



### Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we have been celebrating the wonderful world of books! A variety of activities took place as part of our World Book Day celebrations, including peer reading sessions and the Book Dash, where teachers shared their favourite childhood stories. Children and staff dressed up as their favourite book characters and assemblies highlighted familiar characters while exploring connections between books and their authors. A big thank you to all staff and parents for helping make this a special day for the children. Learning to read and enjoying books is a vital part of becoming a great learner and we are committed to ensuring that every child leaves us as a confident and fluent reader ready for secondary school. You can support this by encouraging your child to read the books they borrow from school each day and by recording what they have read in their home school diaries.

As well as our six school values, we also create a sense of belonging through having a school uniform. Our green uniforms act as a symbol of pride and togetherness. We hope that having a uniform also makes it easier for parents in the morning when getting ready for school. To be fair to everyone we insist that all pupils wear our uniform every day and we have tried to keep the costs as low as possible to make sure that it is not a financial burden to families. Please remember that all children are expected to wear full school uniform each day. Leggings and sportswear, including jogging bottoms and tracksuit bottoms, are not permitted as part of the school uniform. Children also need a designated PE kit which should be brought in on PE days. Next Thursday 12th March, we will be holding our Spring Term Parents Evening, when you will have the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher, look at workbooks and discuss the termly report card. You should have received a separate letter inviting you to this, however if you have missed this, please contact our admin team who will book an appointment time for you. Please note that pupils will finish at 1:00pm on this day.

We would also like to thank all families who completed the annual parent survey last term. We received over 650 responses across our family of three schools and we are very grateful for the time you took to share your views. The outcomes from the survey can be found on our school website.

Many thanks for all your support.

**Ms Ruth Grover - Headteacher**

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### Reminders

#### Reading

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



#### School Shoes

Smart black shoes for school please. School uniform items can be purchased from Mapac. To order, please scan the QR code on the next page or visit our school website for the link.



### St David's Day

Nursery had a wonderful time learning about St David's Day. The children enjoyed discovering why this day is celebrated and they spoke about the importance of the daffodil as a symbol. Then, they created beautiful daffodil art using a fork for their display!



### Gardening Workshop

Year 2 enjoyed their gardening workshop in the sunshine this week. They explored different fruits and then investigated the size and shape of the seeds before planting their own. Finally, they watered their seeds and the other plants in the garden!



### Earthquakes

This week Year 3 have been exploring an exciting new topic on earthquakes. They learned why they happen and discovered that approximately 80% of the world's earthquakes occur along the Ring of Fire!





## World Book Day

This week we celebrated world book day at Southwold. Children came dressed up as their favourite characters and welcomed parents into school. They also enjoyed a peer reading session and had a book dash where teachers swapped classes and spent time reading!



## Times Table Ambassadors

This week, our Times Table Ambassadors met to share what has been going well during the pupil-led interventions across the school. The ambassadors spoke about the impact of short, engaging activities such as Times Table Splat and Colour the Wheel, which have been supporting pupils!



## Key Dates

**Cross Site Times Table Competition**  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March - KS2 Pupils only

**Year 3 Kingfisher Class Assembly**  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 9:05am - Middle Hall

**Year 3 Sparrow Class Assembly**  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 9:05am - Top Hall

**Parents Evening**  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March - School closes at 1:00pm

**Parents into Learning (DT Focus)**  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 9:05am

**Southwold's Got Talent**  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Ticketed event

**Easter Bonnet Parade**  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March

**Parent Reading Celebration Event**  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 9:15am - Middle Hall

**Children break up for the Easter Holidays**  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March - School closes at 1:00pm

## 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 20 <sup>th</sup> March	<u>Music</u> : How do we develop children's music skills from reception to year 6? (Children can attend this coffee morning)

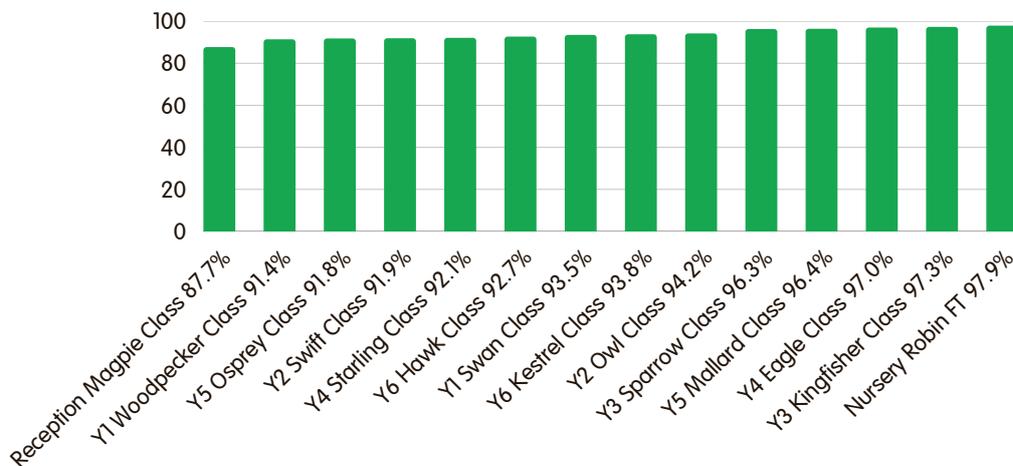
## Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 93.8%.

Well done to Nursery Robin FT Class, last week's winners with 97.9%.

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 second half of the spring term ends on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 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.



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