Southwold Primary School HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of our first half of the Autumn term, we would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a great start to the new academic year. The past eight weeks (yes eight weeks!) have flown by, filled with lots of exciting learning.

First of all, we were delighted to welcome our new pupils and staff members who joined us September. It has been lovely to see how quickly everyone has settled in and become part of our Viridis family. Our new teachers and support staff have brought fresh ideas, enthusiasm and creativity to classrooms across the school, and our new pupils have already made fantastic contributions both in lessons and around school.

Each week the headteachers in the federation take a tour of one of the three school sites. Walking around the schools this term, it's been great to see our learning spaces full of colour, creativity and excellent work on displays. Classrooms and corridors celebrate the hard work and imagination of our pupils. Our high quality learning environments are one of the things that make our schools the special places that they are.

We also celebrated Democracy Day across the school! Each class voted for their new class and school council representatives. Year 6 pupils worked especially hard, creating posters and flyers and giving speeches as they campaigned to become Head Boy and Head Girl. It was a brilliant example of democracy in action, showing one of the key British Values we learn about in school. Pupils learned the importance of having a voice, making fair choices and respecting others' opinions. Well done to everyone who took part and voted!

Looking ahead to the second half of the Autumn term, highlights will include our annual Christmas performances and sing-alongs (more information to follow!) and lots more opportunities for parents to get into school to see the fantastic learning taking place. A little reminder to complete your child's holiday homework project with them and to remember to read lots of the coming week. We wish you a happy and safe half-term break and look forward to welcoming the children back to school at 8:55am on Monday 2nd November.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Ms Ruth Grover - Headteacher **Ms Rachael Carr - Interim Executive Headteacher**

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.



Lost Property & School Uniform

If you have misplaced a jumper, lunchbox or other item, please call into the school office who will show you to the lost property cupboard.



Pumpkins

This week, the children in EYFS have been enjoying exploring pumpkins! They used hammers to carefully tap pins into the pumpkins, helping to develop their hand strength, coordination and fine motor skills.



Flamenco Dance

As part of World Week, Year 2 had a fantastic time taking part in a Flamenco dance workshop! The children explored the traditional Spanish dance, learning new rhythms, movements and clapping hands. They discovered more about the spanish culture. Ole!



Local Wildlife

This week, Year 3 made Bug Hotels to support local wildlife. In this project, they learned about the importance of protecting insects and small actions that they can all do can help prevent biodiversity loss.



School Council Elections

Our school council elections were a wonderful opportunity for pupils to have their voices heard as they voted for their new Head Boy and Head Girl. Congratulations to our newly elected Head Boy and Head Girl, and well done to all the pupils who took part with such enthusiasm and confidence!



Art Ambassadors

At their first Art Ambassadors meeting, pupils created models of something that was meaningful to them. They shared their creations, explaining their ideas, before introducing themselves to the group. It was a wonderful opportunity to get to know one another and begin our Art Ambassadors journey.



Term End and Start

The second half of the autumn term starts on Monday 2nd November at 8:55am. Please scan the QR code to view our 2026 -2027 term dates.

School Uniform

Please scan the QR code to order school uniform.

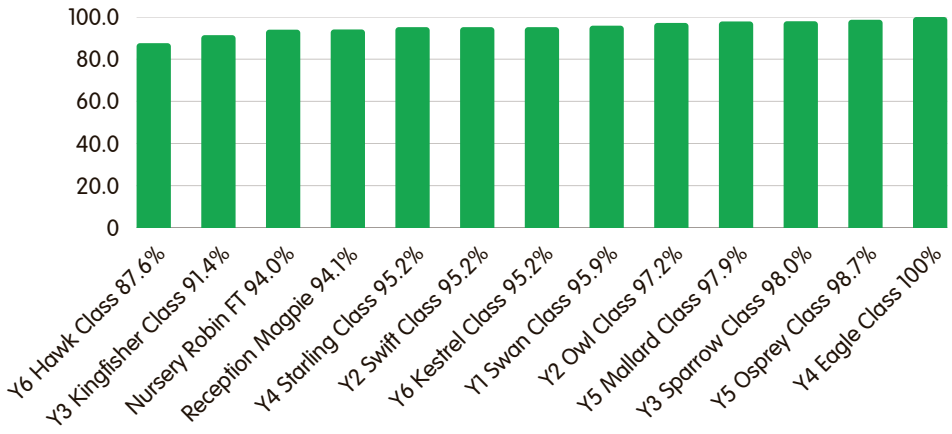
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 95.5%.

Well done to Year 4 Eagle 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.



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