

# South End Echo



Keeping you informed: Miss Kaur—Headteacher

Spring 2 Friday 4th April 2025

Dear parents and carers,

It's hard to believe term 4 is already over!

We have had a busy term celebrating World Book Day, Red Nose Day, World Maths Day and taking part in British Science Week activities. Our South Enders also enjoyed taking part in a Skipbeatz session. I hope all Year 3 children put their new skipping ropes to good use!

Year 3 enjoyed their visit to Shepreth Wildlife Park and their Easter craft session at St Mary's Church.

Our value of 'Independence' has been demonstrated daily by our South Enders. We have celebrated by announcing our 'Independence' ambassadors in assembly this week, and an additional values break was awarded this afternoon in recognition of the tremendous number of values stones the children collected this term.

A huge well done to our Year 6 team who represented SEJ at the annual Rotary Club Inter-schools Quiz Competition. Their general knowledge was more than put to the test, and they came second by just two points! All four children have made us feel very proud as they worked collaboratively while showing our values.

Next term, we launch our new value of 'Perseverance'. What does your child persevere with out of school? How do you encourage it? If your child shows real 'grit' in an activity out of school, please share it with their class teacher so that we can reward them with values stones.

A huge thank you to all parents and carers who attended our parent-teacher meetings this term. It was great to share and celebrate successes and discuss areas of improvement.

After the Easter break, we will continue to nurture and grow all our South Enders and prepare Year 6 for the upcoming SATs. As usual, there will be a breakfast club on offer for all Year 6 children.

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation this term. The new term begins on Tuesday 22nd April at 8:40am.

Please report any safeguarding issues over the holidays [gkaur@southend-jun.northants.sch.uk](mailto:gkaur@southend-jun.northants.sch.uk). Alternatively, MASH can be contacted on 0300 126 1000.

Have a safe and relaxing Easter break. Enjoy your Easter treats!

See you at the gate!

G Kaur

Headteacher



If you are parking in the streets and roads around the school, could I 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 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.



## SEJ Choirs

Our Upper and Lower Hub choirs performed in the Young Musician of the Year competition on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at The Ferrers School.

They all had a great time and showed fantastic values. For some of them it was their first ever time performing in a competition, but they did not let that stop them!

Well done to both our choirs who sang beautifully and did South End proud!

## Eco Ambassadors



Eco Ambassadors have been hard at work this term finding out other ways our school can become more sustainable.

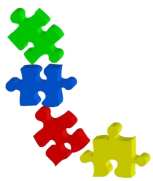
They had an excellent opportunity to work with Anglian Water towards the end of this term.

They learnt all about water usage and water saving at SEJ and will now endeavour to make the changes that we suggested for our school.

Please ensure your child is in their classroom at 8.40am. We are noticing the same children are arriving late and missing morning starter tasks. Thank you to all parents and carers who ensure their children are at school on time.

Next term, attendance surgeries will continue 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 as per policy.





# Red Nose Day 2025

A huge well done to our JLT members who raised money for Comic Relief 2025. The lime green of SEJ was turned red for the day!

**The total raised was £318.94.**

A huge thank you for all donations.



The Air Ambulance will receive another £120 thanks to a generous donation from the parent of a pupil in Year 4. Thank you!



# World Book Day

World Book Day looked a little different at SEJ this year! We incorporated the day into our 'Poetry Fortnight' which was launched by a visit from Paul Cookson. Following a special assembly where he performed some of his work, Paul ran a workshop with each year group to show the children how a poem can be created from a simple idea. On World Book Day, our theme was to dress up as **'anyone'** and write an abecedarius poem. We loved seeing everyone's creativity shine through with the costumes and the poems that were written.





## British Science Week 2025

This year, the theme for British Science Week was 'Change and Adapt'. Each year group looked at what that meant in terms of humans, animals and plants and looked at how they have adapted over time to their surroundings.

We kickstarted the week with a visit from Boffin Rita - from The Science Boffins - who boosted our excitement levels and created a sense of awe and wonder! Mrs Green had a near miss when Boffin Rita went to tip water over her head, but because of some magical water-absorbing crystals, Mrs Green's fringe was saved! Boffin Rita also made a mess when she misread the instructions to make elephant's toothpaste.

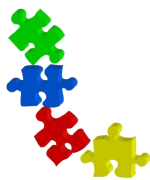
Across the school, there was a buzz of energy as children carried out various science experiments including making a lava lamp and testing whether food bags can really be classed as indestructible.

Thank you to everyone who submitted an entry to the Science Selfie Competition. It was hard to choose just one winner per year group. Winners were announced in Monday's assembly – enjoy your prizes!

## Year 3 Stone Age Day

To launch their new project, All the Ages, Year 3 were transported back to the palaeolithic period which occurred around 1.5million years ago. To start the day, children were met by Ug – a local stone age man - who shared various facts about the prehistoric times. Throughout the day, the children had a go at being artefact investigators, arrow and spear creators, cave painters and bone examiners. They also had a go at archery to try and catch a boar or badger for their dinner.

Please ask your children what they have learnt about the Stone Age, Iron Age and Bronze Age so far.



# Diary Dates- Term 5 *echo*

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>21st April</b> School Closed - Easter Monday	<b>22nd April</b> School re-opens	<b>23rd April</b>	<b>24th April</b> Yr3 Swimming RSE parent workshop	<b>25th April</b> Y4 parents invited to Innovation Friday at 2:15pm
<b>28th April</b>	<b>29th April</b>	<b>30th April</b>	<b>1st May</b> Yr3 Swimming	<b>2nd May</b>
<b>5th May</b> School Closed - Bank Holiday	<b>6th May</b> Class Photos	<b>7th May</b> Y4 & Y5 Indian Drumming workshop	<b>8th May</b> Yr3 Swimming	<b>9th May</b> VIP
<b>12th May</b> Y6 SATs Week Mental Health Awareness Week History Festival begins	<b>13th May</b> Y6 SATs Week	<b>14th May</b> Y6 SATs Week	<b>15th May</b> <b><u>NO SWIMMING</u></b> Y6 SATs Week	<b>16th May</b> Yr 5 Ancient Greek Day
<b>19th May</b>	<b>20th May</b>	<b>21st May</b> Yr 6 Cadbury World Trip	<b>22nd May</b> Yr3 Swimming	<b>23rd May</b> History Festival ends <b>School closes at 3pm</b>
<b>May Holiday</b>				

*After the Easter break, choir and drama clubs will run as follows:*

Lower Hub Drama (Mondays) - 28/4, 12/5, and 19/5  
 Upper Hub Drama (Tuesdays) - 29/4, 6/5, 13/5, and 20/5  
 Lower Hub Choir (Wednesdays) - 30/4, 7/5, 14/5, and 21/5  
 Upper Hub Choir (Thursdays) - 1/5, 8/5, 15/5, and 22/5

#### 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.