SOUTH WOOTTON JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Newsletter

Friday 16th October 2026

From the Head

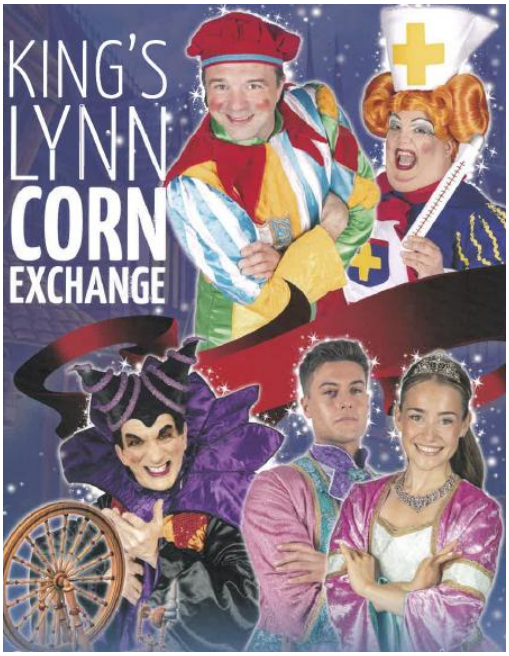
We've had a really lovely week here at school. Our Harvest services were a special occasion. The children sang beautifully and shared their work with enthusiasm. It was wonderful to see the whole school community come together to celebrate. Thank you for all the donations, these will be collected by the foodbank.

This week marked the start of an exciting adventure for our Year 6 pupils as they headed off on their residential trip to Norfolk Lakes. They had 3 days full of new experiences, team-building, and lots of fun.

On a sad note, at the end of this half term we will be saying goodbye to Sarah Easdon, who is leaving us after an incredible 15 years at SWJS. Sarah has been a much-loved member of our team and, over the years, has taken on many roles within the school. From cleaner, to midday supervisor, teaching assistant, and valued member of our after-school care team, Sarah has always been willing to lend a hand whenever needed. Sarah will be greatly missed by both staff and pupils alike. We are incredibly grateful for all her hard work, dedication and support over the years.

Thank you, Sarah, for everything you have done for our school community. We wish you every happiness and success for the future.

Panto Reminder



A polite reminder that the deadline for returning pantomime slips is **Monday 19th October.**

If your child is attending, please ensure you have:

- Returned the permission slip
- Made the payment of £12

If your child will not be attending and will remain in school, please still return the slip indicating this so that we can account for everyone.

We need to confirm final numbers with the Corn Exchange next week, so your prompt response would be greatly appreciated.

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

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 **Monday 19th 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



Don't forget to purchase your tickets from the school office!

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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**.

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 – Max and Nelly-Mai - great effort writing a diary as Howard Carter following the discovery of Tutankhamun.

3D – Jenson, Alice and Timurs - wrote brilliant diary entries as Howard Carter on the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb.

4N – Scarlett - wrote an amazing description of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. She included powerful verbs, expanded noun phrases and prepositions; Hallie and Iris - did some extra home learning, writing descriptions of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius; Freddy - did some extra homework on Roman numerals.

Stars of the Week

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

3D – Timurs **3W** – Arlo **4A** – Sonny **4N** – Arthur M

5PS – Alice **5A** – Klara

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

House Points

The house with the most points this week was Buckingham.
The class with the most points this week was 3W.

Celebrating Pupils

A massive well done to all the Cross-Country runners! 19/26 got through to the next round!





Year 3 Girls	Year 3 Boys
Penelope – 12th	Jenson – 5th
Elsie – 7th	Barnaby – 3rd
Pheobe – 13th	Harry – 6th

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Year 4 Girls	Year 4 Boys
Freya – 4th	Henry – 5th
Iris – 2nd	Fletcher – 3rd
Hallie – 11th	Zach – 4th
Alexa – 1st	Teddy – 2nd





Year 5 Girls	Year 5 Boys
Emily – 7th	Felix – 9th
Niamh – 17th	Joseph – 3rd
Piper – 6th	Isaac – 6th

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Year 6 Girls	Year 6 Boys
Tiana – 8th	Bobby – 11th
Amaya – 14th	Ronny – 9th
Fleur – 18th	Stanley – 4th



Lincoln got player of the match at the weekend!



Carolina has completed level 5 and is moving up to level 6 in swimming!

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Congratulations Max on an amazing sports weekend, being awarded Player of the Match and scoring 4 goals, Junior Parkrun personal best and golfer of the week.



Joshua also did well at Parkrun on Sunday. Joshua got awarded a milestone wristband for completing 25 parkruns.



Orla was named player of the match at her football game last week.

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OCTOBER		
Day/Time	**Year/Class**	**Event**
Monday 19th – Friday 23rd	Year 3	PiXL Week
Wednesday 21st	Year 4	Dentist Visit
Thursday 22nd	All Years	Halloween Disco
Friday 23rd – Friday 30th	All Years	Half Term

NOVEMBER		
Day/Time	**Year/Class**	**Event**
Monday 2nd	All Years	Return to School
Thursday 5th	All Years	Bonfire Lunch
Monday 9th – Friday 13th	Year 6	PiXL Week
Wednesday 18th	Year 4	Trip to West Stow
Friday 27th	Year 5	Resilience Workshop

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

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In Person Workshops

Thursday 5th November

Introduction to Neurodiversity

Thursday 12th November

Behaviour

Thursday 19th November

Demand Avoidance (PDA)

Thursday 26th November

Parental Resilience

10.30am - 12.30pm

Pickenham Community Hub
South Pickenham Road
Swaffham
Norfolk
PE37 8DA

Email sally.macgregor@kids.org.uk for more info



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In Person Workshops

Wednesday 4th November

Introduction to Neurodiversity

Wednesday 11th November

Behaviour

Wednesday 18th November

Demand Avoidance (PDA)

Wednesday 25th November

Parental Resilience

10.30am - 12.30pm

South Creake Village Hall
The Green
Fakenham
Norfolk
NR21 9PD

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MAKE YOUR OWN PUMPKIN HOUSE

Miniscule, magnif icent, mysterious, miraculous, what is your Pumpkin House going to be?

Our Make your own Pumpkin House Workshop is a rich, gloriously creative session to work with natural materials and have something truly wonderful to grace your front door.

Your group will choose a pumpkin to decorate/carve/design and bring to life. All materials are provided.

This ticket is for 1 Pumpkin Station - for up to 2 adults and 3 children.



BOOK NOW

Tuesday 27th October
Wednesday 28th October
Thursday 29th October

Slots at 10am, 11.15am, 1pm and 2.15pm



Book at the Sandringham Ticket Office or www.sandringhamestate.co.uk/whats-on/events