

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school! We hope that you all had an enjoyable summer break. We extend a warm welcome to our new pupils and families joining our Reception and Nursery classes this academic year.

This week we have held 'Meet the Teacher' sessions for Years 1 to 6 to share the learning that will be taking place across this half term. If you missed this, please take a moment to read the year group curriculum newsletter which includes what children will be learning, homework expectations and what day PE will be taking place.

Within this newsletter, you will also find details of who is who on our whole school staffing structure for this academic year. The interim leadership arrangements remain in place for the Autumn term. Don't forget, lots of other useful information including diary dates and news can be found on our school website and social media accounts so don't forget to check and follow us. The details can be found on the overleaf of this newsletter.

Children have been talking about and celebrating their holiday homework projects which are being proudly displayed in classrooms and shared in assemblies. Thank you for taking the time to discuss and research new learning topics, this helps children to make links, ask questions and practise vocabulary with ease.

Children have been given new home reading diaries and reading books this week. Reading is an important part of wider learning. Daily practice supports fluency and understanding. Please help us to support children in developing this most important of skills by ensuring they read to, or with you each day.

You will have received communication from us regarding a new parent app that we are introducing throughout this academic year. The first part of this roll-out is an upgrade to the existing way we take payments here at school. If you have any questions regarding the new system or need any help in setting up your account, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Ms Ruth Grover - Headteacher

Ms Rachael Carr - Interim Executive 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.



Book Bags & Reading Diaries

Remember book bags and reading diaries need to be brought to school every day. This teaches both responsibility and independence.



The Great Fire of London

This week, Year 2 were excited to begin learning about The Great Fire of London. The children examined different sources of evidence such as pictures, books and maps to find out about the events that took place in 1666. They enjoyed sharing observations, asking questions and making connections.



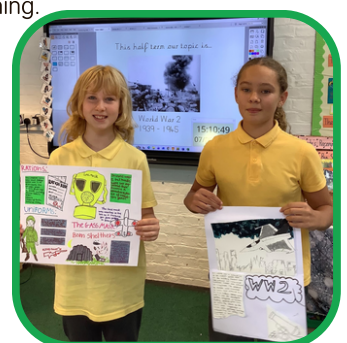
IntoUniversity

Year 4 kicked off their first IntoUniversity workshop today! Students explored different career paths before diving into a fun carousel activity, discovering careers such as product design and engineering. It was an exciting start to their journey of exploring future possibilities!



Holiday Homework

Year 6 have returned eager and excited to begin their final year at Southwold. They have already been busy creating some amazing posters for their Humanities topic, World War II. The children have included interesting facts and used a range of mixed media to make their posters both informative and eye-catching.





Staffing Profile 2026 - 2027

Ms Rachael Carr - Interim Executive Headteacher Ms Ruth Grover - Headteacher		
Ms Linda Hanley Deputy Headteacher	Ms Keisha Nelson Deputy Headteacher	
Ms Phoebe Elkins Assistant Headteacher / SENCO	Ms Ivita Grodze Assistant Headteacher	
Year 6	Kestrel Class Hannah Hinde	Hawk Class Peter Storey / Phoebe Elkins
Year 5	Mallard Class Eirini Avramidou	Osprey Class Ross McCarthy
Year 4	Eagle Class Ishita Ahmed	Starling Class Nuressa Khatun
Year 3	Sparrow Class Khadija Israel	Kingfisher Class Diandra Todesco
Year 2	Owl Class Ciara Dodd	Swift Class Sabah Bulah
Year 1	Swan Class Ruzina Akhtar	
Reception	Magpie Class Madeline Tod	
Nursery	Robin Class Grace Cooper	

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.

Date	Focus
Friday 21 st September	<u>Inclusion</u> : What services does the school have to support your child?
Friday 9 th October	<u>Culture</u> : How does World Week develop a sense of belonging? (Children can attend this coffee morning)
Date	Nursery and Reception Workshops
Thursday 1 st October	<u>Phonics</u> : How can I help my child learn to read? (Parents/carers can join their child in class after the workshop?)

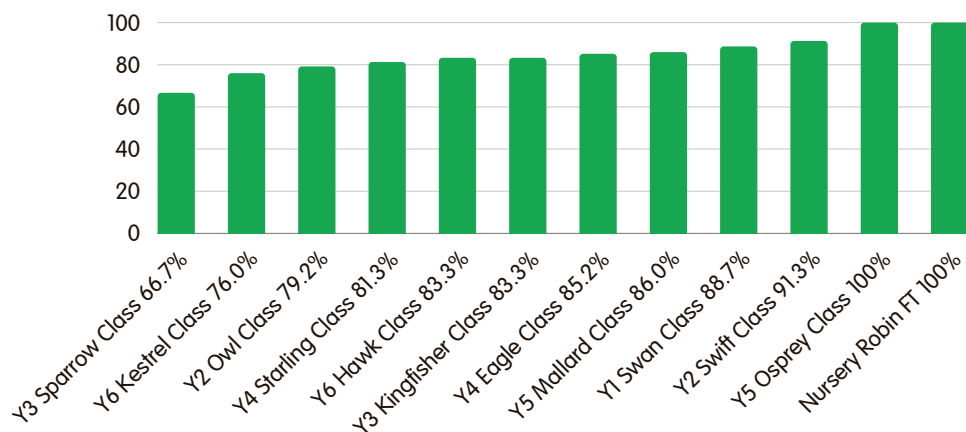
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 83.7%.

Well done to Year 5 Osprey Class, last week's winners with 100%.

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.



Key Dates

Bring A Significant Male to School

Tuesday 22nd September from 8:55am to 9:45am

Pupil Voice Fayre

Thursday 24th September

Year 6 Kestrel Class Assembly

Wednesday 30th September at 9:05am

Year 6 Hawk Class Assembly

Wednesday 30th September at 9:05am

Year 5 Mallard Class Assembly

Wednesday 7th October at 9:05am

Year 5 Osprey Class Assembly

Wednesday 7th October at 9:05am

World Week

wb Monday 12th October

Cultural Dress Day

Thursday 15th October

International Evening

Thursday 15th October from 3:30pm to 5:00pm

Democracy Day and School Council Elections

Friday 16th October

Year 4 Eagle Class Assembly

Wednesday 21st October at 9:05am

Year 4 Starling Class Assembly

Wednesday 21st October at 9:05am

Term End and Start

The first half of the autumn term ends on Friday 23rd October at 3:30pm.
Please scan the QR code to view our 2026 -2027 term dates.



School Uniform

Please scan the QR code to order school uniform.



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