

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is also most definitely gardening season again and children have been busy planting and sowing in our fantastic school garden. Teaching gardening in school offers numerous benefits for our pupils, encompassing academic, social, and emotional growth, as well as a deeper understanding of nature and sustainability. It fosters a connection with nature, provides hands-on learning experiences, promotes healthy lifestyles, and can even improve academic performance. We look forward to our traditional home-grown vegetable and salad sales happening over the summer term.

As well as eating healthily, it is also very important that children are well rested for school each day and ready for a day of learning. Make sure that they go to bed early enough to have a good night's sleep and that they don't have the temptation of televisions, tablets, phones or games consoles to keep them awake at night. Seemingly innocuous games can present risks if not monitored and children can be put at risk through contact made as a result of online gaming. We teach children the risks of being online but it is important that you monitor your children's use of the internet and how they are connecting with the outside world to make sure that they are safe. Netware is a parents' guide to the social networks children and young people use. Stay up to date and keep your child safe in today's digital world by visiting www.saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers and keep a close eye on your child's online activities.

Making sure our school sites are safe and secure is a constant priority for us. The end of the school day is a very busy time when the school gates are necessarily open. Although we have members of the senior team stationed at exits, please could all parents ensure that they collect their children from the line in the playground and not before, letting the adults know that they have been collected. We have also recently reviewed our emergency management policy, so that we are prepared in case of a major incident outside of the school which means that we have to keep exits closed. In this exceptional situation we would send all parents a text to inform them that the school has entered a 'lock down' and no one will be permitted to enter or leave the building. In the highly unusual situation, please be assured that the intention is to ensure that everyone remains safe.

Last of all, we have experienced some warm weather over the past two weeks, and it is only set to get hotter. It is really important that children are taught to keep safe in the sun. Please help us by ensuring that your child brings a bottle of water and sun hat with them to school. Please also ensure that they have sun cream on before they come to school, but they can also bring a bottle of sun cream to keep in their bag and reapply if needed when in school. Thank you for your help with this.

Many thanks for all your support.

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Reminders

School Shoes

Smart shoes for school please.
We expect children to wear comfortable black school shoes.
No boots or trainers please!



Scooters and Bikes

Please park scooters and bikes in the allocated parking areas taking care to store them safely and securely.



Life Cycles

This week, Robin class were busy learning about different life cycles for their topic "New Life". They focused on how plants grow and a group of children went up to the garden to investigate the different plants growing there. They had a lovely time learning about all the plants and flowers!



Museum of the Home

Year 1 enjoyed their trip to the Museum of the Home. They enjoyed looking at all the different homes and how they have changed from the past until now and even explored a home from the future. Their favourite part of the day was having a picnic in the garden.



Spanish Through Film

Children in Year 6 headed to the BFI in Southbank for an exciting workshop all about learning Spanish through short films! Joined by other schools from across London, the children immersed themselves in fun, interactive activities focused on vocabulary, grammar and speaking.



Speed Watch

This week, the JRSO's joined the Met police to measure vehicle speeds in Hackney. They had the opportunity to work side by side with their local police team where they used speed detection equipment to monitor vehicles in their communities. They understood the importance of educating drivers about speeding.



Significant Female Day

This week, children at Southwold were delighted to welcome a wide range of significant females and others from the community to come into their classrooms and take part in activities with them. Thank you to all who took part!



Key Dates

Kingfisher Class Assembly

Wednesday 21st May at 9:05am - Middle Hall

Sparrow Class Assembly

Wednesday 21st May at 9:05am - Top Hall

FOS present: Southwold's Got Talent

Wednesday 21st May

Science & Technology Day

Thursday 22nd May

Half Term Finish Date

Friday 23rd May at 3:30pm

Children's Start Date

Monday 2nd June at 8:55am

Keeping Healthy Week

wb Monday 23rd June

Sports Day

Friday 27th June

Parents Evening

Thursday 10th July - School closes at 1:00pm

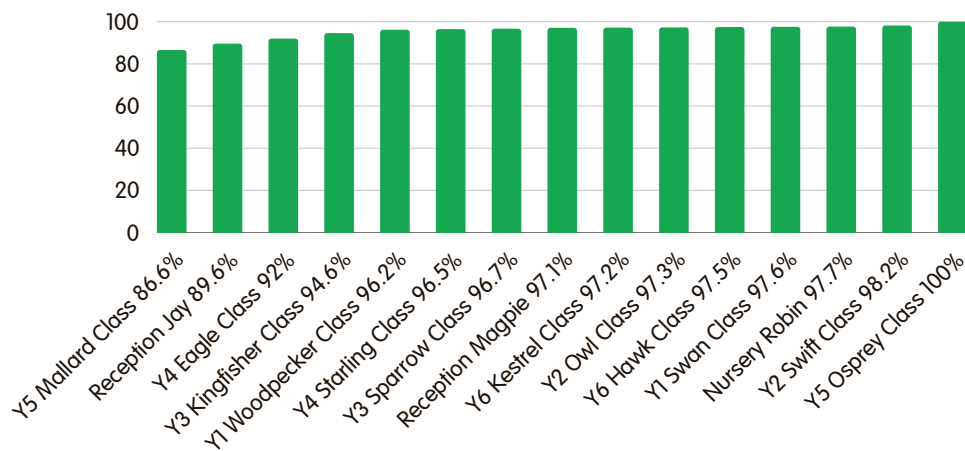
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 95.4%.

Well done to Year 5 Osprey 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 first half of the summer term ends on Friday 23rd May 2025 at 3:30pm. 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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