



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that everyone had a wonderful extended Easter holiday break.

This 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 Facebook page.

This 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. Thank you 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 Timestables Ambassadors who were keen to raise the profile of competition. A huge well done to Southwold, 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

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Reminders

School Start Time

School starts at 8.55am. Please ensure children arrive on time to line up and enter the school with their class teacher when the bell goes.



PE Kit

Please ensure children have the correct PE kit to take part in physical activity learning.



Farmer's Market

Children in EYFS have been having a wonderful time in their newly transformed role play area, now set up as a farmers' market. They have loved taking on new roles with great enthusiasm. The experience has inspired lots of imaginative play, conversation, and collaboration!



Gardening Workshop

Year 1 took part in a gardening workshop this week. They learned about invertebrates and how they help plants and gardens. They then went on a hunt in the school garden to see what invertebrates they could find!



Exploring Sources

This week, Year 4 explored primary and secondary sources from the Victorian era. They examined a range of images and practised annotating them, using their observations to make inferences about what life may have been like!





Easter Bonnet Competition

Last term, we held an Easter Bonnet Competition where children created and designed their own Easter Bonnets inspired by Easter and the Spring season. They were showcased during a special assembly where the most creative bonnets won prizes and children all received certificates for their efforts!



Times Table Competition

This week, Southwold hosted the federation times tables competition. The children were passionate and competitive during the year group rounds and we are immensely proud to say that Southwold came first and are currently the reigning champions!



Key Dates

- Earth Day**
Tuesday 22nd April
- Bring A Significant Female to School**
Friday 24th April at 8:55am
- Families Week**
wb Monday 27th April
- Year 5 PGL Residential**
Monday 27th April - Wednesday 29th April
- Grandparent Tea Party 1**
Thursday 30th April at 2:00pm - Booking required
- Grandparent Tea Party 2**
Friday 1st May at 2:00pm - Booking required
- May Day Bank Holiday**
Monday 4th May - School closed
- Year 2 Swift Class Assembly**
Wednesday 6th May at 9:05am - Middle Hall
- Year 2 Owl Class Assembly**
Wednesday 6th May at 9:05am - Top Hall
- Polling Station - EYFS Closed**
Thursday 7th May
- Class Photos**
Friday 8th May
- KS2 SATs Week**
wb Monday 11th 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. Please see the dates below.

Date	Focus
Friday 1 st May	<u>PSHCE</u> : How do we celebrate diversity through our curriculum?
Friday 22 nd May	<u>Science</u> : What exciting and simple experiments can I try with my child at home? (Children can attend this session)

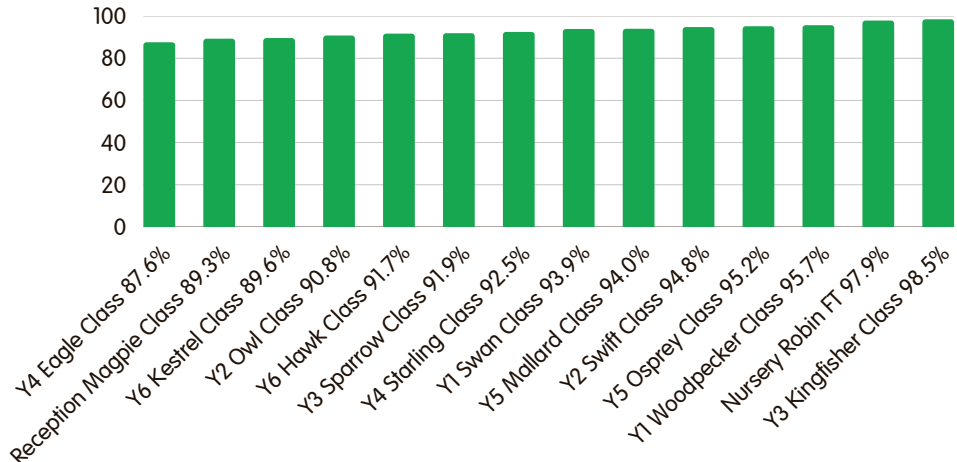
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 92.8%.

Well done to Year 3 Kingfisher Class, last week's winners with 98.5%.

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 22nd May at 3:30pm. Please scan the QR code to view our 2025 -2026 term dates.



School Uniform

Please scan the QR code to order school uniform.

