



Dear Parents and Carers,

Making sure that everybody is safe is always a very high priority in our schools. We have regular lesson themes on safety including keeping safe online, being safe in the community, water safety and road safety. Please help us by making sure that you show your children how to cross the road safely by using the crossings and showing them how to stop and check both ways for traffic before and whilst crossing. This way you can be more confident that they will do the same when you are not with them.

When children are using the internet, either through phones, games or on a computer or tablet please make sure that you monitor and observe that this is being done safely. Whilst the internet is a wonderful resource it also holds risks to children. There are some very useful resources for parents about how to protect children from online dangers at www.thinkuknow.co.uk.

A daily healthy lunch will make sure that children can get all the vitamins and energy they need to learn without getting tired in the afternoon. If your child brings a packed lunch please make sure that they have a good balance of fruit and vegetables as well as protein such as meat or cheese. We do not allow children to have crisps, chocolate bars or fizzy drinks for their lunch as part of our healthy schools' ambition to teach children the importance of a healthy diet. Carrot sticks, raisins and yoghurts are all good alternatives. Children can also bring a healthy snack for morning break to keep them going.

By now you will have received an invitation to make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher at parents' evening on Thursday 27th March. You can choose appointment slots either using our online system or by calling the school office. We ask that all parents make a commitment to come in so that they can see their child's workbooks and share with them how important learning is. We hope that your child's termly report and termly targets will be useful to you in knowing how you can further support them from home.

Many thanks for all your support.

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

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Reminders

Punctuality

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



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!



Pancake Day

As part of our learning about Shrove Tuesday, the children had the opportunity to taste a pancake. The children then wrote about what it tasted like, using one of our tricky words 'was'. We hope everyone had a great pancake day!



Measuring

This week in Maths, Year 1 have been learning about measuring. They were measuring a range of items in the classroom using a ruler in centimetres. They had to ensure that they were measuring accurately to get the correct measurements.



Into University

Year 5 started their first workshop at Into University this week. We looked at all the different pathways we could take in the future, what societies we may be interested in joining based on our hobbies and where we would choose to live whilst at University. We look forward to going back in summer for our University 'FOCUS' day.





Music Coffee Morning

This week, parents and children enjoyed a fun filled coffee morning with our Music lead, Ms Davison who shared the school's music curriculum and all that is on offer, such as per lessons! Everyone then had a go at composing their own songs and arrangements using the Garage Band app!



World Book Day

Last week, children at Southwold enjoyed a range of activities in celebration of World Book Day, including peer reading across year groups! Staff and children dressed up as their favourite book characters and it was a wonderful opportunity for them all to share conversation about stories and the importance of reading!



Key Dates

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

Easter Bonnet Parade

Thursday 3rd April

EYFS Design and Technology Day

Tuesday 1st April at 8:55am

Year 1 and Year 2 Design and Technology Day

Tuesday 1st April at 2:00pm

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Design and Technology Day

Wednesday 2nd April at 2:00pm

Children break up for the Easter holidays

Friday 4th April - School closes at 1:00pm

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 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)

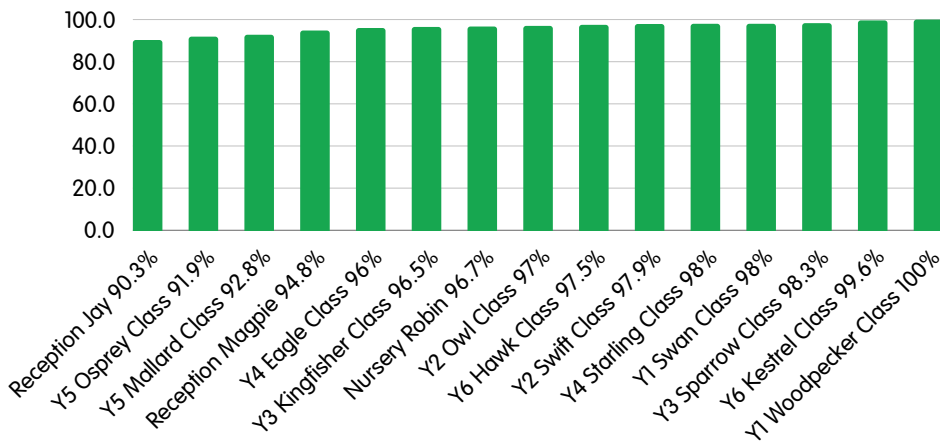
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 96.4%.

Well done to Year 1 Woodpecker 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 spring term ends on Friday 4th April 2025 at 1:00pm. [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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