



It has been a very busy week at Southwold...

Thank you for ensuring your child is wearing sunscreen, has a hat and a refillable bottle in this warmer weather.

In assemblies we have learnt how Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale changed the way we nurse today so we celebrated International Nurses Day. The children have made cards to send to Nurses in our local hospitals as a way of saying thank you. We also reminded everyone about our 4Rs (Resilience, Respect, Reasoning, Responsibility) to show our values online as well as offline as well as hearing the story of the 'Trolls Stinks' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3SBidapSdf0&t=1s>

Our 'Frozen Friday' is very popular. If you have not already come along, ice pops are sold for 50p from the school hall at 3:15pm each Friday.

Big thank you to FOSS who are busy planning our Summer Fair on Saturday 13th July. We hope to see you there!

With best wishes,

Southwold Team

Dates for the diary

May

- 16th Mental Health Awareness Week
- 20th-25th Walk 2 School Week
- 20th Y3/4 Hill End Meeting
- 24th Fabulous Friday
- 24th End of term 5

June

- 3rd Back to school. Term 6 begins
- KSI SATs begin on the first week back

July

- 13th July 11am -2pm Southwold Summer Fair
- Friday 5th July Non-school uniform day in receipt of a tombola prize

Sport News



Our girl's football team, showed great **collaboration**, high energy and determination during their latest game against Glory Farm 0-5. They were very skilled opponents who we look forward to playing again.

Thursday Tuck Shop Feedback

Our School Tuck Shop has had a steady flow of children each Thursday. At the end of next week, our Tuck Shop Trial will have come to an end. Please complete the questionnaire using this link <https://forms.office.com/e/B661jkPaNx> or QR code so we can find out what went well, what changes you would like. We will then make a decision about the future of the Tuck Shop. Many thanks for your support.





Positive Playtimes



The last fortnight, our children have had fun creating a variety of chalk games and drawings outside. Children have shown great **collaboration** during mini basketball and football games. The children continue to be great Eco Warriors by looking after our **environment** through regular litter picking in our playground. So many children have shown **valiance** and **ambitious** qualities trying to beat their Sskip2Bfit times and improving their skipping technique. Our Performance Zones has seen Vikings, wizards, clowns and genies all jump into one amazing play! Very entertaining...



Year 6

We are so proud of the maturity and fantastic attitude shown by all the Year 6 children when taking part in SATs this week. They were determined and showed great ambition, aiming high. An enormous well done from everyone at Southwold! A big thank you to all the parents for supporting your child this week and to staff who have kept the children going; whether it was offering a quiet chat, providing encouragement, helping serve the breakfast buns, keeping the children focused... it has made a big difference.



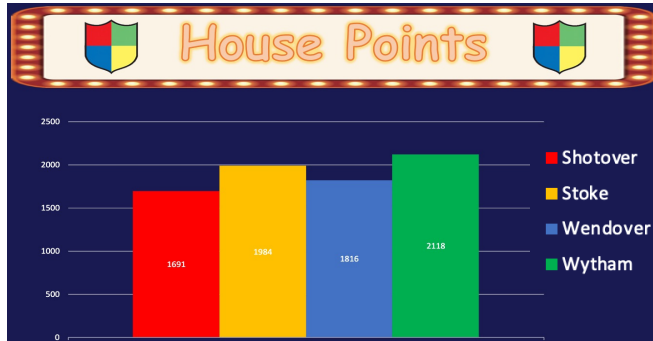
Year 5

This group of children were based in the hall while SATs sessions took place in their classrooms. They have stayed focused and organised during their lessons with Mrs Holloway and produced some wonderful learning throughout the week. These children have been so supportive of the Year 6 children so again a big thank you to you all.

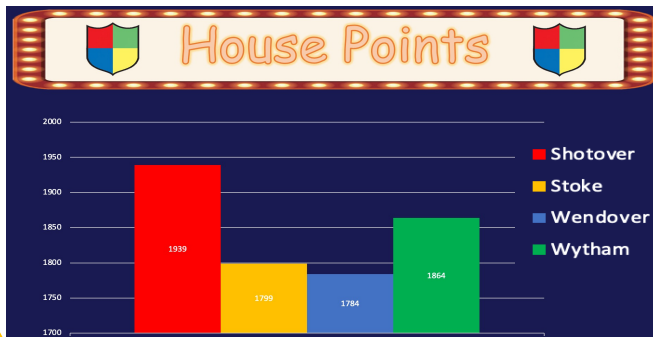




House Points



Term 5 Week 4 winner: Wytham



Term 5 Week 5 winner: Shotover

Awards

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

C
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 **VALIANCE** AND COURAGE WHEN FACED WITH A CHALLENGE

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



Week 4: Kaya, Carter- Jace, Dylan, Abraham, Lily, Esava, Rory, Tabeth, Tommy, Bobby, Carrick, Ethan, Lincoln, Laycrus



Week 5: Theo, Nathan, Eboni, Aasiyah, Evelyn, Victoria, Logan, Emerson, Jacob, Rebecca, George, Levon, all Y5/6

Attendance Award

Week 4: Spruce Class 99%

Week 5: Maple & Spruce Class 99.68%





Sustainable school travel

The health and wellbeing of children, young people and their families in Oxfordshire is the leading priority within the council's strategy. They know that walking and cycling along with other methods of active travel (walking, wheeling, scooting, cycling, bus) can make a big difference to air quality, road safety and the health and wellbeing of children and young people, as well as the adults who travel with them.

To support these goals, they are developing a plan which will set out their vision and the principles that will underpin how they can work together to achieve this. The plan we are developing is the Sustainable School Travel Strategy.

They are already doing work that aims to support sustainable travel to school and college including cycle training, road safety education, school streets, and travel planning (action planning for schools to promote sustainable travel).

Oxfordshire County Council is committed to tackling climate change as this is the biggest challenge the planet is facing. The council's overarching vision is to

The Sustainable School Travel Strategy and the actions they identify **with your help**, will support us to achieve this vision and to meet the climate change challenge.

Please give the council your feedback: <https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/sustainable-school-travel/surveys/survey>

School News



Meet River!

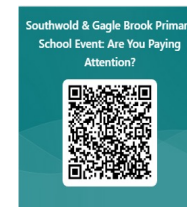
Some of our PLT are helping River, Mrs. Holloway's Labradoodle puppy, to settle into Southwold School. Over the next few months, River will gradually spend more time in school and will be introduced to the children gradually. More information will follow in the following months.



Are you paying attention?

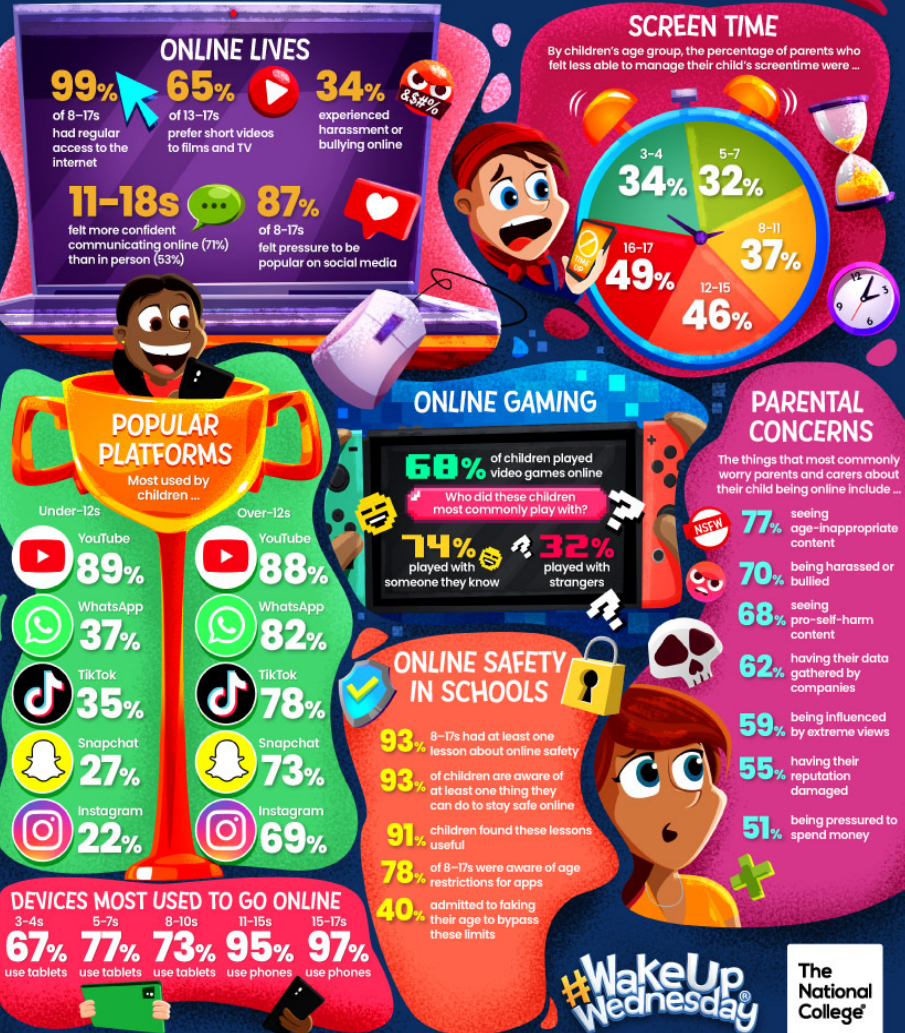
On 20th June 1:45-2:30, Southwold will be hosting an event with our Educational Psychologist Dr Caroline King. Caroline will be delivering a presentation called, 'Are you paying attention?' for parents on how they can best support children with attention difficulties. This would include ADHD diagnosis, poor focus, shouting out and fidgeting, and would be relevant to behaviours seen at home or in school. It would cover how to spot the difficulties, what you can do to support your child at home, and what support you might expect to be provided by your child's teacher/school. We hope that this will be beneficial to all our parents at Gagle Brook and Southwold and invite everyone to join us.

Your child does not have to have a severe difficulty or to be on our SEN register. The aim is simply to support you and your child with any of these types of difficulties. We would need at least 12 parents to attend to make the session viable. Tea and biscuits will be served! If you can join us, please let us know via this link <https://forms.office.com/e/tiqvpf1HSc> or QR code.



What Parents & Educators Can Learn from the OFCOM MEDIA REPORT 2024

Each year, Ofcom – the UK’s regulatory body for communications – produces an overview of children and parents’ media experiences over the course of the previous year. At the time of writing, the latest of these reports, ‘Children and parents: media use and attitudes 2024’ has just been published, and we’ve plucked out some of its most thought-provoking findings regarding online safety.



DIGINEWS

If you would like more online safety help or advice, please visit the ‘Online Safety’ top tab on our website:

<https://www.southwoldschool.org/about-us/school-information/online-safety>

Some tips about technology from NOS...

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about HELLDIVERS 2

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PEGI 18 RATING

Due to its intense violence and the presence of in-game purchases, Helldivers 2 carries a PEGI 18 rating. While players are generally fighting fantastical enemies like giant bugs and robots, their characters can be killed in various gruesome ways, up to and including dismemberment. It’s certainly worth considering whether such a game is appropriate for younger players.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

In Helldivers 2, players can use real money to buy in-game currency, with which they can unlock cosmetics and new weapons. At the time of writing, all the in-game items can be acquired without spending so much as a penny – but excited young players wanting to keep up with their friends may still feel the temptation to purchase new weapons more quickly, rather than laboriously earning the in-game currency through play.

VOICE CHAT AND MESSAGING

Helldivers 2 is always played online with others, who often use voice chat or in-game texts to coordinate, strategise or just joke around. This does mean that children who play without their friends will be put in contact with strangers. Unfortunately, this represents a real risk, as the game can’t control how people treat each other online. However, you can easily report other players for abusive behaviour via the game’s ‘social’ tab.

PREMIUM STATUS

FRUSTRATION TRIGGER

The thrill of barely scraping through a dangerous mission in one piece is integral to Helldivers 2’s appeal. To accentuate this feeling of achievement, the game includes some very difficult levels that could prove to be too hard for some players – even those who are legitimately old enough to play. Losing streaks can be incredibly annoying, so repeatedly failing in missions could easily provoke frustration or anger in younger players.

LACK OF ACCESS

The game is available on PC and PS5, but not (as yet) on other consoles. Some people will naturally be disappointed they can’t get involved and might look for similar alternatives to play on their own console – alternatives which may contain similar levels of violence and gore but lack the same balanced approach to user misconduct and in-game purchases as Helldivers 2.

Advice for Parents & Educators

GIVE IT A GO FIRST

Helldivers 2 is a third-person shooter with intentionally humorous elements, but much of its comedy is rooted in satire which may go over the heads of some players. Consider playing the game first yourself – while shooting bugs and robots feels too unrealistic to be upsetting, seeing your character get torn to pieces may be too much for young players.

SET EXPECTATIONS

At the time of writing, Helldivers 2 costs £34.99. It could turn out to be an expensive and wasteful purchase if a player gets irritated and gives up shortly after receiving the game. If a young person tends to become frustrated easily, it’s worth considering whether Helldivers 2 is really the game for them.

CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES

If playing on Xbox – where Helldivers 2 isn’t available – consider something like Halo: The Master Chief Collection as an alternative. One of its game modes – Firefight – replicates Helldivers’ mechanics to some degree. Alternatively, younger players may be better suited to the more light-hearted Deep Rock Galactic, which sees them play as lanky dwarves in space, involving far less gruesome violence.

KEEP AN EYE ON PAYMENTS

Many titles offer in-game purchases, but Helldivers 2’s are comparatively cheap. You’ll still need to monitor your payment information (or use a prepaid card on the account), in case your child buys the in-game currency in bulk; on the whole, however, the game’s selling methods are far less egregious than most similar titles on the market.

MONITOR COMMUNICATION & ADJUST SETTINGS

Thanks to an in-game ‘Ping’ system (allowing players to highlight important details without speaking), communication isn’t as integral to Helldivers 2 as it is in other games. You can turn off the chat options in-game on PC, or on the PS5’s own settings, and feel more secure in the knowledge that your child won’t be speaking to people they don’t know.