



NEWSLETTER

April 2024

Dear Parents,

We have had a good start to the term, and now with all staff fit and well, let's hope it continues. As we approach assessments, could I remind parents that this term is the one during which we are all finalizing the end of year assessments for your children. Please support them to do their best, by being on-time in the morning and let us know if they are unwell. SATS for Y6 will be with us soon, and we will again, be providing breakfast to support them to do their very best. Could you also please remind your children that they need to go straight into school in the mornings—we are aware that some of them, Year 5 and 6, are waiting around on the side roads and this could be unsafe all round. We will support them coming into school and at the end of the day. Thank you.

There are lots of activities planned for both fundraising and fun after half-term, so please get the dates in your diary. Many of these are supported by our dedicated FOSA members who are running a 'wow' day, supported by the staff, on 12th June. Any additional pairs of hands are very welcome. In addition, I would like to ask parents to let Mrs Norman know if you would like your child to take part in the Southerny Carnival Float parade on 13th July—it may seem a way off yet, but there are lots of preparations to be made and we need to know if we have enough support for one or two floats. Many thanks.

Bikeability is starting for Year 5 after the bank holiday. I have a child's bicycle (black and green) if any one needs one—it has been refurbished and will be £30. Please let me know if you are interested.

Finally, we are doing a whole school photo on Wednesday, 1st May, to prepare an activity for our Wow afternoon. Please help them all to look their best! We have some used uniform stock in the FOSA stores if needed.

Take care, Mrs Huntington

Upcoming dates

Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday Monday
7th May—10th May	Year 5 Bikeability
W/C 13th May	Year 6 SATS
Sunday 19th May	FOSA Southerny Yard Sale
Monday 20th May	Kingfisher trip to Gressenhall
Wednesday 22nd May	Class photographs
Thursday 23rd May	Cluster cricket competition—selected children only
W/C 27th May	Half Term holiday
Important dates further ahead:	
Tuesday mornings from June	Kingfisher class swimming—more details to follow
Tues 18th June	Dance Festival at Kings Lynn Corn Exchange—selected children only
Thursday 20th June	Sports Day
Monday 24th June	Year 5 Play leaders day
Wednesday 3rd July	Move up morning
Wed 10th—12th July	Kingfisher residential trip



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Exciting visitors

We have welcomed some exciting visitors to our school so far this half term. Wrens class have hatched and looked after some chicks—11 in total! And Swans class welcomed PC Fisher and PC Cowen for an afternoon, where they discussed how the police help us and took a look around their police car. Fortunately for us, the police were able to stay with us long enough for the whole school, and playgroup, to have a chat with them.



This month's spotlight is on Lapwing Class:

In Lapwings, we have been working super hard at the start of this new, exciting term! Although it's only been two weeks, we've already been so busy!

We have been finishing off our learning on units of measure including looking at volume and capacity, we've definitely learnt the difference by doing this task hands on, safe to say it got a bit wet! We've also been trying our hand at modelling, whilst looking at The Graham Children by William Hogarth in Art. Over the next few lessons, we will be taking our freeze-frame and drawing and painting it to replicate his style. In Science and English, our focus has been on plants and we are slowly becoming experts in this, keep your eyes peeled over the next few weeks, we'll be becoming green-fingered and having our own go at potting and growing plants to see what conditions are best. It's a great excuse to get the children gardening at home, too.

We've had some amazing personal development experiences, too! Thanks to Miss Cupit, we were treated to a visit from our local Community Support Police Officers, we got to experience all the sights, sounds and excitements of being a police officer, it's even inspired a few of us to consider it as a future career. As well as this, Mrs Curtis brought some eggs in which we had the fantastic experience of watching hatch and then, the best bit, getting some cuddles in too! It prompted some wonderful chats about life, growth and babies, a hot topic in Lapwings at the moment!

We can't wait to show you what we get up to next!





Easter Highlights

A big thank you to FOSA for the Easter Egg hunt on the last day of term, which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

And well done to all the children who took part in the Easter Egg competition, there was lots of creative designs made from eggs.





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[Southery Academy – Stratfords](#)

Use the password **SOU013** to log in.

Orders placed through Stratfords will be delivered to school free of charge.

FOSA also has a second-hand uniform store and help is available through school, please speak to the office.

Free School Meals vouchers

The Free School Meals vouchers scheme has been renewed until October 2024. If your child is entitled to FSM, you receive a voucher from Edenred via your email for the value of £15 per child, once a month.

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