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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome Back to the Summer Term! ☀️

OPAL Play

I'm very excited to announce that Opal Play was launched yesterday! Our staff have worked hard to create amazing play zones for the children to enjoy. It was a huge success and wonderful to see so many happy faces, embracing creative and imaginative play.

A huge thank you to all our parents and families who have donated loose parts — the children were thrilled to uncover such delights!

Please continue to donate any unwanted items. Donations can be placed in the orange bins outside EYFS, taken to Reception, or given directly to your child's teacher. We have even more exciting plans ahead as we continue our Opal Play journey!

All-Weather Play 🌧️🌈

Although the forecast looks good this week, we know the British weather can change quickly! We are proud to be an all-weather school, meaning play will continue rain or shine.

Please could you send your child with a pair of wellies (labelled with their name) to leave in school, along with a suitable outdoor coat? Thank you!

PE Uniform - Awesome Appearance

PE lessons take place every Wednesday or Thursday, depending on your child's class — this will stay the same throughout the year. Please ensure your child comes dressed only in their PE kit on these days. No jewellery (or children must be able to remove it themselves). Hair must be tied back. Correct PE clothing and footwear must be worn.

If your child is not properly dressed, they may not be allowed to take part.

Attendance Matters

Our whole school attendance is currently at or below 95%, meaning children could lose up to 10 days — about 50 lessons — per year. This has a real impact on learning, friendships, and progress.

Please remember that holidays must not be taken during term time. In line with DfE guidelines, we cannot authorise absences for family holidays. These will be referred to the Local Authority. If your child is absent, please telephone the school office as soon as possible.

Be Ready - Arrive on time!

- School gates open at 8:40am
- Classrooms open at 8:45am
- Gates close at 8:55am
- Any arrivals after 9:00am are marked as late.

Learn2Cycle 🚲

Some children in Years 3-6 have been offered the chance to learn to ride a bike for free!

Trained instructors will visit school to run sessions and loan bikes and helmets.

If your child has been selected, you will have received an email and letter.

Please complete the consent form via the Bikeability website by **Friday 2nd May** to secure your child's place. This is a fantastic opportunity not to be missed!

Southwold Newsletter

VE Day – 80th Anniversary GB

On Thursday 8th May, we will celebrate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day!

Pupils are invited to come to school wearing red, white, and blue. There will be special activities to help children learn about life during WWII and the importance of Victory in Europe Day.

We will also be serving a special VE Day lunch menu, with delicious wartime-inspired dishes!

Walk to School Week – 19th–23rd May 🚶🚴

Our Green Team is proud to support The Great Space Walk!

We'll be encouraging families to walk, wheel, or scoot to school every day that week, promoting healthy and active travel. More information will follow soon via Class Dojo.

Diary Dates 📅

- 05.05 School Closed (Bank Holiday Monday)
- 07.05 SEND Parents' Coffee Afternoon (2:00pm)
- 08.05 Whole School VE Day Celebration
- 12–15.05 KS2 SATs Tests
- 12–23.05 KS1 SATs Tests
- 20.05 LKS2 and The Willows Trip to Twycross Zoo
- 21–22.05 Learn2Cycle (Years 3–6)
- 21.05 SEND Parents' Meetings
- 22.05 Year 6 Residential Meeting (3:15pm)
- 23.05 UKS2 Trip to Space Centre
- 23.05 School finishes for half-term break
- 02.06 School reopens after half-term
- 06.06 UKS2 Project Exhibition
- 11–13.06 Year 6 Walesby Camping Residential
- 18.06 A Day in Action – Refugee Week – Culture Day (more info to follow)
- 24.06 School Photographs (morning)
- 25.06 LKS2 Exhibition (morning)
- 26.06 RSE Day
- 01–02.07 Year 6 Transition Days
- 04.07 EYFS Exhibition (morning)
- 07.07
 - Running for Gold (LKS2 – 9:30am, UKS2 – 10:30am at Bluecoat Wollaton School)
 - Summer School Afternoon Show (2:00pm)
- 09.07 Summer School Show (4:00pm)
- 10.07 Sports Day (morning)
- 11.07 EYFS Graduation (2:00pm, Hall)
- 21.07 Year 6 Leavers Assembly (am)
- 22.07 Last Day of the school year for pupils

INSET days for the academic year 2024-25:

- Friday 27th June 2025
- Wednesday 23rd July
- Thursday 24th and Friday July 2025 (extra days granted by Local Authority)

Thank you for your continued support during this exciting term.

We look forward to sharing all the wonderful learning, achievements, and memories ahead!

Kind regards,

Mrs Salmeron
Head Teacher