



# Southwold Primary School

## HIGHLIGHTS

2nd May 2025

### Dear Parents and Carers,

The Summer Term is very busy again this year with celebration assemblies, Year 6 leavers assemblies, secondary school transition days, instrumental concerts, Families Week and Keeping Healthy Week. We look forward to sharing the news with you through this newsletter. We also update our website regularly with news and dates as well as post to our social media channels.

Last week classes across the school celebrated the holiday homework projects which were completed in preparation for the new topics this half term. As part of our teaching pedagogy we regularly revisit prior learning in order to help children make connections and to know more and remember more over time, this includes reviewing the research children have done outside of school as well as revisiting learning covered in previous school years. Thankyou for the time and support given to your child in undertaking the homework set! In recognition of their efforts, all children who completed a holiday homework project will have received a certificate.

Pupil voice is a key feature of our school and, as you have seen from previous newsletters, we think it is very important that children are given a platform to know how to raise their issues and to have a say in how key aspects of our curriculum and enrichment plans are developed. Our pupil teams continue to meet across our three school sites (and three Hackney post codes) including our School Councillors, Peer Mediators and Eco Team, working together on shared agendas. Our recent cross-site timestable event was supported by our school councils and timestable ambassadors who were keen to raise the profile of competition. A huge well done to Hoxton Garden, who won the event!

As a school, we are very committed to ensuring that children are in school and receiving their full entitlement to education. We are also very committed to working with families to remove any potential barriers to children being in school. We want to say a big thank you to each family who are supporting our drive of taking attendance to 97% and above by ensuring that children attend school every day on time.

Many thanks for all your support.

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

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### Reminders

#### Reading

Reading for 15 minutes each day helps improve reading fluency, vocabulary and concentration!



#### Punctuality

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



### Oliver's Vegetables

Children in Reception have been reading Oliver's Vegetables this week. Like Oliver's grandpa in the story, the children have been writing about what vegetables they would like to grow. They worked together to plant some potatoes. Over the next weeks, they will look after our potatoes and hope that they will grow.



### Percussion

Children in Year 1 have been learning how to change the dynamics of a sound to represent a character in a story or poem that is set under the sea. Using percussion instruments, they have composed music based on the poems Commotion in the Ocean and I'm the Biggest Thing in the Ocean.



### Problem Solving

Year 3 have been strengthening their problem solving skills this week by exploring addition and subtraction. They used inverse operations to check their answers and then showed creativity by writing their own word problems to challenge their classmates.



## PGL

This week, pupils in Year 5 have been enjoying a busy three days at PGL! They have taken part in a variety of activities from zip wiring, raft building and even a disco to celebrate their last night. It has been a wonderful opportunity for children to work on team building, problem solving and to enjoy the sunshine!



## After School Club

Children at our After School Club set up their own school this week. It was complete with a carefully organised and resourced classroom, planned tasks for children and learning intentions for the lessons! It was wonderful to see children from across the school enjoy imaginative play together.



## Key Dates

**Bank Holiday Monday**  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May

**Families Week**  
wb Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May

**Bring A Significant Female Morning**  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 8:55am

**Grandparent Afternoon Tea (1)**  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 2:15pm (booking required)

**Grandparent Afternoon Tea (2)**  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 2:15pm (booking required)

**VE Day 80**  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May (Children can wear red, white and blue)

**Class Photos**  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May

**Year 6 SATs Week**  
wb Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May

**Kingfisher Class Assembly**  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 9:05am - Middle Hall

**Sparrow Class Assembly**  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 9:05am - Top Hall

**FOS present: Southwold's Got Talent**  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May

## 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 16 <sup>th</sup> May	<u>Science</u> : What exciting and simple experiments can I try with my child at home? (Children can attend this coffee morning)

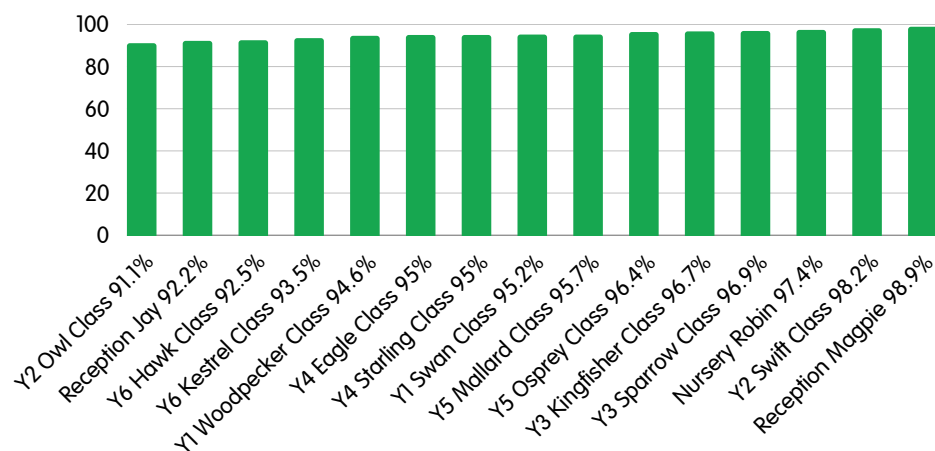
## Attendance

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

Well done to Reception Magpie Class, last week's winners with 98.9%.

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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