



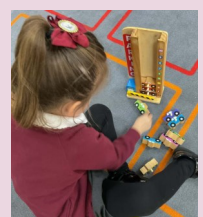
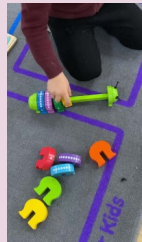
Southcoates Primary Academy Newsletter

Friday 18th September, 2026

Early Years

Welcome Back!

The children in the Early Years have made a fantastic start to the academic year! The children are settling into their new routines and learning through their play. Children are enjoying making new friends, sharing toys and exploring both our indoor and outdoor environments.



What are we learning about this term?

We're excited to start our new theme for this half term: **All About Me!**

We will be reading the stories about starting school, why we are all special and about different types of families. This will help us to draw pictures portraits, houses and our families and re-tell stories we have heard.

We will be learning about how we change as we grow and about why we are all unique and special. In science, we will be exploring signs of autumn and thinking about the weather we see in autumn and what we need to wear to stay warm!

What can I do at home to help my child?

- In Reception, each day, your child will learn a new sound in school. It would really help your child to practice their new sound at home each day, using the QR codes sent home and writing the sound on their sheet.
- Try to help your child learn their numbers to 10. This could be done through counting games or nursery rhymes like '5 little ducks'.
- In Reception, please help your child start writing their name.



General reminders

- Please make sure you label any of your child's belongings to help us ensure nothing gets lost.
- Please make sure your child comes to school each day with a water bottle.
- Children in EY are not permitted to wear earrings. If your child does have earrings, these must be taped each day.

Dates for Your Diary

**Please check these dates are accurate and relevant for your phase -
use the online calendar for reference**

Mon 21st to Weds 23rd September:	Year 5 Bike ability - Group 1
Mon 21st September:	Year 3 Pedestrian Skills
Weds 23rd to Fri 25th Sept:	Year 6 PGL residential trip
Thu 24th - Fri 25th Sept:	Year 5 Bike ability - Group 2
Mon 28th September:	Year 3 Pedestrian Skills
Mon 28th to Weds 30th Sept:	Year 5 Bike ability - Group 3
Tuesday 29th September:	Rackets Cubed starts for Turtles
Thursday 1st October:	National Poetry Day
Friday 16th October:	Flu vaccinations (reception to Y6)
Tuesday 20th October:	Y1 & Y2 Harvest performance 2:15 at St. Aiden's
Tuesday 20th October:	Halloween Disco
Wednesday 21st October:	Parents' Evening 3:30 - 6:00pm
Thursday 22nd October:	Parents' Evening 3:30 - 6:00pm
Thursday 22nd October:	Y5 & Y6 Prison, Me, No Way workshop
Mon 26th to Fri 30th October:	Half term break (school closed)
Monday 2nd November:	School re-opens after half term break
Friday 13th November:	Children in Need day
Monday 16th November:	Anti-bullying week starts & Odd Socks Day
Friday 18th December:	Last day of term before Christmas break.
Tuesday 5th January:	School re-opens for spring term.