



# Southcoates Primary Academy Newsletter

Thursday 11th September, 2025

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.

Across the school year, your child will have the opportunity to bring home their class mascot (Ola the Owl or Clover the Rabbit) to spend the weekend with you! Please support your child when completing the journal so your child can share their adventures with the rest of the class.

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 we are learning this half term

We're excited to start our new theme for this half term that is linked to the story **Lost and Found** by **Oliver Jeffers**.

In English, we will be learning how to identify nouns, verbs and subjects. We will write descriptions and think about the characters from the story.

In art, we are learning about primary and secondary colours and will be painting our own pictures. In geography we will be learning to name the continents and the oceans of the world, we will use maps and atlases.

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** - Tuesday and Thursday
- **Owls** - Tuesday and Thursday

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

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

### 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