



# Southwold Primary School

## HIGHLIGHTS

7th June 2024

### Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a lovely break, despite the unpredictable weather. We have many events and activities planned for the coming half term including celebration assemblies, sports day, and the Summer Fayre. We will keep you up to date with news and events through our fortnightly school newsletter, but please also do take a look at our school website which is regularly updated.

Many of you will have read about the continued challenges schools are facing in rising costs and the difficulties of a falling pupil roll in Hackney which affects our school budget. Whilst this makes a difficult job more challenging, as a partnership of three schools we are in a good position to pool resources and share expertise. We remain committed to an enriched and exciting curriculum, alongside making sure that every child succeeds and leaves us ready for secondary school.

The Year 6 secondary transition day will take place on Thursday 4th July this year and provides an opportunity to visit their new settings and meet their new teachers. We will also be undertaking a transition day at the end of the summer term for children in school to visit their new classrooms and meet their new teachers.

Our school Governors held their termly meeting this week. They have agreed the schools budgets and have been discussing standards at each school as well as risks related to national issues and evaluating the 5 year plan for the Federation. If you would like to find out more about our governors, you can visit our website to see their profiles and read the latest newsletter.

As the weather starts to warm up please remember our school uniform policy does not allow children to wear sandals to school. This is to protect their feet in busy playgrounds and whilst moving around the building. We ask all children to wear black school shoes.

Thank you for your on-going support.

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

### Experimenting

For Science Day, Reception experimented by mixing washing up liquid, food colouring and milk. The results were magical as the colouring created beautiful patterns and swirls. They also enjoyed testing different types of liquids and used a coloured chart to see if they were acids or alkaline by their colour change.



### Dinosaur Rocks

Year 1 investigated what would happen to dinosaur rocks when coloured vinegar is added. They carefully planned each step of their experiment to ensure it was a fair test. They moulded their own dinosaur rocks and added coloured vinegar and were amazed by the results!



### Astronomy

Year 5 enjoyed a workshop with Into University this week. They took part in a range of activities around astronomy and especially enjoyed creating their own space houses for different planets. They thought about what life as an astronaut and beyond our planet would be like.



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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 and Scooters

Please make sure bikes and scooters are stored safely and carefully in the designated areas



## Saving Water

Did you know that a dripping tap can waste up to 5,500 litres of water a year? This week our Eco-Team went on a water leak check around the school. They inspected pipes and taps and reported any possible leaks to the premises manager!



## Bike Bus

Southwold pupils enjoyed an invigorating ride around Hackney Marshes before school. Pupils and parents are welcome to join the bike bus which leaves school at 8:30am every Wednesday. Please enquire at the office for further details or to use the loan bike library.



## Key Dates

**Sports Day at Millfield's Park**  
Friday 28th June

**Hispanic Day**  
Tuesday 2nd July

**INSET Day**  
Friday 5th July

**Year 4 End of Year Celebration Assembly**  
Monday 8th July at 2:30pm

**Year 5 End of Year Celebration Assembly**  
Wednesday 10th July at 2:30pm

**Parents Evening**  
Thursday 11th July

**Year 1 End of Year Celebration Assembly**  
Friday 12th July at 2:30pm

**Year 6 Matilda Performance**  
Monday 15th July at 2pm

**Federation Festival of Music**  
Tuesday 16th July

**Year 2 End of Year Celebration Assembly**  
Thursday 18th July

**Summer Fayre**  
Friday 19th July

## 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 14th June	<u>Art</u> : What skills does my child learn in Art throughout primary school?
Friday 21st June	<u>Transitions</u> : How can I prepare my child for transition to a new class?
Friday 12th July	<u>Summer Holiday Activities</u> : What activities can we try in the holidays and what local places can we visit?
Date	EYFS Workshop
Thursday 20th June	<u>Transition to Year 1</u> : How can I prepare my child for Year 1?

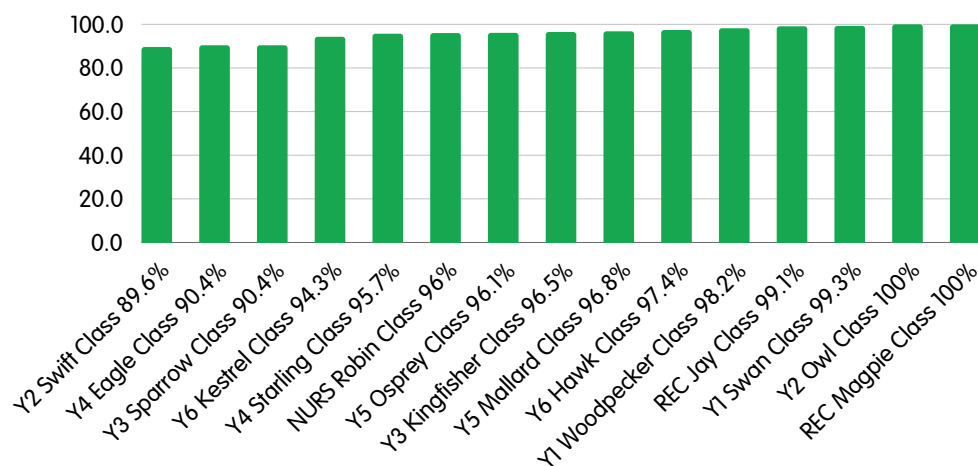
## Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 95.7%.

Well done to Reception Magpie Class and Year 2 Owl Class, last week's winners 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.



## Term End and Start

The second half of the summer term ends on Wednesday 24th July 2024 at 2pm.

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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