

South End Echo



Keeping you informed: Miss Kaur - Headteacher

Friday 18th July 2025

Dear parents/ carers,

Where did that academic year go?

This year seems to have flown by! This term, as usual, has been incredibly busy. Discos, a graduation, leavers' concerts, end of year celebrations and new teacher meets... a busy half term but a good time had by all our amazing South Enders!

Once again, our determined South Enders have demonstrated resilience by working hard and following school values. This week, we announced our twelve overall values ambassadors for the year. A huge well done to all who were chosen for following our six values on a daily basis. You have made us all feel so proud!



It is time to say goodbye to our amazing Year 6 South Enders; their SEJ learning journey has sadly come to an end. Was it really four years ago that I gave them their ties? The SEJ team are always proud when sending off 90 children, who will continue to work with pride and perseverance, to several secondary settings. I know all of them will continue to be amazing! Today, saw our Year 6 leavers walk through the famous 'South End leavers' arch'. Thank you to all who joined us for this event. It is great to see this event get bigger and bigger year on year! The more the merrier!

Our new year 3 children are waiting in the wings. They all enjoyed their transfer day and are now all awaiting their tie ceremony in September. We are looking forward to getting to know them all! Arrangements for the tie ceremony have been sent to all parents/ carers of our new year 3 children. We hope they can join us on Wednesday 3rd September to witness their little one becoming a fully-fledged 'South Ender'.

I must say a massive 'thank you' to the JLT for raising £730.84 for the Air Ambulance charity. I have loved working with them raising money for such a worthwhile cause.

September will bring a few changes to our SEJ team.

We say goodbye to Mr Carter, Miss Russell and Miss Watt. Mrs Roberts and Mrs Barry will not be returning after their maternity leave. We wish our teachers all the best in their new schools and adventures.

We welcome Miss Sivarajah, Mr Oliver, Mrs Shilton and Mrs Shearman to the SEJ teaching team. We also welcome Mrs Wright as our new school business manager.

We have spoken to all the children about keeping safe over the break, including online safety too. Any safeguarding issues over the break can be reported to the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 0300 126 7000.

Any queries can also be emailed to gkaur@southend-jun.northants.sch.uk

I hope you enjoy plenty of quality time with family and friends over the summer break. Fingers crossed for dry weather and sunshine.

Finally, thanks to the incredible SEJ team for their hard work and dedication to improve outcomes for all our South Enders. They all deserve an amazing summer break with an opportunity to unwind and recharge!

We look forward to welcoming the new Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 back to school on Wednesday 3rd September 2025.

Have an amazing summer holiday and see you back at the gate in September!

Thanks again for your continued support.

G Kaur

Head teacher

Staffing structure: 2025/2026

Headteacher - Miss Kaur		
Deputy Headteacher - Mrs Gibbs		
Director of Inclusion - Mrs A Izycky		
Lower Hub Phase Leader Mr Oliver	Year 3 Ayres - Miss Hunter Matisse - Mrs Lewis Picasso - Miss Sivarajah	Year 4 Lewis- Mrs Green Rowling - Mr Oliver Dahl - Mrs Jennings
Upper Hub Phase Leader Mrs Shilton	Year 5 Archimedes - Mrs Moody Da Vinci - Mrs Shearman Engelbart - Mrs Carey	Year 6 Aristotle - Mr Woodcock Galileo - Mrs Shilton Einstein - Mr Hodgkins

South End Junior School Summer Showcase Shines Bright

South End Junior School was alive with colour, creativity and community spirit at this year's Summer Showcase. Pupils across all year groups came together to share their talents, from captivating drama performances to musical numbers that had the whole audience smiling.

The event highlighted the hard work and enthusiasm of pupils, with parents and carers enjoying a proud glimpse into the learning and achievements of the academic year. Whether on stage or behind the scenes, every child played a part in making the day a true celebration of South End's unique school spirit.

It was a fantastic way to wrap up the academic year—with joy, confidence and lots of applause!



Eco Ambassadors

Eco Ambassadors have been busy teaching everyone about the impact of climate change. They have taught our staff and children about the impact of our rising global temperatures and are incredibly worried about the impact it is having on many animals and their habitats.

Eco Ambassadors have enjoyed seeing the changes people have made during 'Plastic Free July' and would like to challenge everyone to walk more and drive less over the summer holidays!





A huge well done to our Year 6 children. We feel incredibly proud of their hard work and resilience. Our Years 6 results are once again above national figures.

Summary of SATs results

	At Expected Standard and above (EXS+)	National Average for EXS+	At Greater Depth Standard (GDS)	Ave. scaled score
READING	80%	75%	31%	106
WRITING (TA)	76%	72%	6%	
MATHS	90%	74%	35%	107
COMBINED RWM	70%	62%	5%	
GPVS	91%	73%	40%	108
Science	80%	82%		

We are also celebrating with our Year 4 children. Their scores on the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check were also impressive. Additional time on TT Rock Stars does pay off!

Year 4 MTC

Statistic	2021-2022		2022-2023		2023-2024		2024-2025		
	School	National	School	National	School	National	Cohort	School	National
% of pupils scoring full marks (25/25)	32%	27%	50%	29%	56%	34%	82	48%	~ 39%
Average score (out of 25)	21.1	19.8	22.9	20.2	23.3	20.6	80	22.4	~ 21.1

Drop Everything and Read

Year 3 enjoyed welcoming their parents, carers and family members to our second 'Drop Everything and Read' session on Thursday 19th June. It was great to see so many parents/carers attend to enjoy sharing a story with their child. Luckily, the sun stayed shining, and we were able to enjoy a story or two out on the grass! A big thank you to the 52 adults who attended this session.



Year 3's Innovation Friday

As part of Innovation Friday on Friday 6th June, Year 3 welcomed their parents/carers to join them in 'The Big Plant Quiz of the Year'. To start the session, the children became the teachers to ensure their parents' knowledge of plants was up to scratch and then they put this knowledge to the test to answer questions as a team. Well done to our winning teams from each class! Thank you to the 70 adults who attended this session.



Sports Day

On Monday July 7th, the sun finally burst through to dry out the field for the SEJ annual whole school sports day. The event was made up of two parts. Firstly, the children competed in a twelve activity round robin, focusing on different skills and requirements. Secondly, those who chose to participated in competitive race events on the track, including sprint, hurdles, skipping, relay and a long distance race around the Daily Mile track.

Alongside the sunshine, we had DJ Nathan and Happy Days Coffee on site to add a fun atmosphere alongside the sports.

A huge well done to all of the pupils who gave it their all and the staff members from SEJ and Rushden Academy who helped ensure the day ran smoothly from start to finish.

A special mention to the 2025 winning house Resolve. Who will win in 2026? Ignite? Connect? Excel? Or will Resolve defend their title?

Year 6 became students at the 'School of Pop' this year for their leavers' play. The story was based on ex pop-star 'Barry Garlow', who decided to try his hand at teaching. Year 6 wowed the teachers from the first singing rehearsal! After weeks of learning the songs and their lines (we apologise that some of you had them on an endless loop at home too!), it all started to come together. Interrupted by a week -ong break for various transition days, the children put all of their efforts into the final week of rehearsals and have made the Year 6 team very proud!



Year 6 'Grow a Pound' celebrations

Our fantastic Year 6 children raised an incredible £1,800 through their 'Grow a Pound' enterprise projects. Their enthusiasm, determination and teamwork truly paid off, and we couldn't be prouder of what they achieved.

As a reward for all their hard work, teamwork and dedication the children voted to be treated to an exclusive cinema screening of 'Elio', followed by a tasty Greggs lunch in the Rushden Lakes sunshine that everyone enjoyed.

To top it all off, they raised enough money to end their day with a fun-filled celebration party evening, including a disco, ice-creams, karaoke, bracelet making, sports activities and much more! It was a wonderful way to celebrate their achievements and create long lasting memories before moving on to their next exciting chapter in Year 7.



JLT ambassadors

What an incredibly busy year the JLT have had! They have worked hard to raise funds for the Air Ambulance: their chosen charity for this academic year.

- October saw them host their 'wear yellow' day and they raised a staggering £441.
- In December, they sold memory tags for our tree and raised £26 and a further £30 at the carol service.
- Freeze Friday in June raised additional funds. We were super lucky with the weather; sunshine was ordered and it was delivered!

**In total, the JLT have raised
£730.84 for the Air Ambulance. Super job!**



To thank the JLT for their efforts, they were treated to lunch at Pizza Express.

How lucky are they!

A great afternoon was had by all.



GOODBYE & GOOD LUCK

Class of 2025!



