

SOUTH WOOTTON JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Newsletter

Friday 2nd October 2026

From the Head

It was so lovely to see so many parents meeting with teachers this week. The turnout was amazing, with 98% of parents attending. The strong partnership between home and school plays such an important role in helping our children succeed.

Staff also had the very important and difficult task last week of voting for this year's Head Girl and Head Boy. We received a large number of applications, and it was wonderful to see how many Year 6 children were keen to put themselves forward for these prestigious roles. The standard of applications was exceptionally high, making the decision incredibly challenging, and the voting was very close. A huge thank you to everyone who applied. You should all be proud of the commitment, enthusiasm, and leadership qualities you demonstrated.

Congratulations to Emilie and Benjamin on being selected as this year's Head Girl and Head Boy and Indie and Archie on being selected this year's Vice Head Girl and Vice Head Boy. We know they will be excellent ambassadors for our school and look forward to seeing them in their new roles.

Concerns Around Safety

Earlier this week we shared some concerns regarding cycling safety around the school gates before and after school. Over recent weeks, we have observed a number of children cycling unsafely in the vicinity of the school, as well as some pupils arriving without the appropriate safety equipment.

To help ensure the safety of all children, families and members of our school community, we must remind everyone of the importance of safe cycling practices. From this point forward, any child who is riding unsafely or who is not wearing the correct safety equipment will not be permitted to keep their bike on school premises.

In addition, Mr Martin has noted that some bicycles appear to be in poor condition and may require maintenance. We ask parents and carers to regularly check that their child's bike is roadworthy and safe to ride.

It is important for children and families to take steps to stay safe while cycling:

- Wear a helmet: Always wear a properly fitted helmet to reduce the risk of head injury.
- Be visible: Use bright clothing and reflective gear, especially during early mornings or late afternoons.
- Stick to safe routes: Where possible, use designated cycle paths or quieter roads.
- Ride predictably: Avoid weaving between parked cars and always signal before turning.
- Stay alert: Do not use headphones or phones while cycling and keep an eye out for vehicles.
- Cycle with an adult: Younger children should cycle with a responsible adult whenever possible.

To help keep our pupils safe, staff will be vigilant at the start and end of the school day. Any child arriving without appropriate cycling equipment, such as a helmet or visibility gear, will be noted and parents or carers will be informed.

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We encourage all parents and carers to speak with their children about road safety and responsible cycling.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep all members of our school community safe.

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.

Communication With the Office

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

Harvest Services

Our Harvest services are going to be on Tuesday 13th October at the church. Y5/6 service at 9:30am and the Y3/4 service being at 2pm.

This harvest we're asking you to help feed local people in crisis by collecting non-perishable food for King's Lynn Foodbank. When families have no financial safety net, a sudden crisis such as bereavement, benefit delay, redundancy or illness, can throw people living on the edge of poverty into crisis. Every day local people are forced to send their children to bed hungry, but the good news is that you can be part of the solution. Local care professionals such as Children Services and Citizens Advice Bureau refer people to the Foodbank who provide short-term emergency food to these local people in crisis. Food is given as an intervention strategy which allows the care agencies time to put longer term help in place.

In 2025 King's Lynn Foodbank distributed 5463 emergency food parcels to people in our local community. They are having to increasingly rely on purchasing food to keep up with demand, as donations are not able to meet this requirement due to the cost-of-living crisis affecting both those donating, and those in need.

Below is a list of items they ideally need, although any in-date non-perishable item would be appreciated and used (in no particular order):

- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Baked beans
- Tinned vegetables

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- Tinned meat
- Tinned rice pudding
- Tinned soup
- Small bottle of squash
- Cereal
- UHT milk
- Shower gel
- Shampoo
- Deodorant

Items can be bought into school from Monday 5th October. Children will need to place these in the front foyer.

Lunches



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.**

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

PTFA

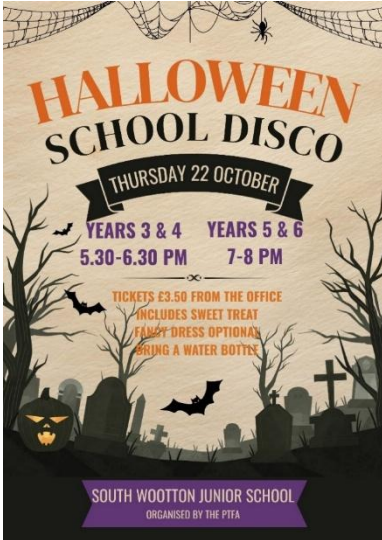


Your PTFA needs you! Sadly, some of our members, including our chairperson, will be stepping down as their children have moved on to high school. We are looking for someone to take over the chairperson's job, leading the association with the support of the remaining members. Unfortunately, if we are unable to find a new chairperson, the PTFA may have to fold, which will mean losing many of the fun events during the year.

AGM will be taking place on Friday 16th October 9am, in the front foyer. ALL ARE WELCOME

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A date for your diaries – Tickets available from Tuesday 6th October

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 - Nelly-Mai - great rhetorical questions to hook the reader; Olivia, Penelope and Florence - great historical thinking about Egyptian Gods and Goddesses.

3D - Evie - for a wonderful leaflet full of facts about Ancient Egypt that she has made in spare moments and lunchtimes!

4A – William – for excellent behaviour all week.

4N – Rowan - has been working really hard in maths all week.

6NW - Ronny and Fleur- fantastic graffiti art.

Stars of the Week

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

3D – Jenson

3W – Penelope

4A – Isabella

4N – Iris

5PS – Trixie

5A – George

6E – Ella

6NW - Fleur

Outstanding Presentation

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

3D – Ella

3W – Ella D

4A – Nola

4N - Lewis

5PS – Scarlett

5A – Elliot

6E – Teddy

6NW - Maddie

House Points

The house with the most points this week was Buckingham.

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

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Celebrating Pupils

Niamh, Sophie and Chase took place in the Summer Reading Challenge



Harry completed the Sandringham mile.



Cas was Player of the Match



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Barnaby - Bronze medal for 1000 Kip points, new Park Run Personal Best, Player of the Match



Congratulations Barnaby!

You have completed your 5th parkrun and your 5th at King's Lynn juniors today!

- Your time was 9m 21s
- You finished in 5th place out of 67 overall
- You were 3rd in your gender
- You achieved an age-graded score of 69.63%
- Well done on a new PB at this event and on a new parkrun PB!
- Well done on a new best age grade at this event and on a new best parkrun age grade!
- Well done on your fastest time this year

Alana was Player of the Match



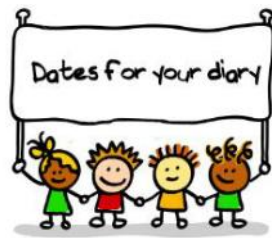
Many thanks to all our parents for all your support,

E. Ojelade

Miss E Ojelade
Head of School

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OCTOBER

Day/Time	Year/Class	Event
Monday 5 th	Selected Children	Hockey Festival
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th	Year 4 and 5	PiXL Week
Monday 12 th	Selected Children	Cross Country
Tuesday 13 th	All Years	Harvest Services Y5/6 9:30am Y3/4 2pm
Wednesday 14 th – Friday 16 th	Year 6	Norfolk Lakes Residential
Friday 16 th	All Welcome	PTA AGM 9am Front Foyer
Monday 19 th – Friday 23 rd	Year 3	PiXL Week
Wednesday 21 st	Year 4	Dentist Visit
Thursday 22 nd	All Years	Halloween Disco
Friday 23 rd – 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

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Additional Information for Parents and Carers

High School Tours and Open Evenings

KES - Open Evening, 1st October: 6:00 - 8:00 pm



Open Evening
WEDNESDAY 7TH
OCTOBER 2026
From 5:30PM
Evening Talks at 5:30PM & 6:30PM
School Tours are available
from the 23rd September
2026 by appointment.
Visit the school's website for more information
www.stclementshigh.org.uk



Yr6 Open Day

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