

Newsletter

Friday 9th October 2026

From the Head

We were delighted to welcome special guests from the Rotary Club to our Celebration Assembly today. As part of their ongoing support for young people and education, they generously presented each of our Year 5 children with their very own dictionary. The children were excited to receive this thoughtful gift, which will be a valuable resource as they continue to develop their vocabulary and spelling. We are incredibly grateful to the Rotary Club for their kindness and commitment to supporting our children's education. We know our Year 5 pupils will make great use of their dictionaries in the years ahead!

Panto



We're delighted to offer the whole school the chance to visit The Corn Exchange to see this year's pantomime, Sleeping Beauty.

Even more excitingly, the show features a former SWJS pupil, proving that dreams really can come true!

If you'd like your child to join us for this magical trip, please return the permission slip and £12 payment to the school office by 19th October.

This visit is completely optional. For any children staying in school, we'll be providing plenty of fun activities (sadly, no dragons, evil fairies or enchanted castles... but fun nonetheless!).

Important: Even if your child will not be attending, please return the slip so we can wave our magic wand over the final numbers and organise the day accordingly.

And before anyone asks... yes, there is always the possibility that Mr Arnold will once again be "randomly" selected from the audience. At this point, we're beginning to suspect his name is already printed inside the script! We can neither confirm nor deny whether this is written into his contract.

We're looking forward to a trip full of laughter, boos for the baddie, cheers for the heroes, and at least a few terrible pantomime jokes! Oh yes we are!

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.

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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 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
- 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.

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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.**

As part of our theme days, we will be holding a Bonfire Lunch on Thursday 5th November.

If you would like your child/children to have lunch on this day, then please book by sending a seesaw message to SWJS Admin stating if they would like sausage or pizza pinwheel, by Friday 16th October.

The cost of this lunch is £2.70. Please pay in the same way on Arbor. If your child is entitled to have a free school meal, then you will not need to pay any additional cost but let us know that they will be having the meal.



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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Christmas Card Design Competition



We are delighted to share that the Church in the Wootton's Christmas Card Design Competition is now open, and we would love to see entries from our talented South Wootton Junior School children!

This is a fantastic opportunity for children to have their artwork featured on the front of the official Church in the Wootton's Christmas Card, which will be delivered to approximately 3,120 homes across North and South Wootton.

Prizes: One winner will be selected. The winning design will be used on this year's Christmas card and will receive a £30 gift card.

Design Guidelines:

- Artwork should be completed on A4 paper in portrait orientation.
- The cards will be printed in colour, so bright and colourful designs are encouraged!
- Please ensure your child's name, age, and school are clearly written on the back of their entry.



Deadline for Entries: Sunday 8th November 2026

Completed entries can be handed in at school and will be sent on or alternatively dropped off at either church.

We would love to see lots of entries from our creative pupils. Good luck, and we can't wait to see your festive designs!

Premier Wraparound Care Service



All bookings, cancellations, and amendments should be made via www.premier-education.com.

If you have any questions or need support, please contact Harry Collison at hcollison@premier-education.com.

LATEST NEWSLETTER - [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KM1DVNyI0fymGWh1J8yCI3kxyE-pQD52/view?usp=drive link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KM1DVNyI0fymGWh1J8yCI3kxyE-pQD52/view?usp=drive_link)

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 - George, Ella, Olivia and Leonor – great pictures of Egyptian Gods and Goddesses using 'painting with scissors.'

3D - Theo and Louie - made brilliant 'painting with scissors' pictures of the Ancient Egyptian God Anubis; Elsie - fantastic picture was of the sun god Ra.

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4A – The whole class - has shown outstanding kindness by welcoming a new pupil to our class and school. Everyone has made an effort to be friendly, helpful, and inclusive, ensuring they felt comfortable and valued. We are very proud of how our class demonstrated our school's values and made someone feel they truly belonged.

4N – Freya G and Arthur M – confident and independent work in maths this week. They really impressed me; Teddy – it was great to see him really getting his head down and focusing on his learning in science. He put a lot of effort into writing about how vitamins and minerals help different parts of the body and which foods these can be found in.

5PS - Ayda - stood out in PE this week, showing great resilience, teamwork and skills; Iva - has been doing some extra homework for science! She chose to do this herself, without any prompting from the adults.

5A – Will N – stood out in PE this week, showing great resilience, teamwork and skills.

6NW - Sophia T and Sofia O – fantastic 'show not tell' writing in English; Rosie and Amaya - took excellent notes during our English lesson. This helped them with their independent work later in the lesson.

6E – Florence and Evie - fantastic 'show not tell' writing in English.

Stars of the Week

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

3D – Ella

3W – Nellie-Mai

4A – Paislee-Blu

4N – Jayson

5PS – Charlie

5A – Alana

6E – Noah W

6NW - Amaya

Outstanding Presentation

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

3D – Alice

3W – Aurelia

4A – Arthur

4N - Danila

5PS – Harper L

5A – Max

6E – Evie

6NW - Dawson

House Points

The house with the most points this week was Windsor.

The class with the most points this week was.

Celebrating Pupils

Year 4 Hockey Players



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Charlie was Player of the Match. He worked tirelessly throughout the game; good tackling and attacking play/ He scored two goals – one was a fantastic free kick.

William caught his biggest fish yet!



Caleb in used resources at home to create a working vending machine.

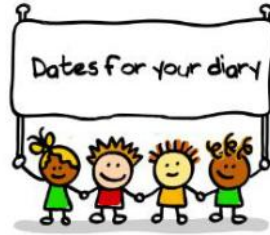


Joseph and Harry have achieved a promotion in Judo to yellow stripe. They are now working towards their yellow belt.



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OCTOBER		
Day/Time	Year/Class	Event
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
Thursday 5 th	All Years	Bonfire Lunch
Monday 9 th – Friday 13 th	Year 6	PiXL Week
Wednesday 18 th	Year 4	Trip to West Stow
Friday 27 th	Year 5	Resilience Workshop

DECEMBER		
Day/Time	Year/Class	Event
Tuesday 1 st	All Years	Christmas Activity Day
Thursday 3 rd – Sunday 6 th	All Welcome	Christmas Tree Festival (King's Lynn Minster)
Monday 14 th	All Years	Christmas Services (TBC)
Tuesday 15 th	All Years	Rudolph Run
Wednesday 16 th	All Years	Panto Trip
Friday 18 th	All Years	Last Day of Term