

SOUTH WOOTTON JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Newsletter

Friday 11th September 2026

From the Head

It has been a fantastic start to the new term! We are delighted to welcome two new members of staff to our team; Miss Auglyte who is teaching in Year 4, and Year 3 Teaching Assistant Mrs Khatri. We also can't forget to welcome our wonderful new Year 3 pupils who are settling in brilliantly.

School Start and Finish Times Reminder

To ensure a smooth start to the school day and minimise disruption to learning, please make sure your child arrives on time each day. School gates open at 8:30am.

Year 5/6

Registration: 8:45am

Register closes: 9:00am

End of school day: 3:00pm

Year 3/4

Registration: 9:00am

Register closes: 9:15am

End of school day: 3:30pm

Please note that children arriving after the register has been taken will be marked as Late (L). Children arriving after the register has closed will be marked as an Unauthorised Absence for the morning session (U). Children who are late must enter the school via the school office.

Thank you for your support in ensuring all pupils arrive promptly and are ready to begin their learning each day.

Arbor

As previously advised, we are no longer using Pupil Asset as our school communication and information system. We hope that all parents and carers have now signed up to Arbor and are able to access their accounts. If you have not yet signed up, or if you are experiencing any difficulties with the system, please contact Mrs Angus in the school office or email admin@southwootton-jun.norfolk.sch.uk and we will be happy to help. If you are able to access Arbor, please take a few moments to check that all of your contact details are up to date. Parents and carers can update their own contact information directly through the Arbor Parent Portal, helping us to ensure that we can contact you quickly when needed.

Lunches



The menu for lunches is on our website www.southwoottonjun.co.uk/Junior-School-Meals/ and each day children can decide what they would like to eat and order in class. There is a hot option and vegetarian option each day, as well as Jacket Potatoes and cold packed lunch on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. On Tuesdays and Thursdays children can choose the Sub Hub option which (like Subway) allows children to choose from a selection of fillings (ham, cheese, tuna, egg) and little pots of fruit and veg as well as a

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biscuit or cake. This has proved really popular with the children and is a great healthy option. Lunches are charged at a reasonable rate of £2.70 per lunch (main and dessert).

Lunches can no longer be booked in advance, but **please make sure that you have enough money in your child's account to be able to do this. Children will be unable to book a lunch if their account is in debt by £10.**

NHS full guide on what conditions make kids too ill for school

It can be hard to know what counts as being ill enough to stay home, and some conditions will not justify a sick day. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school office on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give a reason.

What does the NHS say about common illnesses in school?

The NHS has set out clear advice for parents on when children should stay off school with illness - and when it's usually safe to send them in. The guidance is in place to help limit the spread of infections while avoiding unnecessary absences.

Chickenpox is one of the clearest examples of when children should be kept off school until all spots have crusted over, which is usually around five days after they first appear.

Vomiting and diarrhoea, children should not return until at least 48 hours after the last episode.

Some illnesses need treatment before a return to the classroom. **Impetigo** often needs antibiotics from a pharmacist or GP, and children should stay off until sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after starting antibiotics.

Ringworm can usually be managed with pharmacy treatment (a GP is recommended for scalp ringworm), and children can go back to school once treatment has begun.

Measles requires a GP assessment and parents are advised to call the surgery before attending because it spreads easily. Children should stay off school for at least four days from when the rash first appears, and avoid close contact with babies, pregnant people and anyone with a weakened immune system.

Scarlet fever also needs antibiotics, and children can return to school 24 hours after starting them.

What conditions can children still go to school with?

For everyday **coughs** and **colds**, the guidance is more flexible. Children can still go to school with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or slight cough, as long as they feel well and do not have a high temperature.

Parents are encouraged to reinforce hygiene habits, such as disposing of used tissues and washing hands regularly.

Several common conditions do not usually require time off from school, such as: **cold sores, conjunctivitis, head lice/nits, threadworms, slapped cheek syndrome (though schools should be informed if slapped cheek is suspected)**

Children with mild **COVID-19** symptoms who feel well can still go to school. They should stay at home if they have a high temperature or are too unwell for normal activities.

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If you're emailing the office to report an absence, please ensure you use the following email – admin@southwootton-jun.norfolk.sch.uk

Music Lessons



Lessons are offered for children wanting to learn guitar and piano, these occur during lesson time and there is a charge. Whether your child had lessons last year, or whether they would like to start as absolute beginners, please contact the office to register your interest.

iRock



We are delighted that iRock lessons have started again. There is still time to sign your child up - the lessons are not only fun, but they also play a significant role in enhancing children's life skills. Lessons focus on boosting confidence, supporting well-being, developing social skills, and even improving academic performance.

Sign up here - www.irockschool.com/enrol

Flu Immunisation

The immunisation team will be in school on Monday 21st and Tuesday 29th September. You would have received an email direct from the immunisation team with information on the vaccine. You will need to give consent for your child to have the flu vaccine. If you do not wish for your child to have the vaccine, please complete the online form so your wishes can be recorded.

After School Clubs

Bushcraft, Years 3/4 - Time: Thursdays after school, 3:30–4:30pm, **Led by:** Inside Out Bushcraft and Adventures, **Cost:** £5 a session, **Sign-up:** *Required, contact the school office.*

Above and Beyond

Every week we celebrate the awesomeness of our children. We want the children to be proud of what they do and who they are, and we want everyone to know how awesome they are. ABOVE and BEYOND AWARDS are for truly exceptional work/deeds



3W - All of 3W for a great start to Year 3!

3D - All of 3D for an amazing first full week at South Wootton Junior School! Superstars!

4A – Chase - was really helpful and went above and beyond by helping a year 3 out during lunch time, he made sure they were okay and helped them.

4N - Arthur B and Freddy M were amazing in our gymnastics lesson. They worked really well to develop different balances as a pair.

5A – Emily, Flo and Erin stood out with their language and description in their 'Take one picture' for English.

6E - Noah L - worked really hard on a piece of descriptive writing; Florence and Benjamin for their story writing.

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Stars of the Week

These children have been chosen by their teachers to be their Star of the Week:

3D – Harper-Mai

3W – Charlie

4A – Harry

4N – Brooklyn

5PS – Harper

5A – Domas

6E - Tally

6NW - Riley

Outstanding Presentation

These children have been chosen by their teachers for their outstanding presentation:

3D – Luna

3W – Harper

4A – Alexa

4N Freya B

5PS –

5A – Freya

6E – Indie

6NW – Leola

House Points

The house with the most points this week was Windsor.

The class with the most points this week was 6NW.

Celebrating Pupils

At SWJS, we love celebrating our children's achievements outside of school!

If your child has done something special—whether it's a sporting event, a performance, or a personal milestone—feel free to share photos via Class Seesaw. We'd be delighted to include them in our celebration assembly and newsletter!



Ivy auditioned for the King's Lynn Panto and has a place on the reserve team!

Carolina has been awarded this special certificate for completing a reading superstar challenge.



Erin was awarded player of the match for her football team (The Wootton's) at the weekend. This was for amazing defending!



Soraia has achieved her last tab as a DBN in her martial arts Kuk Sool Won (it's South Korean). She's now working towards her black belt in November!

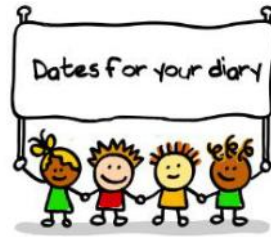
Many thanks to all our parents for all your support,

E. Ojelade

Miss E Ojelade
Headteacher

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SEPTEMBER

Day/Time	Year/Class	Event
Wednesday 16 th	Year 6	Height and weight check
Thursday 17 th	All years	Individual photos
Monday 21 st – Friday 25 th	Year 6	PiXL Week
Monday 21 st	All years	Flu Immunisation
Tuesday 29 th	All years	Parents Evening
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Wednesday 30 th	Year 6	Head of KES visiting

OCTOBER

Day/Time	Year/Class	Event
Thursday 1 st	All years	Parents Evening
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th	Year 4 and 5	PiXL Week
Monday 12 th	Selected Children	Cross Country
Wednesday 14 th – Friday 16 th	Year 6	Norfolk Lakes Residential
Monday 19 th – Friday 23 rd	Year 3	PiXL Week
Wednesday 21 st	Year 4	Dentist Visit
Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th	All Years	Half Term

NOVEMBER

Day/Time	Year/Class	Event
Monday 2 nd	All Years	Return to School
Monday 9 th – Friday 13 th	Year 6	PiXL Week
Friday 27 th	Year 5	Resilience Workshop