



## Spring Term Newsletter Week 20 24th February 2023



**Dress up as your favourite character.**

**Bikeability — Year 6 - 2nd & 3rd March**



**Year 4— 6th March**



**Parent Consultations** are on the 6th and 8th March. Please book your appointments on MCAS.

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March @ 9am – Sleep Workshop

Does your child have trouble settling and switching off at night?

Have you forgotten what adult time is in the evening?

Are you still having broken nights' sleep, even though your child is older?

Please join Mrs Wilson who is sleep clinic trained, for some great strategies to support you at home. We promise you are not the only one!



### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March @ 2 o'clock – Promoting positive behaviour and self-regulation



Do you feel like your child/ren are winning the battle? Are you having to pick your battles at home? Do you ever feel as parents you are not on the same page, chapter, or book as your partner?

We all have these periods of time in parenting. We are here to support and offer advice and strategies that we promise work!

**Cancellation of Clubs** — There will be no sports or teacher run clubs on Wednesday due to the teachers' Strike Action.

Due to parent consultations on Weds 8th March there will be no Choir or Homework Club after school.



### **Postage stamps collection**

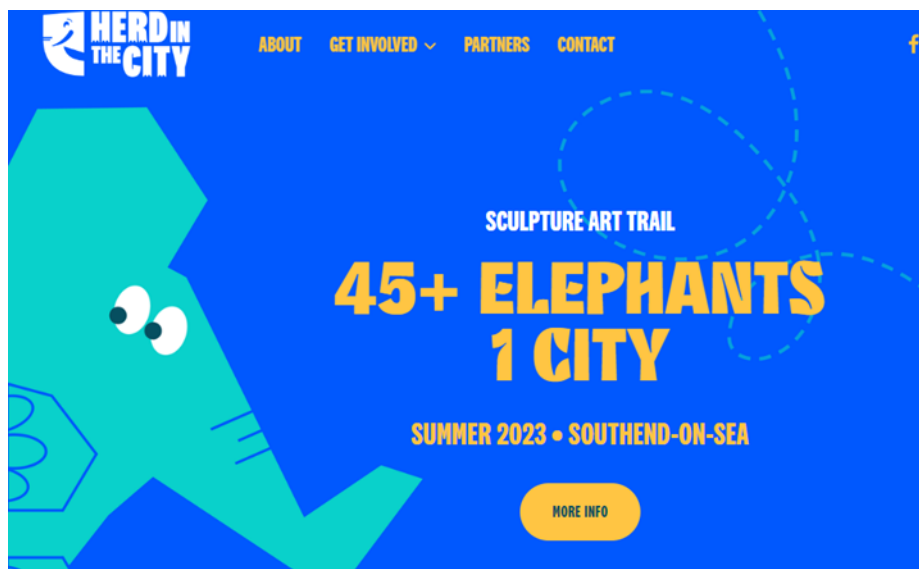
Just a reminder that we are still collecting any new or used postage stamps, as well as parcel labels (see the pictures). Please drop them to the office or Mrs Calvy's class.

Thank you for your support.





## Fun Run—Herd in the City



The school has a fantastic opportunity to take part in this year's fundraising event for Havens Hospice, Herd in the City. Our aim is to raise £825 for our own Hinguar elephant.

As part of our fundraising, on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March from 2pm-3pm, we will be hosting a sponsored family fun run, where all pupils will be running/walking for 30 minutes around the school grounds to raise money for our very own elephant. We are also inviting parents and family members to put on your running shoes and participate in this event too with your child(ren). Our Nursery children will complete a Big Toddler obstacle course in their outdoor area for 10 minutes at the beginning of the morning or afternoon session they attend that day. Nursery parents are invited to stay and help them to complete this challenge. The children will be allowed to wear bright coloured clothes for the day.

As we are a cashless school, we ask for all sponsorship to be paid through our Just Giving page:

**[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/hinguar](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/hinguar)**

If you wish to take part, but not run/walk we are also looking for volunteers to help on the day.

Pick up a letter to participate or volunteer from the school office.



# Curlew Class

To conclude our science lessons about sound last half term, the children designed their own musical instruments and considered what they would be made out of and how they would work. They were then given the option of taking their designs home to build them for real.

This week, the incentive of 5 Catch-Me points obviously worked, as some fabulous instruments have been brought into school! Well done to everyone who chose to make their instrument.

In English, we finally read chapter 3 of The Iron Man. The children considered the growing relationship between Hogarth and the Iron Man and the questions Hogarth would have for him to find out more about him. They then thought about the emotions and thoughts the Iron Man had at the end of the chapter and completed a summary of what had happened to him so far.

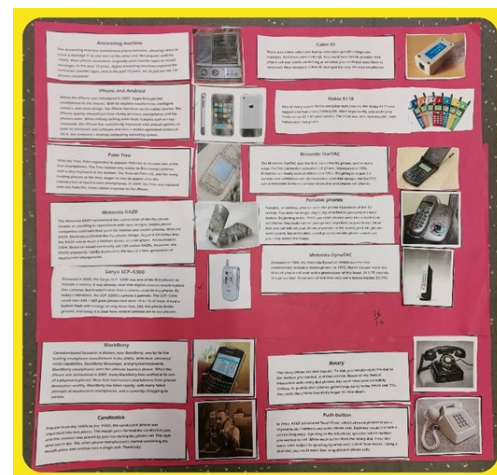
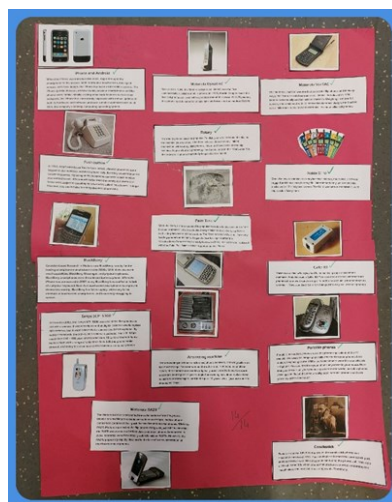
In preparation for our visit to Southend Museum on the 7<sup>th</sup> March, we are investigating the history of various communication devices to hook our

interest. This week, we learnt about the invention of the telephone and how this technology has been developed over the years. We also looked inside out special resource box that has been loaned to us from the museum to find out about the EKCO business.

Well done fabulous foursies for a fantastic first week back.

Miss Eakins and Mrs Edwards

#learningwithEs



## Starfish Class



This week in Starfish class, our story focus has been The Rainbow Fish.

There has been lots of discussion around how we can be a kind friend. We worked together to create our own rainbow fish using colourful tissue paper and added some beautiful shiny scales.

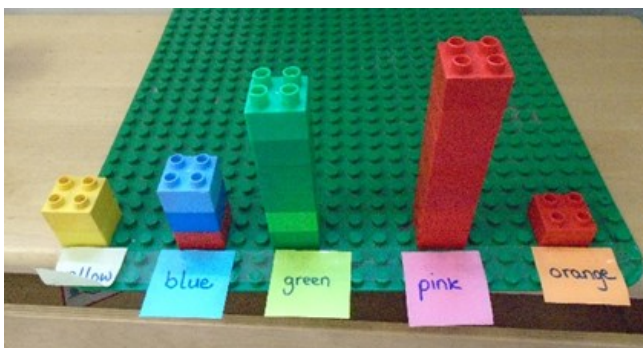
The children have had great fun creating their own rainbow fish out of playdough and adding colourful gems for his scales.

We conducted a rainbow science experiment using paper towels and coloured water. The children discussed what they thought would happen and made some interesting predictions., including, "The tissue will melt," "It might rain because that's how you get rainbows," and "The tissue will change colour." The children were very excited to see the results of our experiment and we discovered that the tissue paper had changed colour as it absorbed the coloured water.

The children have enjoyed talking about their favourite colour and used Duplo bricks to create a graph to record this. We practised our counting skills, and used mathematical language such as more, most, biggest, smallest and fewer to describe what we had recorded.

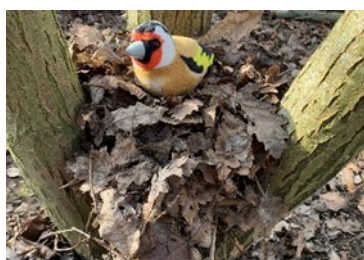
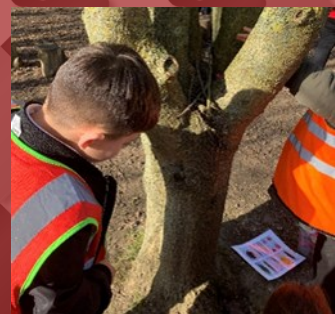
Our story focus next week is Supertato.

Mrs Brant, Mrs Cochrane, Mrs Bowser, Mrs Loe and Mrs Mota





# Oyster Class



Welcome back, Year 1!

We have had a super busy week this week.

In English, we have been learning to sequence events and use time connectives to help us to sequence our writing.

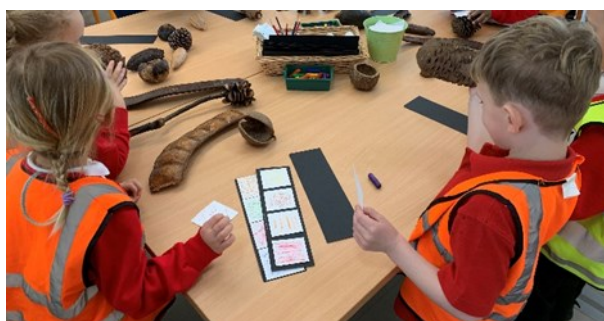
In Maths, we have been learning numbers from 20-50 and have been counting in 10's. We played a fun game where we earned 10 points for each beanbag we threw into a hoop.

The absolute highlight of our week was going to Hyde Hall on Tuesday to learn all about plants. The children split into groups to complete a range of activities including, observational drawing, seed planting, observing animals that have come to the end of their life cycles, seed rubbings, making bookmarks and building nests.

The children were fabulous representatives of the school and produced some incredible work.

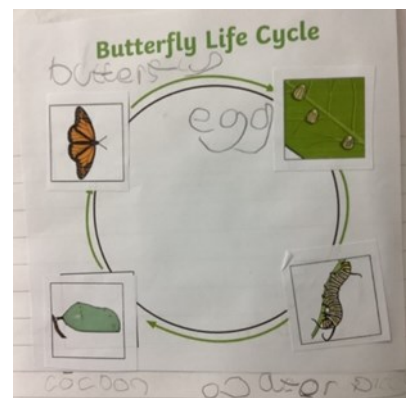
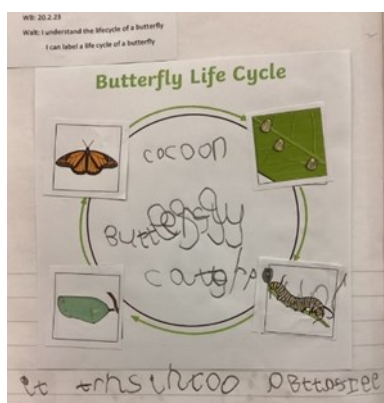
You all deserve a relaxing weekend, Well done, everyone!

Mrs O'Donnell, Mrs Mota and Mrs Merton





# Seahorse Class



This week in Seahorse Class we have explored the book *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. As we read the story, we discussed key vocabulary that represented the lifecycle of a butterfly. We discovered the words cocoon, pupa and chrysalis could all be used to describe the home a caterpillar makes around itself before changing into a butterfly. We have also discussed the life cycle of a frog, plant and human.



In Literacy, the children labelled the lifecycle of a butterfly, before writing a sentence describing what had happened to the caterpillar. We have been working hard in our phonics lessons, and are using the phrase 'chunking' when reading longer words such as pocket and carpet etc. This is where the children blend and read each syllable of the word before connecting them together e.g. vel, vet, velvet.

In Maths, we have explored 1 more and 1 fewer using Numicon tiles. The children have used a range of strategies to decipher had to find the corresponding tiles. Strategies have included: counting the holes, placing tiles on top of other tiles, covering up holes, using a number line, counting our fingers and using smaller numbered tiles to build up to a number.



In Art, the children have used oil pastels to complete an observational drawing of flowers. It was lovely to see such different interpretations of the same stimulus.

Throughout the week, the children have created butterflies and caterpillars on the mark-making table, constructed with magnetic shapes, become minibeasts via Now Press

Play and built a stage from the large-scale wooden blocks to perform a show.

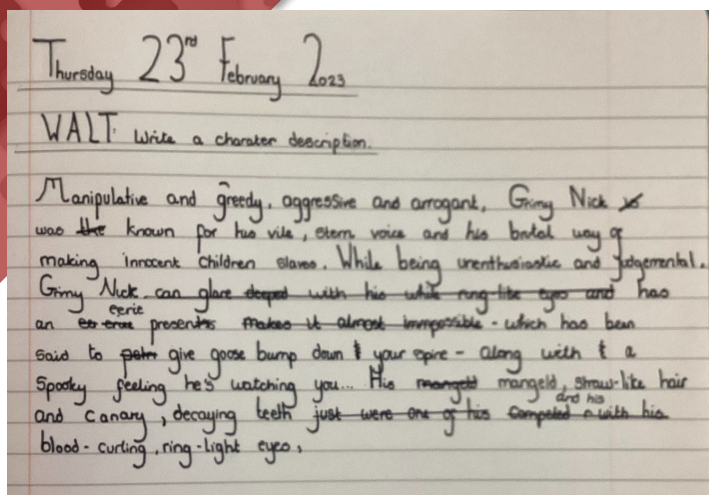
Thank you for all the homework and activities you have uploaded to Tapestry – it is lovely to see what the children and their families experienced in the half term break.

Mrs Newman and Mrs Penny





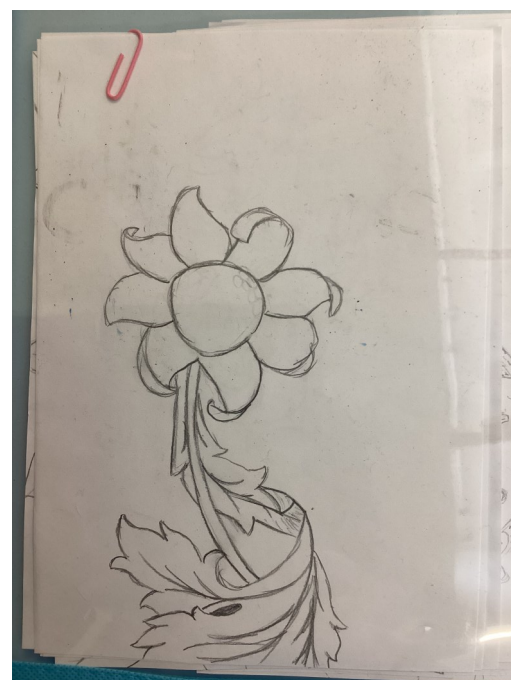
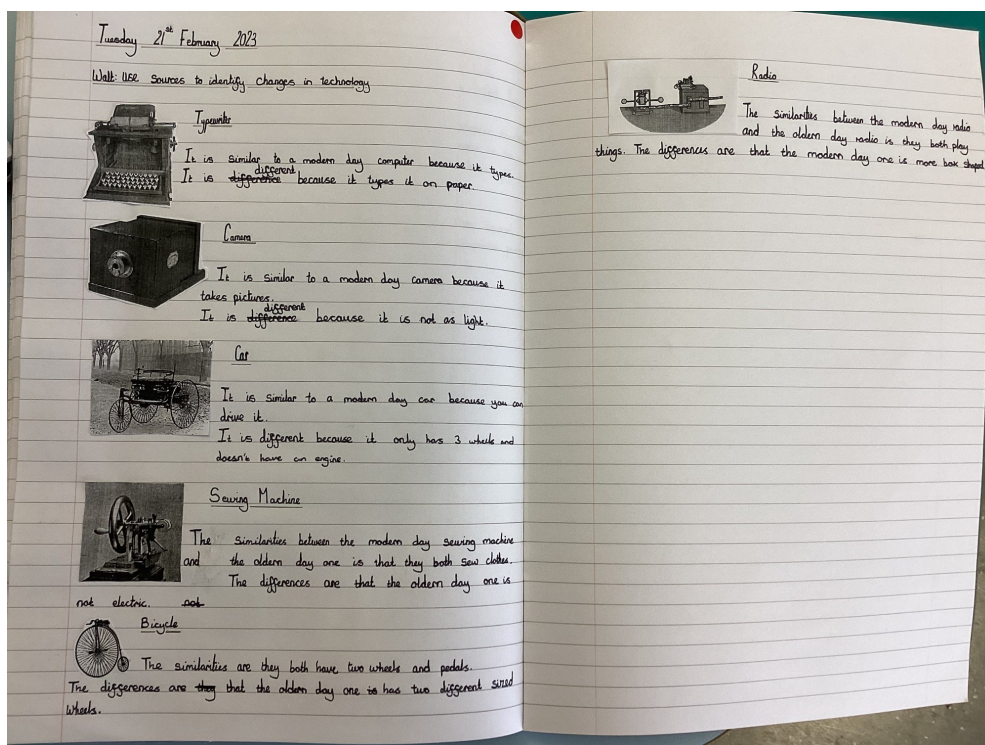
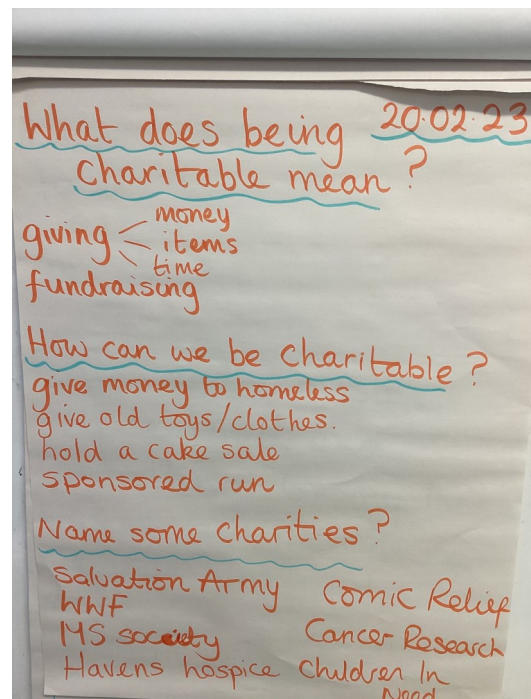
# Avocet Class



Avocet class have continued reading their class novel Street Child and this week's focus has been on the character of Grimy Nick. The children have written some amazing character descriptions using Thesaurus' to help extend their language. In RE, we have been thinking about what it means to be charitable and have explored some different national and local charities. In Art, we have begun to explore the work of William Morris and to take aspects of nature to create our own repeating patterns in his style. In History, we have learnt about a variety of technological inventions during the Victorian era and compared them with modern day versions.

Remember to pump those tyres for our bikeability sessions on Thursday and Friday next week!

Mrs Calvy, Mrs Attard and Ms Hardy



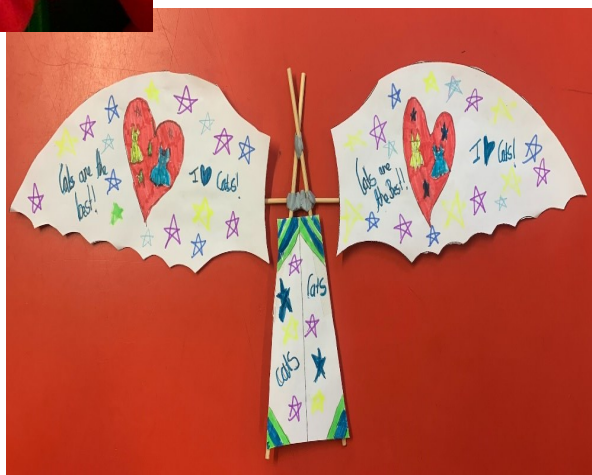


## Sanderling Class

This week in Year 5, Sanderling class have identified the key features of a range of biographies. After reading the biographies, we have considered the individual requirements necessary to produce our own biography linked to space. In Maths, we have been working hard to develop our knowledge of equivalent fractions and decimals, placing focus on reasoning answers. The children have been using resources to demonstrate their understanding. In art, they have created their own 'flying machine' inspired by Leonardo da Vinci.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Mountier  
and Mrs Allen.







## Seagull Class



This week, the children have been developing their geographical skills and exploring atlases. Each team was challenged to complete a place hunt. They used the index and contents pages to locate the correct page number and then had to find the location of the country, city or river.



Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February  
WALT locate information in an atlas.

Place	Page Number
England	Page 98
Scotland	Page 98
Wales	Page 89
Northern Ireland	Page 8
London	Page 9
Belfast	Page 9
Newcastle	Page 9

In Science this week, we have been considering what animals need to survive. We discussed the difference between wants and needs. We realised that some needs, such as water and food, are the same for all animals, but other needs vary depending on the group of animals.

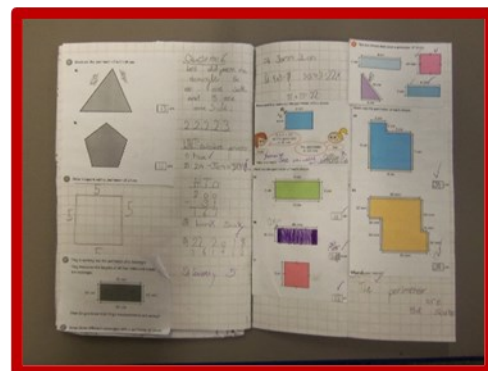
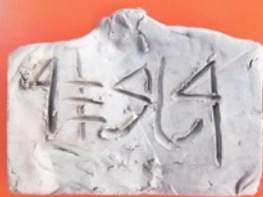
Mrs Oakley and Mrs Merton

Turtles live in water to survive. Turtles only go out of the water to lay their eggs. Turtles survive by eating. Turtles survive by <sup>breathing</sup> breathing. Turtles have a hard shell to <sup>keep</sup> keep safe. Turtles swim to go away from predators to survive.

Polar bears need tasty meat in order to survive. Polar bears need their thick fur to survive. Polar bears need water so they can stay hydrated. Polar bears need sharp claws to hunt seals.

A bird needs shelter to stay young. A bird needs food to live. A bird needs water. A bird needs to have a shelter to hide from predators.

## Heron Class



Our Heavenly Herons have worked so hard this week! They have finished their Length Unit in Maths by learning all about perimeter – they might even be able to sing a little chant about it. In English, they have started to learn about persuasive writing and created their own mini commercial scripts. In History, they learnt about how Ancient Civilisations began to write and made clay tablets of their own names using the Phoenician alphabet. In Science, they named the bones of the human body (not all 206 – just a few!) and in Computing, they finished their unit on Touch Typing.

Amazing work, Herons! Yet again, Mrs Tarling and myself are incredibly proud of you.


Have a great weekend,


Mrs. Emmings and Mrs. Tarling



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(Special Educational Needs & Disabilities)  
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	<b>Arts and crafts</b>	Wednesdays	
	<b>Table-tennis</b>	4:00—5:30pm	
	<b>Pool</b>		
	<b>Board Games</b>	<u><b>9—15 YEARS</b></u>	<b>IF YOU REQUIRE MORE DETAILS OR WANT TO JOIN US PLEASE CONTACT JACKIE BYRAM:</b>  <b>jackiebyram@southend.gov.uk</b>  <b>Tel No 01702 298495</b>
	<b>Team Games</b>	Thursdays	
		6:00—7:30pm	
		<u><b>16—25 YEARS</b></u>	
		Thursdays	
		7:45—9:15pm	



Together we achieve

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



# School Menu

Week commencing: 27/02, 20/03, 24/04, 15/05, 12/06, 03/07,						
WEEK 1		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Meat	Shepherd's pasty, new potatoes and peas	Salmon mac & cheese with broccoli	Roast Turkey, roast potatoes, mixed vegetables, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Sweet beef con carne, brown rice & sweetcorn	Jumbo Cod fish finger, chips, beans, spaghetti loops or peas
	Vegetarian /Vegan	Cheese and onion pasty, new potatoes and peas	Mac & cheese with broccoli	Roast vegan Quorn fillet, roast potatoes, mixed vegetables, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Sweet lentil con carne, brown rice and sweetcorn	Vegan fishless fish finger, chips, beans, spaghetti loops or peas
	Jacket Potato	Jacket potato with 2 toppings: cheese, ham, beans, tuna mayo	Jacket potato with 2 toppings: cheese, ham, beans, tuna mayo	Jacket potato with 2 toppings: cheese, ham, beans, tuna mayo	Jacket potato with 2 toppings: cheese, ham, beans, tuna mayo	Jacket potato with 2 toppings: cheese, ham, beans, tuna mayo
	Dessert	Cookie or Jelly	Brownie or Jelly	Jelly	Fruit crumble & cream or Jelly	Ice cream sponge roll or Jelly

## WEEK 1

**School dinners need to be ordered and paid for in advance on the IRIS Parent Mail app.**

School dinner menus will be published weekly for the following week to be ordered and paid for on the ParentMail app. Universal and Free School Meal children will still need to order their choices on the ParentMail app **but will not be charged**.

To order, open the IRIS ParentMail app and go to accounts. In accounts there is the School Dinner Register, tap on this to open the School Dinner Register and tap one of the days. This will take you to the screen with the menus for the week where you can order your choices for the individual day or full week.



Southend East Community Academy Trust



## Sporting Achievements

*Well Done, Mollie!*



Congratulations to Mollie in Y6 who made her debut, at age group standard, in a national diving competition during half term. This was a 5-day chaperoned event in Plymouth.

The competition was really tough, with some amazing divers. Mollie competed on platform and spring boards at 1m, 3m and 5m.

### Results:

1m prelim 3rd - final finished 6th

3m prelim 3rd – final finished 5th

5m prelim 2nd - final finished 2nd

Mollie did amazingly well and is now training towards the National Championships in the summer.





## Awards and Notices

### Reading Champions

Well done to Ava P in Oyster Class who is our latest Reading Champion. If you would like to be awarded a Reading Champion badge, you must read a selection of challenging books from a variety of genres and then write a short review of ONE book that you have read. We have plenty more badges waiting to be handed out so let's see who will be next! We thank all families for their continued support in enabling our children to be Reading Champions and in fostering a love of reading. Together We Achieve.'



### Catch Me!' Awards

This Is a system that rewards the children for doing the right thing all the time, whether it be being polite, helpful, ready to learn etc and any adult in the school can award the Catch Me! signatures to the children.

Well done to Georgia and Sammy in Avocet Class on achieving their Bronze Catch Me Awards.

Well done to Eva and Poppy in Seahorse Class, Grayson and Issy in Seagull Class, Sophelia, Zach and Oscar in Heron Class, Keegan, Sigourney, Harry, Skylar and Lewis in Curlew Class and Betsy in Sanderling Class on achieving their Silver Catch Me Awards.

And another special well done to Megan A, Megan S, Florence and Emily in Heron Class and Mia in Sanderling Class on achieving their Gold Catch Me's!



### Times Tables

Congratulations to Zack in Curlew Class on achieving his Bronze Times Tables Certificate.

Congratulations to William and Sufian in Curlew Class on achieving their Silver Times Tables Certificate.

Congratulations to Alex, Olivia H, Eli and Lottie-Mae in Curlew Class on achieving their Gold Times Tables Certificate.







## AWARDS

### House Points



**Canute**



**304**

**Guthrum**



**396**

**Thorkell**



**374**

**Houston**



**337**

### Student of the Week

#### Award Board

**Avocet Class—  
Mia**

**Sanderling Class—  
Betsy**

**Curlew Class—  
Hugo**

**Heron Class—  
Amelia-Primrose**

**Seagull Class—  
Emir**

**Oyster Class —  
The Whole Class**

**Seahorse Class—  
Alyssa**

### Race to the Park

The winning classes for half term are rewarded with a trip to the local park.

The winners of the race this term are,

KS1 Oyster Class having attendance of 98.26% and in

KS2 Avocet Class 97.92%.

### 100% Attendance and Punctuality Prize

Each week, during our celebration assembly, we congratulate good attendance as a whole class.

This week in KS1, Alice the Bunny was won by Oyster Class with 98.26% and KS2 the attendance cup was awarded to Avocet Class with 97.92%.

The classes will be rewarded with an extra turn on the play equipment.

# Term Dates / Dates for Your Diary

## Inset Days for Academic Year 22022/23

21st July 2023.

## Term Dates 2022 / 23

Summer Term 17 April 2023 – 21 July 2023

May Day Bank Holiday 1st May 2023

Half Term 30 May – 2 June

King's Coronation Bank Holiday May 8th 2023

## Dates for Diary (updates in red) Spring Term

Aspirations Week

27th February 2023—3rd March 2023

Southend Makes Music

28th February 2023—Year 1

World Book Day

2nd March 2023

**Bikeability year 6**

**2nd and 3rd March 2023**

**Bikeability Year 4**

**6th March 2023**

Parent Consultation Evenings

6th and 8th March 2023 3.30pm—6.30pm  
2023

Y4 Southend Museum visit

7th March—am only

Sports Hall Athletics

8th March 2023 1pm—4pm

Science Week

13th—17th March 2023

Infant Music Festival

13th March 2023 - Year 2

Mother's Day stalls

13th, 14th 15th March 2023 (lunchtimes)

Yrs 4 & 5 My Future, My Southend People Who Help Us

14th March 2023 pm (in school)

Y3 My Future, My Southend People Who Help Us

16th March 2023 pm (in school)

Assessment Week

20th—24th March 2023

FOH Easter Egg Hunt

24th March 2023 (in school)

Year 6 Residential

27th—31st March 2023

Seagull class parent open morning

28th March 2023 9.15—10.15

Reception Trip to Barleylands

29th March 2023

Pupil Advocate meeting

31st March 2023

## Summer term dates (updates in red)

Seahorse class parent open morning

19th April 2023 9.15—10.15

Avocet class open morning

24th April 2023 9.15—10.15

Starfish class parent open morning

26th April 2023 9.15—10.15

Years 3 & 4 production

26th April 2023 @ 6.30pm and 27th April  
2023 @ 9.30am

Bank Holiday (re: King's Coronation)

8th May 2023

Year 6 SATs week

9th—12th May 2023 (change of dates due to  
the Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation)

Heron class parent open morning

15th May 2023 9.15—10.15

Y6 My Future, My Southend—Hospitality

16th May 2023 pm (in school)

Curlew class parent open morning

17th May 2023 9.15—10.15





# Term Dates / Dates for Your Diary

## Summer Term contd (updates in red)

KS2 Music Festival area rehearsal	22nd—26th May (date tbc)
Oyster class parent open morning	24th May 2023 9.15—10.15
KS2 Music Festival	12th - 16th June 2023 (date tbc)
Father's Day stalls	12th, 13th, 14th June 2023 (lunchtimes)
Year 4 Lullingstone Roman Villa visit	20th June 2023
Sanderling class parent open morning	21st June 2023 9.15—10.15
Pupil Advocate meeting	23rd June 2023
Sports Day and Picnic Lunch	26th June 2023
Yrs 4, 5 & 6 My Future, My Southend—STEM	27th June 2023 pm (in school)
Y3 My Future, My Southend—STEM	29th June 2023 pm (in school)
Assessment Week	3rd—7th July 2023
Reserve Sports Day	10th July 2023 (change of date)
Open Evening	10th July 2023 4.30pm—6.30pm
Years 5 & 6 Production	12th July 2023 @ 6.30pm and 13th July 2023 @ 9.30am
Volunteer Afternoon Tea	18th July 2023 @ 2.00pm
Year 6 Graduation	19th July 2023 @ 2.00pm
Year 6 Leavers' Disco	19th July 6.30pm—8.00pm
Y6 T-shirt signing/fun swim	20th July 2023

## Term Dates for Academic Year 2023-2024

Autumn Term: Friday 1st September 2023—Wednesday 20th December 2023

Half Term: 23rd October –27th October

Spring Term: Thursday 4th January 2024—Thursday 28th March 2024

Half Term 19th February –23rd February

Summer Term: Monday 15th April 2024—Monday 22nd July 2024

Half term 27th May –31May, and May Bank Holiday 6th May

## Inset Days 2023/24

Friday 1st September 2023

Monday 30th October 2023

Friday 16th February 2024

Friday 28th June 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024

Please note that school, including Nursery, will close to pupils at 1:00pm on Wednesday 20th December 2023 and Friday 19th July 2024. There will be revised lunchtimes on these days. Breakfast club will run as normal on these dates, but there will be no after school club.