



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have been celebrating the wonderful world of books. A range of different activities have taken place as part of our World Book Day including peer reading and teacher take-over where teachers shared their favourite childhood tale. Children and staff dressed up as their favourite book characters and assemblies were held to celebrate the many familiar book characters and to make links between books and authors. A big thank you to staff and parents for making this a special day for children. Learning to read and enjoy books is an essential part of being a great learner and we make it our mission to make sure that every child is a confident and fluent reader by the time they leave us to start secondary school. Please help us with this by making sure that children read the books that they borrow from school every day and fill in details of what they have read in their home school diaries.

Whole school values serve as a compass for decision making and social interactions within the school. They are shared beliefs and ideals that promote a positive and inclusive learning environment. This year we relaunched our six whole schools values which are: Equality, Pride, Resilience, Independence, Honesty and Ambition. Please help us by asking your child what each value means and how they can demonstrate them whilst they are at school.

As well as school values, we also create a sense of belonging through having a school uniform. Our green uniforms act as a symbol of pride and togetherness. We hope that having a uniform also makes it easier for parents in the morning when getting ready for school. To be fair to everyone we insist that all pupils wear our uniform every day and we have tried to keep the costs as low as possible to make sure that it is not a financial burden to families. Please remember that we expect all children to wear black school shoes, not boots or sandals and we do not allow jewellery to be worn for safety reasons. Children also need a designated PE kit which should be brought in on PE days.

On Thursday 27th March, we will be holding our Spring Term Parents Evening, when you will have the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher, look at workbooks and discuss the termly report. You should have received a separate letter inviting you to this, however if you have missed this please contact our admin team who will book an appointment time for you. Please note that pupils will finish at 1:00pm on this day.

Many thanks for all your support.

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

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Reminders

School Shoes

Smart black shoes for school please.



Bikes and Scooters

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



Three Little Pigs

This week, children in Reception have been having a fantastic time building houses in their new role play area, the Three Little Pigs Building Site. They have been using blocks, sticks and straw and working as a team to create their own little houses!



Exploring Plants

This week in Science, Year 1 have been learning all about plants! They explored different types of plants such as seeds, flowers, and vegetables. They also discussed what they learned last year in Reception. Children named plant parts, talked about how plants help humans and shared their experiences with gardening.



Magnets

This week, Year 3 children have been exploring magnets. They discovered what materials magnets attract, as well as what materials they repel. They also looked at how magnetic different metals are. For example, did you know that iron is more magnetic than copper?





ABQM Meeting

This week, pupil voice representatives from digital leaders, schools council and peer mediators met together at Southwold for their termly ABQM meeting. It was a fantastic opportunity to share ideas and decide on next steps across our three schools!



Viridis Velo Team

Pupils from Southwold had a successful afternoon as part of the Viridis Velo cycling team at the race day at Mabley Green. The children competed against schools from across Hackney and demonstrated excellent ambition and resilience to achieve a number of first and second places in the events. Well done to all those who represented Southwold!



Key Dates

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

EYFS Design and Technology Day

Tuesday 1st April at 8:55am

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 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)

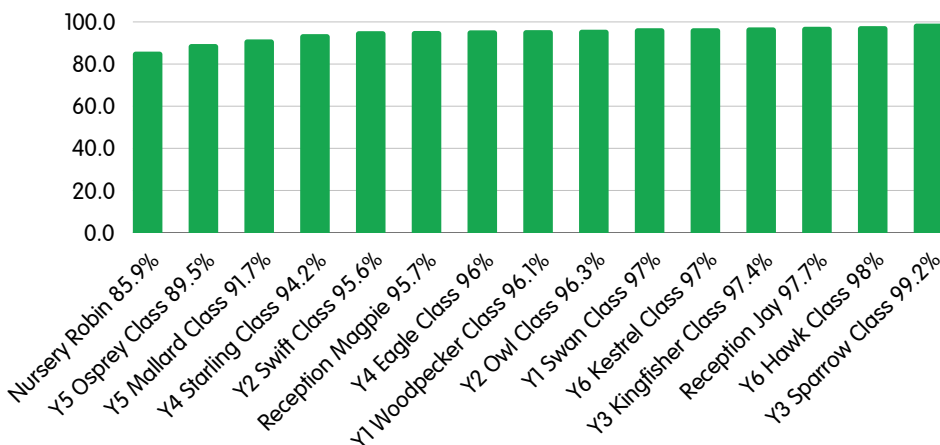
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 95.2%.

Well done to Year 3 Sparrow Class, last week's winners 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.



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

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