

# South End Echo



Keeping you informed: Miss Kaur—Headteacher

Friday 20th December 2024

Dear parents and carers,

It is hard to believe that another year has flown by! Once again, we celebrate another successful term and celebrate our hard-working South Enders. They have demonstrated such resilience and pride in their work this term. They have made us all feel incredibly proud.

Our value of 'Courage' has been demonstrated daily and the values jar is full! An additional playtime has been both earned and enjoyed. We have shared additional 'courage' examples in so many different areas of the curriculum. A huge well done to our values ambassadors this term — it is very well deserved!

Thank you to all adults who supported our Family Maths open session in November. It was brilliant to see so many adults attend and feel a real maths buzz around the school.



A huge well done to our JLT for leading their fundraising for the Air Ambulance. They will continue to support this charity throughout this academic year. Thank you for your support with all of our fundraising events; we cannot do it without you!

This year, the JLT have supported the creation of a 'memory tree' for remembering loved ones at Christmas. Memory tags were sold with all proceeds going to the Air Ambulance.

Many thanks to all parents and carers who completed our annual survey. Your opinions do matter to us and enable us to reflect on our policies and procedures. Please see the survey results at the end of this newsletter.

This term sees us say goodbye to somebody who has been working hard behind the scenes at SEJ for almost 26 years! Mrs Simmons, our school business manager, is retiring. She is looking forward to not setting her alarm and doing a lot more yoga! Thank you, Mrs Simmons, for ensuring our school finances were always in good hands; you will be missed. Enjoy your retirement and catching up with your friends and family.



We accepted the opportunity to take Year 3 to St Mary's Church for a Christingle service. Thank you to all families who joined us for this ceremony and thank you to Reverend King for allowing us to use the church.

Year 4 children took to the stage to entertain us with their carols based on Christmas traditions around the world. Thank you to all adults who attended and made the festive event memorable.

Our Christmas activities have brought us all some festive cheer. The Winter Catwalk saw spectacular costumes make their way down the red carpet! Christmas parties, the Christmas dinner, a sing-a-long and festive cards were all on the agenda. The term ended with children listening to the nativity story and reflecting upon the true meaning of Christmas. Christmas time has always been the season for friends and family; for spending quality time with loved ones; and for showing them that you care. We hope you have time set aside for the this.

The new term begins for children on Monday 6th January 2025.

All staff members at South End Junior wish you all a very merry and safe Christmas, and a happy new year!

Any safeguarding concerns over the break can be emailed to [gkaur@southend-jun.northants.sch.uk](mailto:gkaur@southend-jun.northants.sch.uk). Alternatively, you can call the MASH safeguarding hub on 0300 126 7000.

Thank you for your continued support.

See you all at the gate in 2025.

G Kaur  
Head Teacher



## Parking

If you are parking in the streets and roads around the school, we must ask you please to consider whether you are driving and parking safely.

Please let's try and keep everyone safe. Not just our children but cyclists, local residents and other members of our community.



We remind you that parents and carers are not permitted on site to drop children off in the morning unless they have been given permission from the school. Also, when clubs are on after school, the barrier will not be lifted for you to collect your children. You will need to park off site and walk in.



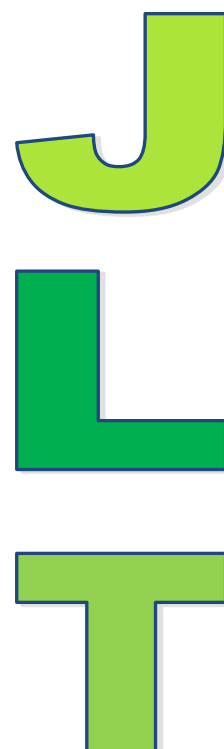
The JLT have been working hard on their fundraising mission.

They encouraged their peers to wear yellow for the Air Ambulance in October and raised £441. This was followed by raising £318 for Children In Need. The Royal British Legion

were supported by the JLT selling poppies and other merchandise. The last project for 2024 was creating a memory tree at SEJ. Memory tags were sold at 50p each and all donations were raised for their chosen charity. The children were given the opportunity to purchase a tag, write a memory and hang it on our tree.

Long may our fundraising commitments continue!

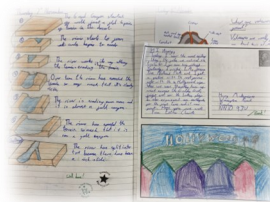
Next year, we will be organising a 'can campaign' to help the homeless within our local community.



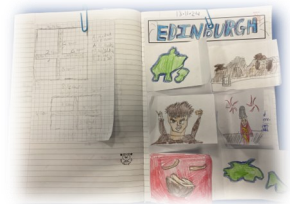
Due to the fact that we have a number of children in school with a nut allergy (including airborne), may we remind you (and advise any new parents/carers) that we request you do not send your children into school with nuts or a product that has pieces of nut in it. This will include peanut butter and Nutella.

This does not mean you cannot send your child with products that have been manufactured in a place where nuts have previously been present.

We thank you for your understanding and appreciate your co-operation in helping to reduce risks and keep everyone safe.



There was a real buzz around the school during our **Geography Study** in which the children were fully immersed in learning about different places from around the world. Year 3 focused on the local area learning about Rushden; Year 4 broadened their learning to look at the United Kingdom and the differences between the capital cities; Year 5 explored Europe and focused on identifying the differences in the human and physical features of Denmark, Italy and Turkey; while Year 6 ventured to America and learned about its landmarks, climate and different states.



During the fortnight, the children were able to develop their map reading skills, took opportunities to make links with maths when looking at statistics and built a better understanding of the differences within other countries and compared to our own. The children were very knowledgeable and enjoyed learning facts about the countries which they studied. The fortnight culminated with our showcase in which there was a plethora of geography skills on display. The children had clearly worked hard and took great pride in the information leaflets, postcards, diary entries and other geography work that they had created.



## Family Maths Session

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November, we had the pleasure of 188 parents, carers, siblings and grandparents come into school to join the children in completing maths challenges. There was a mixture of themes but all tasks required families to talk together and apply reasoning skills in order to complete the challenge. We now know who some of our pupils get their competitive streak from!

We would like to take the opportunity thank all of those who could attend, and we hope it demonstrated that maths is so much more than a written calculation method.

## Warm clothing

Throughout the school year, the children will have PE lessons both inside and out. Please make sure your child has warm clothing for the continuing winter months. This includes long tracksuit bottoms and a long-sleeved sweatshirt or hoodie — ideally plain black with no logos other than the school logo please.



Many thanks to all parents/carers who completed our survey. Your opinions do matter to us and we strive to make improvements where we can.

We were pleased with your responses and will continue to work on any areas which have been highlighted. Thanks again to those who took the time to complete this.

### My child is happy at this school

	PERCENTAGE
Strongly Agree	55%
Agree	41%
Disagree	1%
Strongly Disagree	0%
Don't know	3%
Did not answer	0%

### My child feels safe at this school

Strongly Agree	65%
Agree	33%
Disagree	1%
Strongly Disagree	0%
Don't know	1%
Did not answer	0%

### The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved

Strongly Agree	50%
Agree	46%
Disagree	1%
Strongly Disagree	0%
Don't know	2%
Did not answer	1%

### My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.

Strongly Agree	19%
Agree	13%
Disagree	3%
Strongly Disagree	0%
Don't know	57%
Did not answer	8%

### The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.

Strongly Agree	57%
Agree	42%
Disagree	1%
Strongly Disagree	0%
Don't know	0%
Did not answer	0%

### When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.

Strongly Agree	29%
Agree	44%
Disagree	1%
Strongly Disagree	0%
Don't know	20%
Did not answer	6%

Does your child have special educational needs or disabilities (SEND)? (yes or no) If yes, the survey asks parents how strongly they agree with this statement: My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.

Yes	3%
No	96%
Did not answer	1%

### If yes, how strongly do you agree with this statement: My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed

Strongly Agree	22%
Agree	67%
Disagree	0%
Strongly Disagree	0%
Don't know	11%
Did not answer	0%

### The school has high expectations for my child.

Strongly Agree	54%
Agree	43%
Disagree	0%
Strongly Disagree	0%
Don't know	3%
Did not answer	0%

### My child does well at this school.

Strongly Agree	48%
Agree	47%
Disagree	2%
Strongly Disagree	0%
Don't know	2%
Did not answer	1%

### The school lets me know how my child is doing at this school

Strongly Agree	36%
Agree	61%
Disagree	3%
Strongly Disagree	0%
Don't know	0%
Did not answer	0%

### There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.

Strongly Agree	50%
Agree	46%
Disagree	3%
Strongly Disagree	0%
Don't know	1%
Did not answer	0%

### I would recommend this school to another parent.

Yes	98%
No	1%
Did not answer	1%





This year, the JLT decided that our Christmas tree should become a memory tree to remember loved ones who are not with us at this time of year.

Sadly, we have several children in school who may struggle with key people missing from their lives. Memory tags were sold for 50p, with all proceeds going to the Air Ambulance charity.

Missed but never forgotten.

## It's Christmas !

It was wonderful to be able to take Year 3 to St Mary's Church for their Christingle service.

Thank you to all adults who joined us at this celebration and thank you to Reverend King for allowing us to use the church.

Year 4 children took to the stage to entertain us with their production 'Christmas around the world.'

Thank you to all adults who attended and made this festive event memorable.



## Anti-Bullying Week '24

As always, we marked the annual Anti-bullying Week in mid-November. This year's theme was 'Choose Respect' and this was launched at the start of the week through a whole school assembly.

To celebrate everybody's uniqueness, we also took part in Odd Socks Day and witnessed some rather extraordinary combinations!

Throughout the week, pupils took part in numerous mini-activities to help them understand the theme and the key role that they play in creating a respectful culture.



# Diary Dates- Term 3 **echo**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Christmas Break</b>				
		<b>1st January</b> Holiday	<b>2nd January</b> Holiday	<b>3rd January</b> Holiday
<b>6th January</b> School Open to pupils at 8.40am	<b>7th January</b>	<b>8th January</b>	<b>9th January</b> Yr4 swimming	<b>10th January</b> <i>FaB Friday</i>
<b>13th January</b>	<b>14th January</b>	<b>15th January</b>	<b>16th January</b> Yr4 swimming	<b>17th January</b> <i>FaB Friday</i>
<b>20th January</b>	<b>21st January</b>	<b>22nd January</b>	<b>23rd January</b> Yr4 swimming	<b>24th January</b> <i>FaB Friday</i> VIP
<b>27th January</b>	<b>28th January</b> Yr5 Faith Tour - details to follow	<b>29th January</b> Yr4 Ancient Egypt Day - details to follow	<b>30th January</b> Yr4 swimming	<b>31st January</b> <i>FaB Friday</i>
<b>3rd February</b> Children's Mental Health Week '24	<b>4th February</b>	<b>5th February</b>	<b>6th February</b> Yr 4 swimming	<b>7th February</b> <i>FaB Friday</i> <i>LH Online safety</i> <i>session TBC</i>
<b>10th February</b>	<b>11th February</b> Safer Internet Day	<b>12th February</b>	<b>13th February</b> Yr 4 swimming	<b>14th February</b> School Closes 3.00pm
<b>February Half Term</b>				

**A VERY MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
and Happy New Year!**

**SAFEGUARDING AT SOUTH END**

At South End Junior, safeguarding all children remains our priority. If you have any worries or concerns, please see one of the following members of staff:  
 Miss Kaur- Lead Designated Safeguarding Lead                      Mrs Gibbs & Mrs Izycky- Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads.