

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Whilst Friday 13<sup>th</sup> might be considered unlucky for some, this Executive Headteacher Update could not be more filled with joy!

Obviously, I'm going to start with the news of the outcome from the recent Ofsted inspection of Southwold... I am delighted to share with you that Southwold continues to be an 'Outstanding' School. I want to say a huge congratulations to Ms Grover and her team for maintaining the exceptional grade. You can read the full report on the Ofsted website, but below are some key messages from the report:

'Pupils thrive at this welcoming school. Pupils work hard and take pride in their learning.'

'Pupils' behaviour across the school is impeccable.'

'The school has high academic ambition for all pupils. Pupils are rightly proud to reach the school's high expectations.'

'Pupils with SEND achieve highly.'

'The personal, social and health education curriculum is exemplary.'

'Leaders and governors are extremely ambitious for the school.'

Hoxton Garden School have also had some excellent news, with their reaccreditation of the 'Inclusion Quality Mark Flagship' status. The report from the visit stated that 'Hoxton Garden Primary has made exceptional progress with its original Flagship Project goals. The school continues to move from strength to strength in terms of its superb inclusive practice.' The report is an excellent reflection of the fully inclusive practice taking place at the school.

The 'Wellbeing Award for Schools' is an accreditation which validates and celebrates the steps taken by schools towards improving the mental health and wellbeing of pupils and staff. The assessor who recently visited Orchard School wrote 'I am delighted to recommend that Orchard Primary School receive the Wellbeing Award for Schools for a period of three years.' This award recognises the hard work of leaders over the past three years to make the school the happy and thriving place that it is.

As always, I look forward to seeing you all on the different school gates in the coming weeks.

Kind regards,

**Mr Stephen O'Brien - Executive Headteacher**



### Keeping Healthy Week

wb Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

### Parents Evening

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July - School closes at 1:00pm

### End of Term Finish Date

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July - School closes at 1:00pm

### Children's Start Date

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

### Meet The Teacher

Monday 8<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September

### Bring A Significant Male to School Day

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September

### World Week & Democracy Day

wb Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October

### School Closes for Half Term

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 3:30pm

### Children's Start Date

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

### Parents Evening

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December - School closes at 1pm

### End of Term Finish Date

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 1:00pm

### INSET Day

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January

### Children's Start Date

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January

## Orchard

This week, children in EYFS have been creating colourful fish collages as their book of the week is 'The Rainbow Fish', a heartwarming story teaching children how sharing can bring happiness to yourself and others.



## Southwold

This term, children in Year 3 have had the opportunity to learn cricket in their PE lessons from specialist coaches. This week, they have been developing both their teamwork and ball control skills and ended the session by having a friendly practice game!



## Hoxton Garden

Year 6 have worked on their paddle skills this week at Laburnum Boat Club. They have learned how to stop, turn left and right and travel backwards in the water using their paddles. All children are building their skills to take a long trek down the canal in the final week.

