



Southwold Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS

17th May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is also most definitely gardening season again and children have been busy planting and sowing in our fantastic school garden. We look forward to our traditional home grown vegetable and salad sale later in the term. As well as eating healthily, it is also very important that children are well rested for school each day and ready for a day of learning. Make sure that they go to bed early enough to have a good night's sleep and that they don't have the temptation of televisions, tablets, phones or games consoles to keep them awake at night. Seemingly innocuous games can present risks if not monitored and children can be put at risk through contact made as a result of online gaming. We teach children the risks of being online but it is important that you monitor your children's use of the internet and how they are connecting with the outside world to make sure that they are safe. Netware is a parents' guide to the social networks children and young people use. Stay up to date and keep your child safe in today's digital world by visiting www.net-aware.org.uk/ and keep a close eye on your child's online activities.

Making sure our school sites are safe and secure is a constant priority for us. The end of the school day is a very busy time when the school gates are necessarily open. Although we have members of the senior team stationed at exits, please could all parents ensure that they collect their children from the line in the playground and not before, letting the adults know that they have been collected. We have also recently reviewed our emergency management policy, so that we are prepared in case of a major incident outside of the school which means that we have to keep exits closed. In this exceptional situation we would send all parents a text to inform them that the school has entered a 'lock down' and no one will be permitted to enter or leave the building. In the highly unusual situation, please be assured that the intention is to ensure that everyone remains safe.

All children will be set homework tasks and projects for half term. Please support them with this by making sure that tasks are completed and children have the opportunity to read and talk about their learning at home. Knowing times tables is particularly helpful, along with telling the time on both analogue and digital clocks, counting money and of course sharing a book.

We break up for the half term break next Friday 24th May at 3:30pm and look forward to seeing children safely back on Monday 3rd June at 8:55am.

Thank you for your support.

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

Comparing Heights

Reception have been exploring different heights in Maths this week. They made towers out of building blocks, stacking one on top of each other. They used mathematical vocabulary they have learned to compare their height in centimetres and inches, sharing this with their friends.



Shadows

Year 1 have been investigating how shadows are formed in Science this week. The children shone a torch through a variety of opaque, translucent and transparent objects to find out which objects would cast the darkest shadows. They noted down their results and compared with their peers.



PE Council

This week, Year 4 held their weekly Class Council meeting where they discussed PE at Southwold. They shared their ideas about the importance of regular exercise and staying fit and considered which skills they had developed so far this year such as endurance and coordination.



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Reminders

PE Kits

Check the year group newsletter for PE days and ensure children have their PE kit with them.



Bikes

Please make sure bikes left at school have a lock.





Eco-Team

The Eco Team collated the results from The Big Plastic Count and submitted them online. It was found that UK households throw away 1.7 billion pieces of plastic a week. From that, only 17% is recycled and the rest ends up in places such as landfill. The results have now been submitted to MPs.



Bike Bus

Southwold's second Bike Bus took place on Wednesday and saw 12 pupils and 1 parent join. They cycled a green circular route, which included a section of the tranquil River Lea. Everyone enjoyed it and arrived at school invigorated!



Key Dates

SUMMER TERM 1 (2024)

Science & Technology Day
Wednesday 22nd May

Science Fayre
Wednesday 22nd May at 3:30pm

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.



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 24th May	<u>Eco-team</u> : How can I encourage my child to care for the environment?

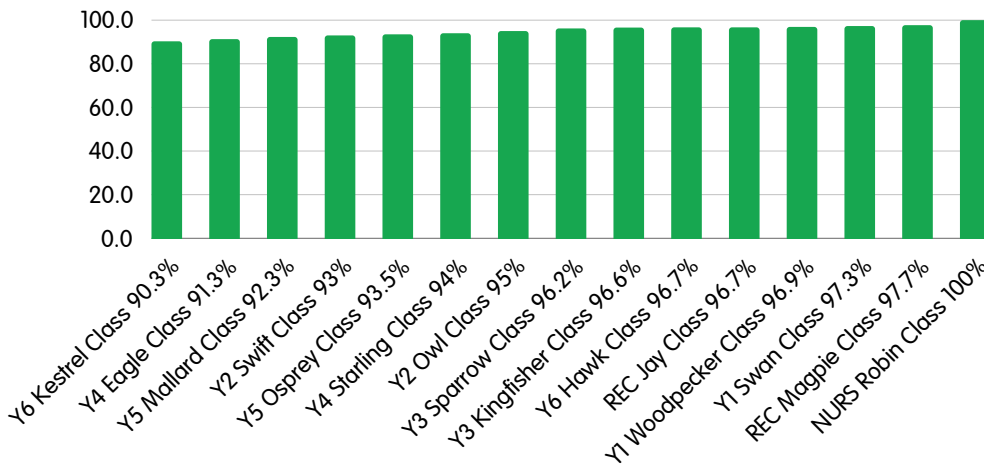
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 95%.

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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