow from school every day and fill in details of what they have read in their home school diaries. There are some top tips and questions in the diaries to help parents when hearing or reading with children at home!

We invest in annual subscriptions for Mathletics and Times Table Rock Stars online learning programmes so that children in Years 1 to 6 can access them at home as well as at school for free. All children have their own password to log on to the site (usually in their home school diaries). These programmes offer fun and interactive ways to learn key reading and maths skills such as phonics, times tables and number bonds so please encourage your children to access these!

A sense of belonging for our school community is something we are very proud of. As part of this, we have a school uniform as a symbol of pride and togetherness. We hope that having a uniform also makes it easier for parents in the morning when getting ready for school. To be fair to everyone we insist that all pupils wear our uniform every day and we have tried to keep the costs as low as possible to make sure that it is not a financial burden to families. Please remember that we expect all children to wear black school shoes, not boots or sandals and we do not allow jewellery to be worn for safety reasons. Children also need a designated PE kit which should be brought in on PE days.

On Thursday 21st March 2024 we are holding our Spring Term Parents Evening, when you will have the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher, look at work books and discuss the termly report. You should have received a separate letter inviting you to this, however if you have missed this please contact our admin team who will book an appointment time for you.

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School Shoes

Smart black shoes for school please.



Road Safety

Road safety is an issue that affects everyone, we all need to use the roads whether we are adults or children. Most of us use the roads every day as pedestrians, cyclists, drivers or passengers on public transport. It is absolutely vital that we all have the knowledge we need to safely travel on the road, especially when travelling with young children. Please revisit key messages around safe road crossing every time you are travelling with children.

Mother's Day in EYFS

EYFS enjoyed making beautiful Mother's Day cards in time for Sunday 10th March. They used the colours pink and red to finger print hearts, creating lovely designs. They also wrote a personal message inside the cards for their loved ones. We hope you like them!



Plants And Their Functions

Year 1 Science topic this term is 'Plants'. The children have been looking at the different plants and using their prior knowledge, they were able to identify the different parts of the plant and were able to discuss their functions. We also had conversations about why plants are important and how they benefit us.



Volcanoes

Year 5 have been studying about volcanoes in Spanish using the CLIL methodology where they study a subject, Geography in this case, using Spanish. They have been playing games to help remind themselves of the language structures and vocabulary. They can now talk fluently about the physical characteristics of flowers and animals.



Handwriting Awards

This week in assembly we celebrated the children who were awarded handwriter of the month for consistent high quality letter formation and joins in their writing in all areas of the curriculum.

Congratulations to our handwriter of the month award winners, we are very proud of them!



World Book Day

World Book Day was a huge success! With creative costumes from all year groups and staff, everyone really got into the spirit of the day. The book swap also took place and the children chose a book of their choice from the collection of donated preloved books. Thank you all for taking part. Keep reading everyone!



Key Dates

Southwold's Got Talent

Friday 15th March 2024 at 3:40pm

Year 3 Kingfisher Assembly - Middle Hall

Wednesday 20th March 2024 at 9:05am

Year 3 Sparrow Class Assembly - Top Hall

Wednesday 20th March 2024 at 9:05am

Parents' Evening (School finishes at 1:45pm)

Thursday 21st March 2024

Pre-loved Uniform Sale

Thursday 21st March 2024 - During Parents' Evening

Lower School Parent Reading Celebration

Friday 22nd March at 9:15am

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

Coffee Mornings

Parents/Carers are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held in Raven Room or the Lower Hall at 9:15am on a Friday. These allow you to meet with other parents as well as to learn more about what the school does and get some practical tips on how to support your child with their learning from home. EYFS Workshops are held separately. Please see the dates below.

Date	Focus
Friday 15th March	<u>Easter Holiday Activities</u> : What activities can we try in the holidays and what local places can we visit? (Children can attend this coffee morning)

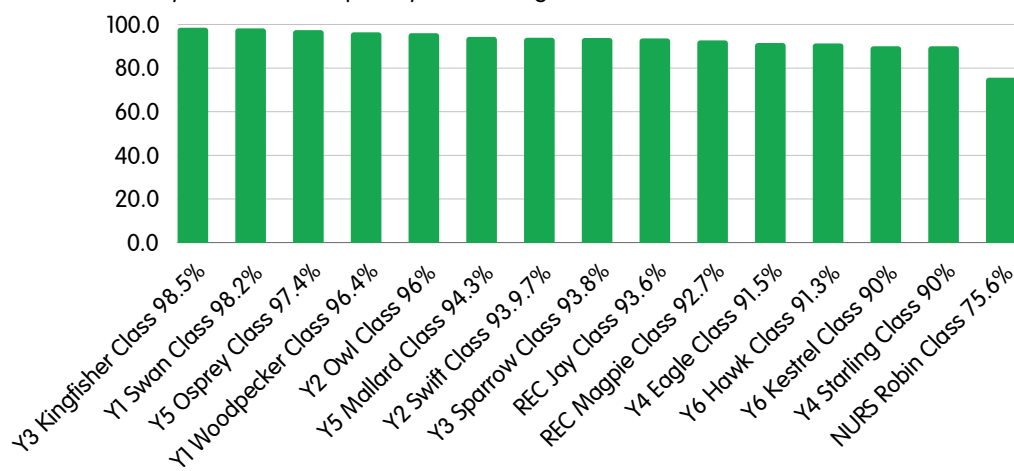
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 93.7%.

Well done to Year 3 Kingfisher Class, last week's winner with 98.5%.

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.



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. All holidays must be booked out of school term time to avoid penalty fines.



School Uniform

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