



# Southwold Primary School

## HIGHLIGHTS

19th April 2024

### Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you had a safe and happy Easter Break. The Summer Term is very busy again this year with celebration assemblies, Year 6 leavers assemblies, secondary school transition days, instrumental concerts, Families Week and Keeping Healthy Week. We look forward to sharing the news with you through this newsletter. We also update our website regularly with news and dates as well as post to our social media channels.

This week classes across the school have celebrated the holiday homework projects which have been completed in preparation for new learning this half term. As part of our teaching pedagogy we regularly revisit prior learning in order to help children make connections and to know more and remember more over time, this includes reviewing the research children have done outside of school as well as revisiting learning covered in previous school years. Thank you for the time and support given to your child in undertaking the homework set!

Pupil voice is a key feature of our school and, as you have seen from previous newsletters, we think it is very important that children are given a platform to know how to raise their issues and to have a say in how key aspects of our curriculum and enrichment plans are developed. Our pupil teams continue to meet across our three school sites (and three Hackney post codes) including our School Councillors, Peer Mediators and Eco Team, working together on shared agendas. Our recent cross site timestable event was supported by our school councils who were keen to raise the profile of competition and our Eco Teams have been discussing and comparing evidence to support our Green Flag reaccreditation through key work on litter, water and healthy living.

As a school, we are very committed to ensuring that children are in school and receiving their full entitlement to education. We are also very committed to working with families to remove any potential barriers to children being in school. We want to say a big thank you to each family who are supporting our drive of taking attendance to 97% and above and supporting in decreasing our persistent absence figure by ensuring children attend school every day on time.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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

### Celebrations

In celebration of DT Day and Easter, EYFS made festive Easter Bonnets with support from parent helpers. They first designed what the bonnet would look like, then they used lots of colourful materials and resources to bring their designs to life.



### Dancing With Year 2

Year 2 had a visit from the West End in Schools dance workshop. They learned a dance based on the book 'How to Catch a Star' by Oliver Jeffers. Children had the opportunity to apply their knowledge of dance and create sequences of movement to express story.



### Testing Water

As part of the Geography curriculum, Year 5 visited the local canal to investigate the causes of water pollution. They tested the water from the canal for alkaline and chlorine and compared their findings against their previous results for tap and filtered water.



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### Reminders

#### School Shoes

Smart black shoes for school please.



#### Lost Property & School Uniform

If you have misplaced a jumper, lunchbox or other item, please call into the school office who will show you to the lost property cupboard.





## Climate Warriors

Young Climate Warriors came to Southwold to deliver an interesting assembly to our Key Stage 2 pupils all about climate change. The children learned about how small actions we take can have a positive impact on our planet. Did you know that we have enough clothing to clothe 6 generations?



## Eco Team Meeting

During the last Eco Team meeting, the children worked together to plant potato seeds. The children planted Casablanca and three varieties of Shannon. As they grow, the children will water and care for them. By growing food, the children learn about sustainable practices and gain valuable life skills.



## Key Dates

### SUMMER TERM 1 (2024)

#### Bring A Significant Female To School Day

Wednesday 24th April

#### Eid Celebration (FOS Event)

Friday 26th April at 3:30pm

#### Class Photographs

Friday 3rd May

#### May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 6th May

#### Grandparent Afternoon Tea (1)

Wednesday 8th May at 2pm

#### Grandparent Afternoon Tea (2)

Thursday 9th May at 2pm

#### Bake Sale (FOS Event)

Friday 17th May at 3:30pm

#### Science & Technology Day

Wednesday 22nd May

#### Science Fayre

Wednesday 22nd May at 3:30pm

## 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 26th April	<u>PSHCE</u> : How do we celebrate diversity through our curriculum? (Families Week)
Friday 3rd May	<u>KS2 MFL</u> : How can I use recall strategies to support language learning?
Friday 10th May	<u>Humanities</u> : How can I encourage my child to ask questions about the world around them?
Friday 17th May	<u>Science</u> : How can I encourage enquiry and investigations at home?
Friday 24th May	<u>Eco-team</u> : How can I encourage my child to care for the environment?
Date	EYFS Workshop
Wednesday 8th May	<u>SALT</u> : Using technology to support language development

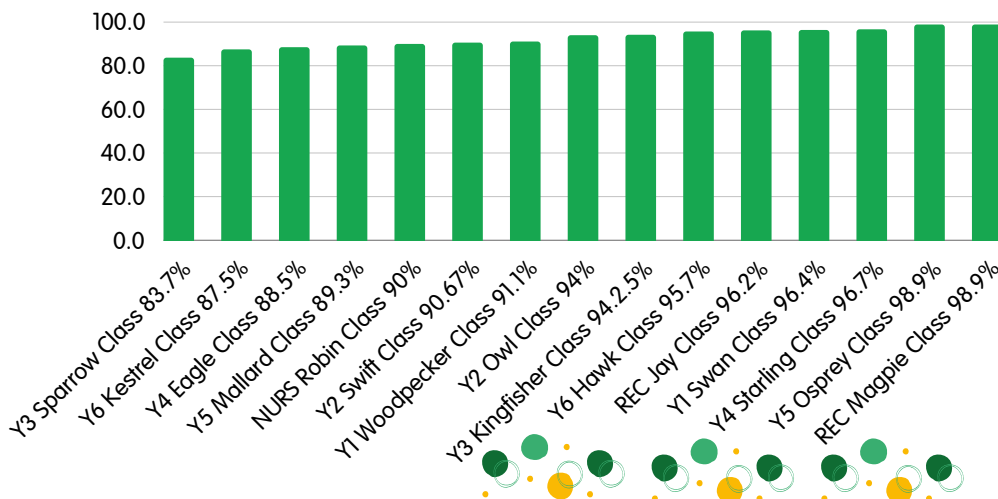
## Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 93.2%.

Well done to Reception Magpie Class and Year 5 Osprey Class, last week's winner with 98.9%.

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 first half of the summer term ends on Friday 24th May 2024, and Summer 2 starts at 8:55am on Monday 3rd June 2024. Please scan the QR code to view our 2024 - 2025 term dates.



### School Uniform

Please scan the QR code to order school uniform.



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