



Southcoates Primary Academy Newsletter

Friday 18th September, 2026

Years 1 and 2

Welcome Back!

The children in Key Stage One have made a fantastic start to the year and we are really proud of how quickly they have settled and the learning that has taken place already.

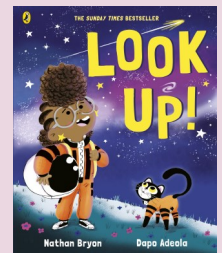
All of the children have returned to school looking smart in their uniforms and have shown that they are ready for the challenges of their new year group. They've been taking pride in their work and have enjoyed starting their subjects.

If you ever have any worries or concerns about your child, please discuss these with any of the KS1 staff. They will be available at the beginning and end of each day.

What are we learning about this term?

We're excited to start our new theme for this half term that is linked to the story **Look Up!** by Nathan Bryon.

In English, we will be writing an invitation and writing a fact file based on Mae Jemison. In art, we are looking at space art with a focus on artist Peter Thorpe. In geography we will be learning to name the continents and the oceans of the world.



In music, we will be learning songs to sing in our harvest performance.

What can I do at home to help my child?

In years one and two, your weekly homework will include:

- **Spellings to learn** - These will be given on a Friday and tested the following Friday.
- **Reading** - we are aiming for 3 reads, the more your child reads the more it will help them!

This half term our **PE days** are:

- **Rabbits and Owls** - Wednesday and Thursday



General reminders

Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school for these days, including suitable footwear and outdoor kit as the weather becomes colder. If your child has earrings they need to have these removed or bring plasters to cover them up.

Reading books are changed once a week on a Friday.

Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle into school every day. Thank you.

Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 1st October:	National Poetry Day
Thursday 8th October:	Y1/2 East Park Library visit
Friday 9th October:	World Mental Health 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
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.