



Southwold Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS

3rd May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we celebrated Families' Week and children learnt about the different family structures in our modern society. We celebrate Families' Week every year in order to create a sense of belonging and have an opportunity to hear everyone's story. The focus of the week was to show the children that as long as the family environment is a loving one it does not matter how it is structured. A huge thank you to our 'significant females' for joining classroom learning sessions.

Our Year 6 pupils will undertake their important Key Stage 2 tests starting on the 13th May. Parents of Year 6 children can help during this week by making sure that children get a good sleep and that they get to school in good time. We are offering all Year 6 children a breakfast so that they can meet with their friends and relax before the tests start. They have worked hard to be ready and this is an opportunity to show all that they have learned during their primary education. Good luck and do your best Year 6! In the week before half term we also take the opportunity to undertake termly assessments of all children in Years 1 to 5 in reading, writing and maths to see the progress that has been made and organise any additional support that might be needed. You will receive an update on this in the termly report that you receive at parents evening in July.

As the weather warms up children take off their jumpers and they sometimes get lost or left behind. Whilst we cannot take responsibility for lost uniform we will always do our best to remind children to pick up their jumpers and to help find lost items. To support us in this please make sure that all uniform is labelled with both a first name and surname. Our schools continue to look very smart and we very much want our children to feel a sense of pride. Please ensure that they are wearing the correct uniform including black shoes and by wearing trousers not jogging bottoms. We also expect children to bring a PE kit of a white t shirt and black shorts.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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Reading Books & Diaries

Please ensure reading books and diaries are brought to school daily.



Scooters & Bikes

Help us keep the entrance ways to our school clear by storing scooters securely in the racks provided.



Bear Hunt

This week in Literacy, Reception have been reading the book 'We're Going On A Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen. They were inspired to recreate the forest scenes and used natural materials to make models of the landscape.



Fractions

This week in Maths, Year 1 have been recognising quarters of objects and shapes. Building on their prior knowledge of halves, they had the opportunity to create a whole using quarters. The children have been able to recognise that for a shape to be split into quarters, all four parts need to be equal.



Gardening Workshop

Year 5 learned all about flowers and plants during this week's Gardening Workshop. They studied the process of pollination and learned the different parts of a flower by drawing diagrams and dissecting different types of flowers.





PGL

Year 5 have had a fun filled three days at PGL. Pupils enjoyed the great outdoors and sunshine with activities such as abseiling, water rafting and zip lining! They demonstrated excellent team building and problem solving skills. To unwind in the evening, they toasted marshmallows on a campfire and even enjoyed a disco!



Eco Team Litter Pick

Our Eco Team headed out into the local area on a litter pick. The children were surprised to find items such as plastic bowls and empty crisp packets that had been discarded on the street. Not only does litter look unsightly but did you know that it can take years to degrade, causing harm to wildlife and habitats?



Key Dates

SUMMER TERM 1 (2024)

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 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

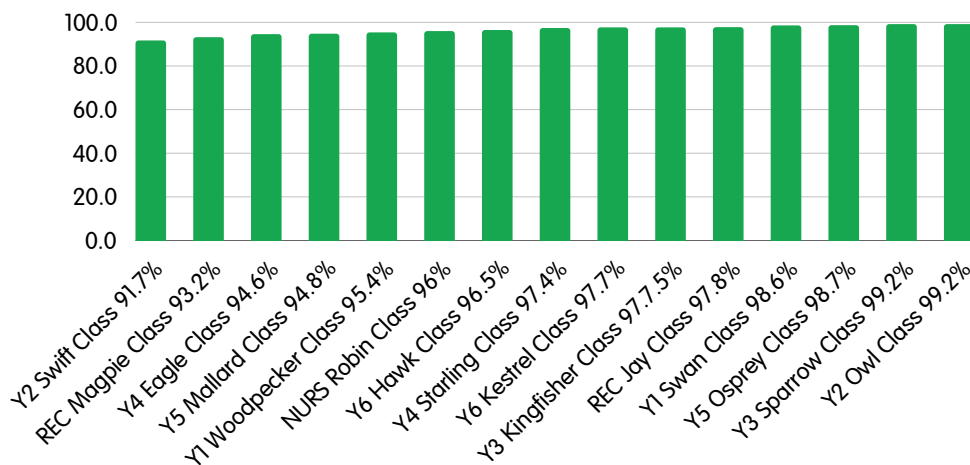
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 96.8%.

Well done to Year 2 Owl Class, last week's winner with 99.2%.

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.



Bike Bus

"I like the bike bus because you can ride with your friends to school."

Cycling Champion



School Uniform

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