

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for coming to meet with your child's class teacher this week. It is so important that children get to share their learning with you. If you were unable to attend and have not managed to meet the class teacher since then, please contact the school office so that they can make a new appointment for you. We hope also that the new 'report card' which was sent home was helpful in knowing how best to support your child at home. Don't forget that we run a number of themed drop-in sessions for parents to support knowledge of learning in school. Events planned for the Spring Term will be found on the 'Parent Dates' document which will go out at the end of term.

Thank you to all parents and carers who have attended end of term events including the Sing-Alongs and the Winter Fayre. Events like this wouldn't be possible without our fantastic school community, so thank you for helping to make them such a success. Whilst on the subject of parent events, we would like to remind families that schools, are bound by a legal and professional duty to remain politically impartial. We respectfully request that parents remain sensitive to others in our community who may hold different views, and support us in promoting harmony, mutual respect, and inclusion for all members of our school community.

Our three-school choir has performed at various events including a Hackney wide celebration at the Town Hall. We are very proud of the commitment to music in our school and the many talented musicians we have. A huge thank you to our music teachers, Ms Davison and Ms Isik for their preparation and hard work. Instrumental lessons start again in the Spring Term and if you would like your child to gain from the many benefits of learning a musical instrument, please ask at our reception desk for an application form. Some lessons have a waiting list but learning an instrument not only brings a lot of pleasure, but it also helps develop concentration, listening skills, patience, social skills and memory. We subsidise all lessons with an even cheaper rate for those eligible for Pupil Premium Funding and loan instruments to allow practise at home.

Children will be starting new topics in the Spring Term and we will be sending home homework packs and activities to help preparation. We have seen some fantastic research and creative homework projects made in previous holidays and hope that some time can be made during this holiday also.

Thank you for your support this term, we wish you a happy and safe holiday and look forward to seeing you in the new year. Children return to school for the Spring Term on Tuesday 6th January 2026 at 8.55am.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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

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Reminders

End of Term

Term finishes on Friday
19th December at 1.00pm.
School re-opens for all
children on Tuesday 6th
January at 8.55am.



Nativity

EYFS put on a wonderful performance of Shine Star Shine this week. We were very proud of how the children remembered their lines and showed off their best singing voices.



Exploring Herbs

Year 2 took part in a gardening workshop all about herbs. The children loved exploring a range of plants, using their senses to touch, smell and even taste different herbs. They also had great fun making their own lavender pouches to take home!



Museum of the Home

This week, Year 5 visited the Museum of the Home as part of their History topic. They were able to look at how televisions and computers have changed and they were even able to play on a vintage Nintendo!



Skipping Workshop

We had a fantastic day when Miquita Oliver and the Ropes team visited Southwold. Miquita shared her passion for skipping and its benefits and all children took part in a workshop. The Sports Captains interviewed Miquita to find out her future plans for her brand and how she is turning her hobby into a business.



Winter Fayre

Thank you to our Friends of Southwold for a successful Winter Fayre. It was a wonderful opportunity for so many of our families to join together and enjoy the festivities. We raised a huge £2222 which will go directly to supporting our pupils at Southwold. Thank you to all our families who donated and contributed.



Key Dates

Year 6 Seasonal 'Sing-Along'
Monday 15th December at 2:45pm

KS2 Pantomime at Hackney Empire
Tuesday 16th December (tickets only)

Year 1 Seasonal 'Sing-Along'
Wednesday 17th December at

Children break up for the Christmas Holidays
Friday 19th December at 1:00pm

Term End and Start

The second half of the autumn term ends on Friday 19th December at 1:00pm.
Please scan the QR code to view our 2025 -2026 term dates.



School Uniform

Please scan the QR code to order school uniform.



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. Please see the dates below.

Date	Focus
Friday 19 th December	<u>Christmas Activities</u> : What activities can we try in the holidays and what local places can we visit? (Children can attend this coffee morning)

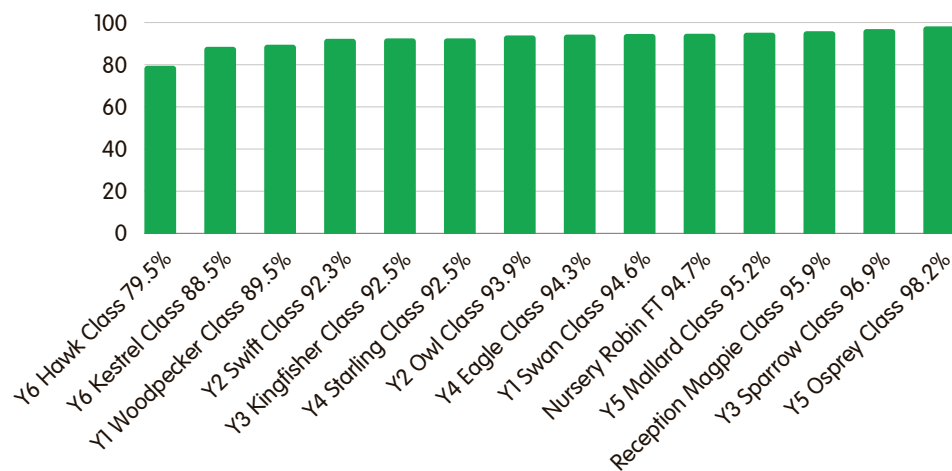
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 92.6%.

Well done to Year 5 Osprey Class, last week's winners with 98.2%.

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.



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