



# Southcoates Primary Academy Newsletter

Thursday 11th September, 2025

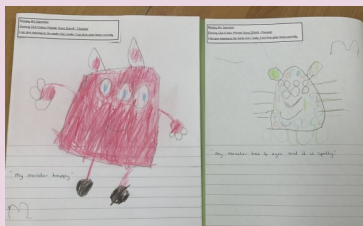
Early Years

## Welcome Back

Children in the Early Years have made an amazing start to the school year. The Caterpillars have enjoyed exploring their classroom and all of the toys they have. The Butterflies have been busy painting self portraits and enjoying the playdough area.

In Reception, we have started teaching the children to read and write sounds and have already begun our Drawing Club journey. We have been using the story 'Colour Monster Starts School' to draw our own monsters, schools and toys.

We have also painted our bee mascots Buzz and Buddy. The Year One children in Honeybees and Bumblebees have returned to school and have set great examples of how to show our Southcoates Values every day.



## What are we learning this half term?

We're excited to start our new theme for this half term: **Our World.**

In English, we will be reading the stories about starting school, why we are all special and about different types of families. We will also read about how to care for the environment and why this is important. This will help us to draw pictures of 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 including our why we love our families. We will also be drawing and painting our own portraits. 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 You Do to Help?

- Please make sure you label any of your child's belongings to help us ensure nothing gets lost.
- 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'.
- Encourage your child to put on and take off their own coats, including zips and buttons.

### Dates for Your Diary

Mon 8th - Fri 12th September:	Year 6 IntoUniversity Focus Week
Tuesday 16th September:	Y3 Pedestrian Skills
Wednesday 17th September:	Nasal Flu Vaccines
Thurs 18th & Fri 19th Sept:	Y5 Bikeability Group 1 (All day)
Mon 22nd - Weds 24th Sept:	Y5 Bikeability Group 2 (Mornings only)
Thurs 25rd & Fri 26th Sept:	Y5 Bikeability Group 3 (All day)
Wednesday 24th - Fri 26th Sept:	Y6 PGL Visit
Tues 7th and Weds 8th Sept:	Parents' Evenings 3:30 - 6:00pm
Thursday 23rd October:	Y1 & Y2 Harvest Festival Performance
Thursday 23rd October:	Halloween Disco (more details to follow)
Mon 27th - Friday 31st October:	Half term holiday (school closed)
Monday 3rd November:	School re-opens after half-term break