



### Dear Parents and Carers,

Since we returned to school in January, there have been some fabulous trips and events taking place. These have included Year 3 exploring the Maud Milton street mosaics in Walthamstow Village, inspiring them to create their own artwork, and EYFS enjoying a transport-filled trip, spotting various vehicles and capturing moments on the Weaver Line train with an iPad! Most of all, we have enjoyed inviting our parents/carers into the school to talk about their careers during 'Work and Enterprise Week', as well as those who have attended our interactive coffee mornings and class assemblies. We would like to thank you for your continued support. Please have a look at the published parent dates or the school website to stay up-to-date with everything that has been happening in school and all that we have planned for our pupils.

You will often hear our staff saying that 'reading is the gateway to all learning'. We aim to change home reading books at least once a week (more often for younger children), and returning home readers to school will help us to do this. We make sure that children have a wide selection of books to choose from but the breadth of books available reduces when these are left at home. Please could you check for any school home reading books that may have slipped behind the sofa or under the bed, pop them in your child's book bag or give them directly to any member of staff during morning drop off.

Children are expected to know all of their multiplication tables by the end of Year 4 and they will benefit hugely from any help that you can give from home. We have given all children in Years 3 to 6 a password to access an online programme to help them learn their times tables called Times Table Rock Stars. Please encourage them to use this, as well as practise with you when you see the opportunity.

It just leaves us to wish you a wonderful half term break. We look forward to seeing the children returning with their holiday homework projects in just over a week. Please remember that school will reopen at the usual time of 8.55am on Monday 24th February.

Many thanks for all of your support.

**Ms Ruth Grover - Headteacher | Mr Stephen O'Brien - Executive Headteacher**

#### In this issue:

- Headteacher's Letter
- Reminders
- Spotting Transport
- Library Visit
- Safer Internet Day
- Art Ambassadors
- Eco Team Bird Watch
- Attendance
- Key Dates
- Term End and Start
- School Uniform Ordering

### Reminders

#### Reading

Reading for 15 minutes each day supports fluency, comprehension and vocabulary development. Making this part of a daily routine at home also ensures children develop a love of reading!



#### Punctuality

School starts at 8.55am and we expect all children to be on time in order that learning time is not lost.



### Spotting Buses

This week, children in EYFS have been learning all about different forms of transport. They enjoyed a long walk where they spotted a variety of vehicles such as cars, trains, buses and vans. They finished their trip by hopping on the speedy Weaver Line and enjoyed taking photos of the view.



### Library Visit

Children in KS1 have been thoroughly enjoying weekly visits to the local library in Clapton this term. This week, Year 2 had the opportunity to explore the large selection of books available and borrow from the diverse catalogue. After browsing, they gathered together for a story time session!



### Safer Internet Day

This week, children celebrated Safer Internet Day. Year 5 were engaged in a workshop all about how to stay safe online. They looked at the possible dangers they could be exposed to and the solutions. They concluded that any personal information should not be shared online and discussed who their trusted adults at home and school were!





## Art Ambassadors

Southwold Art Ambassadors have been learning about the works and stories of diverse artists like Frida Kahlo, Pablo Picasso, and Yayoi Kusama during their meeting. They have been exploring these artists' unique styles, histories, and impacts on the art world, sharing their insights to inspire others.



## Eco Team Bird Watch

This week, the Eco Team enjoyed a birdwatch as part of the RSPB's Big Schools' Birdwatch. They were very interested to see how this would help the charity track the UK's bird population. They spotted gulls, magpies, pigeons, a great tit and even a few parakeets!



## 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.

Date	Focus
Friday 28th February	<u>Whole School Values</u> : How are values, including British Values, incorporated into our curriculum?
Friday 14th March	<u>Music</u> : What does the music curriculum look like at Southwold? (Children can attend this coffee morning)
Friday 4th April	<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)
Date	EYFS Workshop
Thursday 18th March	<u>Speech and Language</u> : Make your own sock puppet parent workshop (Children can attend this parent workshop)

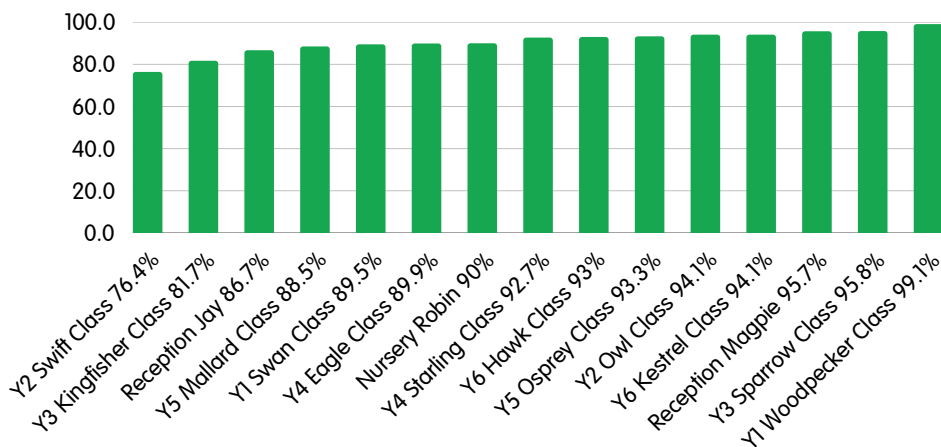
## Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 90.2%.

Well done to Year 1 Woodpecker Class, last week's winners with 99.1%.

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.



## Key Dates

### World Book Day

Thursday 6th March

### Kestrel Class Assembly

Wednesday 12th March at 9:05am - Middle Hall

### Hawk Class Assembly

Wednesday 12th March at 9:05am - Top Hall

### Osprey Class Assembly

Wednesday 19th March at 9:05am - Middle Hall

### Mallard Class Assembly

Wednesday 19th March at 9:05am - Top Hall

### Cross Site Times Table Competition

Tuesday 20th March

### Eagle Class Assembly

Wednesday 26th March at 9:05am - Middle Hall

### Starling Class Assembly

Wednesday 26th March at 9:05am - Top Hall

### Parents Evening

Thursday 27th March - School closes at 1pm

### Lower School Parent Reading Celebration Event

Friday 28th March at 9:15am - Middle Hall

## Term End and Start

The second half of the spring term starts on Monday 24th February 2025 at 8:55am. Please scan the QR code to view our 2024


-2025 term dates.




## School Uniform

Please scan the QR code to order school uniform.



 Southwold Primary School  
Detmold Road  
London  
E5 9NL

 020 8806 5201

 @SchoolSouthwold

 @SouthwoldSchool

 [www.southwold.hackney.sch.uk](http://www.southwold.hackney.sch.uk)

