



Southcoates Primary Academy Newsletter

Friday 18th September, 2026

Years 5 and 6

Welcome Back!

The children in Upper Key Stage Two 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.

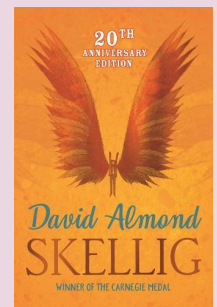
What are we learning about this term?

We're excited to start our new theme for this half term that is linked to the book:

Skellig by David Almond.

In English, we will be learning to punctuate speech correctly, use a variety of fronted adverbials and sentence starters and explore language. We will write a diary and a character description.

In History we will be learning about Ancient Greece and investigating the legacy it has had on the modern world. In Art, we will be using the skill of sculpture to research, design, create and evaluate a Greek-inspired vase.



What can I do at home to help my child?

In Years 5 and 6, your weekly homework will include:

- Six spellings to learn (these will be given on a Friday and tested the following Friday).
- Three reads.
- Access TTRockstars for at least 15 minutes a week.

This half term our PE days are **Monday and Friday**.

Please ensure your child brings suitable PE kit, including appropriate footwear.



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 attending Southcoates are permitted to wear one set of stud earrings only. They may also wear a watch. No other jewellery is allowed.

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.