



Signs of Spring are emerging... over the last few weeks, we have begun to enjoy lighter mornings and evenings which always brings hope for the days ahead.

During assemblies we have listened to one of Shakespeare's stories and found out about him as a writer, listened to a variety of poems to recognise World Poetry Day, understand how St Patrick's Day is celebrated, why Ramadan is important to so many people and of course, celebrate our ACHIEVE values.

This week, it was lovely to see so many of you attend Parents Evening and for staff to share your child's learning journey with you.

After a fun packed fortnight of Red Nose day celebrations, the Book Fair, class photos, Reception's exciting Story Museum trip and Y3/4's fascinating Tudor Trip to Holdenby House, we are almost ready for our Spring break. But before that, we look forward to our Spelling Bee final which is taking place next Tuesday as well as welcoming you into school on 27th March at 2pm for our 'Wonderful Wednesday' sharing afternoon.

Next week, you will receive Mr. Graham's end of term newsletter. In the meantime, we wish you and your family a wonderful Easter holiday and hope you have an egg-cellent time.

Thank you for your continued support, **Southwold Team**

Positive Playtimes

The children have shown great **collaboration** playing a variety of card games together. Next week, the children have requested some music into our Performance Zone so we can't wait to see how this influences their play.

Please send in any accessories, everyday good quality clothes and costumes for the children to use in our performance zone. This zone is always busy so we would love some more dressing up clothes, particularly KS2 sizes.



Sports News

Our Girl's football team showed outstanding sportsmanship in their match against Fritwell. The girls won 4-0.



Our Boys football Team played Grendon Underwood this week, winning 5-0.



Dates for the diary 2024

March

- 26th Spelling Bee final
- 27th Wonderful Wednesday
- 28th End of term

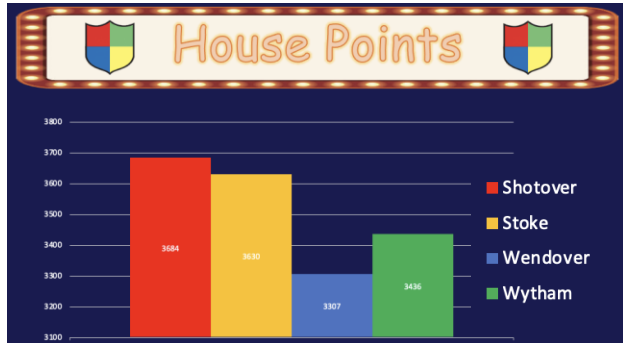
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- 15th INSET Day
- 16th Term 5 begins for all children

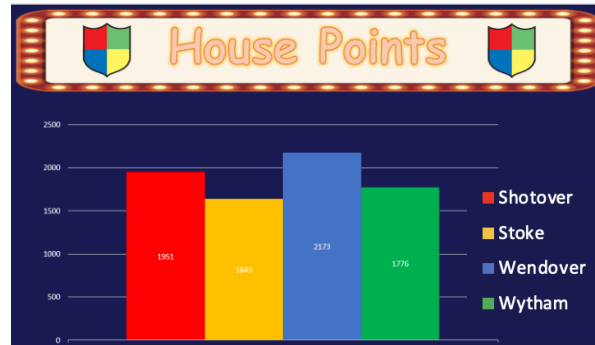




House Points



Week 4 winner: Shotover



Week 5 winner: Wendover

Awards

A
WE ARE **AMBITIOUS** AND WANT TO SUCCEED

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WE WORK TOGETHER AS A TEAM THROUGH **COLLABORATION**

H
WE ACT WITH **HONESTY**

I
WE ARE **INCLUSIVE**, APPRECIATE DIFFERENCES AND MAKE EVERYONE FEEL WELCOME IN SCHOOL

E
WE CARE FOR OUR **ENVIRONMENT**

V
WE SHOW **VALLANCE** AND COURAGE WHEN FACED WITH A CHALLENGE

E
WE AIM FOR **EXCELLENCE** IN ALL THAT WE DO



Week 4: Neriah , Alex, Arlo, Patrick, Eliza, Logan, Sienna, Jacob, David, Skye, Daisy, Poppy, George



Week 5: Lily, Avi, Josiah, Lilyana, Benji, Robert, Toby, Reuben, Freddie, Daniel, Catinca, Martyna, William, Owen

Attendance Award

Week 4: Maple Class 98%

Week 5: Birch Class 100%





Thank you so much for all your generous donations during our 'Dress In Red' event on Friday 15th March. As a school, we have raised £280 for this year's Red Nose Day. This money will be used to support people facing poverty in the UK and around the world.



School News



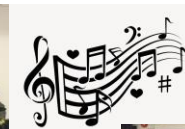
Sunflower Competition

Our Eco PLT have arranged for each class's Eco Warrior, to plant a sunflower seed on behalf of their class. Each class will care and tend for their sunflower. At the end of the Summer term, we will see which class has grown the tallest, healthiest plant in exchange for a class treat!

If you want to join in at home, get planting and let us know how tall your sunflower grows. The tallest home-grown sunflower will receive a garden themed prize.



Rocksteady is a musical company, who offer children the opportunity to play a variety of musical instruments as a member of a band so that they develop musicianship, confidence and teamwork skills through a course of paid lessons. On Friday 22nd March, they held a Concert for our whole school and parents whose children attend these lessons. It was a fantastic collaboration of musical genres and instruments to showcase the wonderful progress made by these children. What a lovely way to round off the week- thank you!





Southwold Primary & Nursery School

RECEPTION	Carter	111
YEAR 1	Patrick	201
YEAR 2	Aidan	220
YEAR 3	Bobby	260
YEAR 4	Isia	301
YEAR 5	Amir	324
YEAR 6	Florin	2:19
TOP TEACHER		
TOP PARENT		

Skip2BFit

Our children continue to impress us with their skipping skills and motivation to beat their own targets. This is the Champion leader board for February.

Mr. Milward retains the Staff Champion award although we hear Mr. Graham is training this Easter, in order to challenge this title, depending on how much chocolate is consumed in the meantime!

Vacancies

May Harris Cleaning vacancies (urgently required)

- 1 Working Supervisor 13.50hrs per week 8.50hrs (cleaning) £12.50 per hr 5.00hrs (Supervisor) £14.00 per hr
 - 1 Cleaner 13.25hrs per week £12.50 per hr
- Enhanced DBS required.
(not essential as we will apply for one on your behalf)

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Ducks

Our feathery friends have literally sent us all quackers... they have become our Southwold celebrities due to the number of visitors and attention they receive. They have shown us some 'cracking' skills and have created a new Southwold choir.



Get Outdoors!
FAMILY FUN at HILL END this Easter!

TUESDAY 9 APRIL 10am - 2pm
Orienteering * maps * trails * games
*Bring your own picnic!

WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL & THURSDAY 11 APRIL 10am - 2pm
Spring crafts * pond dipping * make a bug hotel * willow weaving * BBQ!
*campfire

BOOK YOUR TICKETS ONLINE

www.hill-end.org/activities/upcoming-events

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The Online Safety Bill means safety tools will become ever more central to using the internet for for us all, especially parents and children. While the tools undoubtedly have a part to play, Parent Zone has a number of reservations. Click here to find out more:

[https://parentzone.org.uk/sites/default/files/2023-04/Tools%20-%20A%20false%20hope .pdf](https://parentzone.org.uk/sites/default/files/2023-04/Tools%20-%20A%20false%20hope.pdf)

Some tips about technology from NOS...

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about **TEKKEN 8**

Thirty years after its debut on the original PlayStation, the Tekken franchise is back with its eighth mainstream instalment. A one-on-one fighting game series in the same vein as Street Fighter and Mortal Kombat, Tekken 8 can be commended for its relative lack of in-game purchases – but there's still plenty to consider in keeping young players safe from potential hazards.



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

FUTURE SPENDING?
Tekken 8 carries a PEGI 16 rating, with the assessors noting its violence, occasional profanity and in-game purchase options. The latter issue, however, is a little different to what you may expect from a modern game: unlike many high-profile releases, Tekken 8's content is all accessible without spending any extra money. The exceptions are new characters, which will become available to purchase separately in the future.

COPYCAT RISK

With characters flying across the screen using a mixture of authentic and fantastical fighting styles, younger children and impressionable teens may find themselves tempted to copy their favourite characters or act out their epic fights in real life. This could simply amount to harmless fun – but could also easily lead to accidents, injury and distress if young gamers start actually landing blows.

VIOLENT GAMEPLAY

As a fighting game, Tekken 8's gameplay is heavily based on punching, kicking and throwing opponents around – while some characters' attacks occasionally involve weapons. Most of the violence is comparatively cartoonish in its execution and lacking in gore, but the fact remains that the action still revolves entirely around intense combat and inflicting damage on an opponent.

FAMILY CONFLICT

Tekken 8's story mode, 'The Dark Awakenings', focuses on two of the series' most important characters – Kazuya and Jin, a father and son who have been warring for years. The sight of two family members physically fighting each other may be hard to understand (and difficult to deal with) for some children – causing confusion and concern over why relatives would want to hurt one another.

RANKED ONLINE PLAY

Tekken 8 features an array of online modes – most notably its 'ranked' section, where players battle to reach the top spot of a worldwide leaderboard. Many players will dedicate significant amounts of time to practising and – while the challenge can be fun – some of these matches can get extremely competitive. Children could become obsessed with climbing the rankings and dedicate an unhealthy amount of time to the game or grow angry if they wind up on a losing streak.

ONLINE CONTACT

Tekken 8 doesn't offer voice chat by default, but a player's platform ID is visible (such as their PlayStation Network ID, Steam account or Xbox gamertag). Savvy players can, therefore, reach out via messages if they wish. Given the game's fiercely competitive nature, these communications can potentially put children at risk of online abuse if their opponent is a particularly sore loser.

Advice for Parents & Educators

TRY IT OUT YOURSELF

As with many popular games, we'd recommend checking it out for yourself in advance if you have any concerns. In the case of Tekken 8, there's a free demo version available (for all platforms) which lets you experience fights with a handful of the characters: a useful way of establishing first-hand whether some children might find the game's violence to be too intense.

MARTIAL ARTS MOTIVATION?

With characters utilising real-world fighting styles such as jiu-jitsu, boxing and kickboxing, Tekken could represent an opportunity to channel a child's fondness for the game into a beneficial interest in real-world martial arts. Classes can help to build young people's confidence and physical fitness, as well as providing avenues for making new friends.

EXERCISE YOUR JUDGEMENT

While Tekken 8 features a sort of 'spray' impact effect when attacks land, it's not the kind of game that most observers would describe as gory (unlike, for instance, the Mortal Kombat franchise). Of course, any fighting game worthy of the name will include a significant degree of violence – but the level at which the battles in Tekken are pitched may not be an issue for some children.

CONTROL COMMUNICATIONS

If a child plays Tekken online with anyone apart from their friends, then parents and carers could consider restricting communications – such as shutting off the facility to be messaged by other players (although the child's profile name will still be displayed) – to reduce the chance of contact from strangers. This can be done via the console's account settings or through the child's Steam account (if playing on PC).

Meet Our Expert

Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon, Lloyd Coombes has worked in the games media industry for five years. He's played every Tekken title since the series began and, as a parent, also values the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including iDN and TechRadar.

