



Southwold Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS

18th July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy half term it has been! Our Federation Music Festival, DT Days, Sports Day and Hispanic Day were very successful, thank you for your support, particularly the many parents and family members who came to enjoy sports day with us. As you will be aware, school closes to pupils on Friday 18th July at 1:00pm with the Autumn Term starting on Wednesday 3rd September at 8:55am.

We hope that you found your child's end of term report useful and enjoyed looking at the learning in their books during the recent parent consultation evening. Our pupils have so much to be proud of. Children continue to achieve very well in our schools and this is down to the hard work of children in classrooms, their teachers and of course yourselves in supporting and encouraging children on their learning journey. You will have seen in the Executive Headteacher Update last week, that our Year 6 pupils have done particularly well, once again exceeding national averages across all areas.

We will be setting holiday homework tasks to support learning during the long summer break so that children come back ready for a new academic year. Please support us by making sure, that as well as relaxing, seeing friends and enjoying themselves, children also read regularly and complete the tasks that are set. By doing so, this enables children to have a smooth transition to their new year group and the new learning.

As always, there will be some staff leaving us at the end of term, this was communicated in the 'Movers & Leavers' letter earlier this week. This July, we have just eight members of teaching staff leaving across the three schools; this represents a teacher retention rate within the federation of over 90%. We are pleased for the children that there will be so many familiar faces to welcome them back in September.

Enjoy the long summer break and we look forward to seeing children return on Wednesday 3rd September at 8:55am.

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School Open and Closure

School closes to all pupils at 1pm on Friday 18th July. The new term starts on Wednesday 3rd September at 8:55am for Years 1 - 6. Nursery and Reception children will receive individual letters identifying a staggered start date for the new term.



Healthy Living Week

Reception had a great time during Healthy Living Week. They learned about healthy foods and why it's important to eat the correct food. They also took part in a ballet workshop and they finished the week with a wonderful sports day!



Gardening Workshop

Year 1 had a gardening workshop where they learned about different mini beasts. They then went on a hunt to see which different mini beasts they could find. They found snails, woodlice, worms and some other creatures!



London College of Fashion

Year 6 enjoyed a visit to the London College of Fashion, where they were introduced to different elements of design. They then took part in a activity, designing climate change themed carnival outfits! It was great to see them confidently presenting their ideas.



Outstanding

Southwold is Outstanding! Thank you to all of our families for their support, kindness and congratulations following our recent OFSTED inspection. We are incredibly proud of our school and the Southwold community.



Eco Team

The Eco Team took part in a cross site meeting with our federation schools this week. As part of the meeting we shared ideas and what we have been working on. Southwold Eco Team were very inspired by Hoxton's new pond.



Term End and Start

The first half of the autumn term starts on Wednesday 3rd September at 8:55am. Please scan the QR code to view our 2025-2026 term dates.



School Uniform

Please scan the QR code to order school uniform.



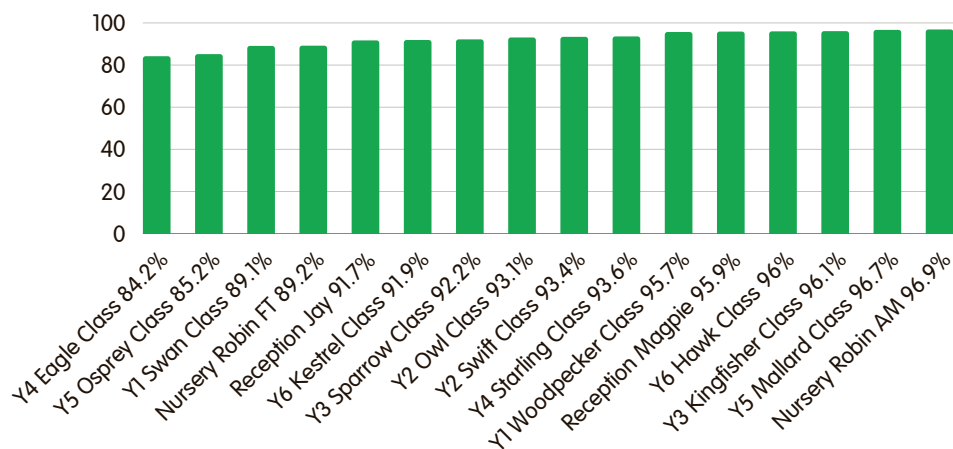
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 92.5%.

Well done to Nursery Robin AM, last week's winners with 96.9%.

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.



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