

South End Echo



Keeping you informed: Miss Kaur—Headteacher

Friday 14th February 2025

Dear parents and carers,

Where on earth have the last six weeks gone? This half term has flown by, and Easter is almost upon us!

Our value of 'aspiration' certainly had our South Enders thinking about potential careers and plans for the future. Value stones have been awarded and an extra break earned. Our values ambassadors for 'aspiration' were all congratulated on Monday morning in our assembly.



Next term, we launch the new value of 'independence'.

A huge thank you to Kaleb and Eva (our outgoing head pupils) who have performed their role with pride and aspiration since September 2023. You have both been a pleasure to work alongside.

Congratulations to Kayden and Alice, our new head boy and girl. I look forward to working with you after the half term break and until you leave us in July.



A huge thank you to all year 5 parents who attended our French Café. They were a 'tres bien' opportunity to find out more about what the pupils are expected to know in French. Next term, we look forward to celebrating World Book Day, World Maths Day and British Science week. It will be Year 3's term to make a splash at the pool!

Today, we say goodbye and good luck to Mrs Clarke who has worked at South End Junior for 27 years. Over this time, she has nurtured hundreds of children who have sought additional support.

For nearly three decades, Mrs Clarke has been a pillar of support, a source of guidance, and a beacon of kindness for children and their families. Through every challenge, every triumph and every moment of growth, Mrs Clarke has stood by our South Enders, offering not only her knowledge but her heart. Her patience, compassion, and unwavering dedication to the children at South End has been commendable.

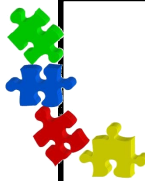
We wish Mrs Clarke all the very best in her retirement

The South End team wish all of our community a happy and safe half term break. Any safeguarding concerns should continue to be reported to me using gkaur@southend-jun.northants.sch.uk

The new term starts on Monday 24th February at 8:40am.

See you at the gate!

G Kaur

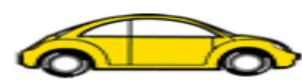


If you are parking in the streets and roads around the school, could we ask you please to consider whether you are driving and parking safely?

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

We remind you that parents and carers are not permitted to drive 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.

Thank you in advance of your co-operation.



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 top (such as a sweatshirt or hoodie).



We take great pride in all our South Enders looking smart every day. It is essential that every child comes to school in full school uniform every day. We have noticed a few children lacking a tie or black school shoes. Please ensure your child is fully compliant with our uniform standards and has their PE kit in school every day too.



<https://southendjunior.com/parents/uniform>

Due to the fact that we have a number of children in school with a nut allergy, 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 contained.

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



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Attendance & Punctuality

A huge thank you to all parents/carers who send their child to school every day and on time.

We have noticed a number of children arriving later than 8.40am. Please ensure your child arrives on time as morning learning tasks are being missed by several children. Late arrivals also distract the learning of other children in the class.

Attendance surgeries will continue in the next term for any families who may have barriers to attending school regularly. We also continue to report any unauthorised holiday requests to the Local Authority for them to issue fixed penalty notices.

ATTENDANCE WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

- 1 I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.**
 We know that we understand you may wish to travel before you book anything. Please your child's school and we will be glad to give you a penalty notice. This has a £160 fee if you pay it in 14 days. It will be reduced to £80 if you pay it in 7 days.
- 2 FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS OVER.**
 £180 + £180 + £180 + £180 = £720
 4 children & 1 parent = £640
 (Reduced to £320 if paid in 14 days)
- 3 FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS**
 £180 + £180 + £180 + £180 = £720
 4 children & 2 parents = £1280
 (Reduced to £640 if paid in 14 days)
- 4 IF IN ANY PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN 2 YEARS, YOUR CHILD HAS A 2ND AND 3RD LEAVE OF ABSENCE OR PATTERN OF IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE...**
2ND TIME
 2 parents and 2 children = £400
 3 children = £600
 4 children = £780
 No discount for early payment
3RD TIME
 A penalty notice that will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court. A magistrate can fine each parent £2000 for each child.
 1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
 2 parents & 4 children = £20,000



Year 5 Faith Tour

On Tuesday 28th January, Year 5 headed to Bedford for their Faith Tour. This involved visiting three different places of worship: a Gurdwara, a Mosque and a Church. The children were inquisitive and curious to discover more about the three different religions (Sikhism, Islam and Christianity). We were lucky to learn about the traditions and beliefs of these religions and were able to see inside the beautiful buildings. There was a great buzz on the journey back to school with the children wanting to share what they had enjoyed from their experience. It was a great opportunity to have an insight into the lives of others and appreciate the diversity that is within our local area.



Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 11th February, we marked Safer Internet Day. Mrs Gibbs launched the event in Monday morning's assembly with the theme being 'Too Good to be True? Protecting yourself and others from scams online.' Each year group completed a variety of activities throughout the day and looked at how you can stay safe when it comes to seeing something too good to be true online.

Want to know how to help keep your child safe online? Find lots of top tips here: [Tips for Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)



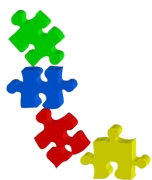
Children's mental health week

The 3rd – 9th February marked children's mental health week. This was launched by Mr Hodgkins in our whole school assembly, where we explored themes around mental health, growth mindsets and wellbeing.

The theme this year was 'know yourself, grow yourself', with children being challenged to identify their individual strengths and areas to develop.

During the week, children across all year groups took part in a variety of activities in PSHE lessons relating to mental health, such as tasks which looked at understanding our feelings; how to develop resilience and a growth mindset; and investigating strategies to boost our mental health.

Year 4 stepped back in time to the 14th century BC and had an insight into life during the Ancient Egyptian times. In the morning, they were busy making various wares including canopic jars, carving shabtis, amulets, bread and perfume jars. The afternoon concluded with an Egyptian banquet where the children entertained each other with dancing, music and drama. Some had the job of being a slave and served food and drinks during the celebrations. The highlight of the afternoon (for the children) was when Mrs Lewis was sent to trial and was sentenced to death! What an amazing start to their new topic 'Ancient Adventures' .



Diary Dates- Term 4 *echo*

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
24th February <u>School re-opens at 8:40am</u>	25th February Yr 6 SATs information evening@ 5pm	26th February	27th February	28th February <i>FAB Friday</i> <i>VIP</i>
3rd March	4th March Y3 trip to Shepreth Wildlife Park	5th March	6th March World Book Day	7th March <i>FAB Friday</i>
10th March	11th March Yr6 Rotary Quiz for some pupils	12th March	13th March	14th March <i>FAB Friday</i>
17th March	18th March Yr 5/6 Bee Netball	19th March	20th March Yr 3 Stone Age day	21st March <i>FAB Friday</i> <i>VIP</i>
24th March Y6 parent-teacher meetings	25th March World Maths Day Y3 parent-teacher meetings	26th March Y5 parent-teacher meetings	27th March Yr 3 Swimming Y4 parent-teacher meetings	28th March <i>FAB Friday</i> <i>VIP</i>
31st March	1st April	2nd April	3rd April Yr 3 Swimming	4th April <u>School Closes at 3.00pm</u>
Easter Break				

SAFEGUARDING AT SOUTH END

At South End, 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.