SOUTHILL BULLETIN

★ *Respect ourselves; respect others, respect the environment* ★

ISSUE
04
Friday 2nd October

Value of the month:
PATIENCE AND HONESTY

Our Week in Photos

HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS

Wow this week has flown by. There have been many things to celebrate and be proud of this week and during my class visits, including numerous new parent tours, it has been lovely to see the children enjoying their learning and showing the school values.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

It was so wonderful to see our school community come together this afternoon as we celebrated our annual Harvest Assembly. The children were, quite simply, amazing. They stood before us all, radiating happiness, and treated parents, staff, and peers to a spectacular display of talent and confidence. Whether performing solo readings, reciting facts or singing, their confidence shone through. For many, this was the first opportunity to speak to such a large audience, and their courage was incredible. I must also thank the staff for all of their effort and preparation with this event. My thanks also extend to you all for coming to support the children and for all of the offerings that were brought into school. The sheer volume of donations was heart-warming. These items will make a huge difference to local families in need, providing crucial support as we head into the colder months. What a lovely way to end the week!

KEY DATES

October
Weds 14th Southill Open Day (for future parents)
Fri 23rd Whole School Sharing Assembly 2.15pm
Fri 23rd Whole School Halloween Disco 5 – 6.30pm
Fri 23rd End of autumn term 1
Mon 26th - Fri 30th Half Term Break

November
Mon 2nd Children back to school
Tues 3rd Parent's Evening 3.40 – 6.00pm
Weds 4th Parent's Evening 3.40 – 6.00pm
Weds 11th Remembrance 10.45am at the war memorial
Fri 13th Children in Need
Weds 25th Coffee Afternoon with Mrs Read/Miss Kell (Family Engagement Worker) and CAMHS

December
Weds 2nd Theatre Production – Dr Doolittle
Thurs 3rd Anxiety Workshop for parents 4pm-5pm
Tues 15th Christmas Production at All Saints Church 2.30-3.15pm

TIMEKEEPING

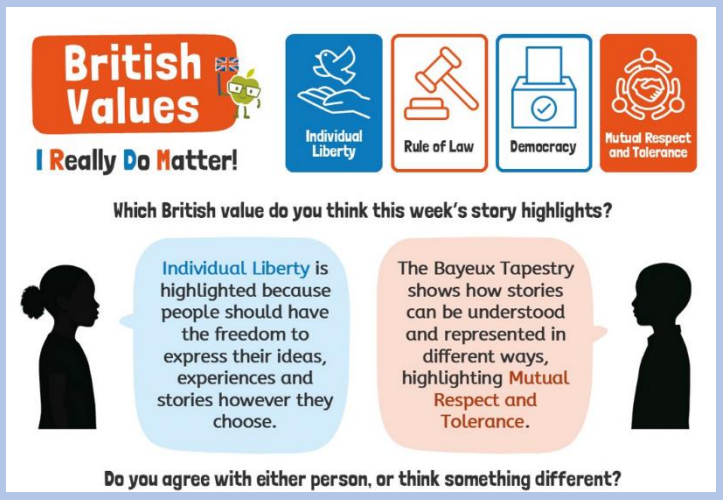
Schools are incredibly busy places and therefore there are many systems and routines put in place throughout the day. Each class has morning activities which can help settle the children and support their learning. Therefore, it is crucial that your child arrives at school on time as this will ensure a smoother transition in the mornings. With this in mind, could I please ask you to support your child by ensuring that they arrive at school before the 8.50am deadline. Thank you to everyone who is currently supporting this but if you need any help then please reach out. I do appreciate how tricky mornings can be in a household when you have many plates to spin. However, every child deserves the best start to the day and being punctual will help with this.

WIGGLE WEDNESDAYS

As part of our commitment to improving children's mental health, we will be introducing **Wiggle Wednesdays** at Southill commencing next week. This is an opportunity for all children to start the day in an active way. Wiggle Wednesdays will be held from 8.40am and will involve a small workout before school officially starts. Although to begin with I will be running this workout, I am very much hoping that some of our amazing ambassadors would like to get involved too. Once the workout is over, the children will be escorted to their classes. I look forward to our first workout next Wednesday 7th October.

PICTURE NEWS

Through **Picture News** this week, children were encouraged to consider how we can share our stories. This is in light of the Bayeux Tapestry, a very special work of art that is nearly 1000 years old, travelling from its usual home in France to go on display at the British Museum in London. It shows the events leading up to the Battle of Hastings in 1066, and depicts soldiers, horses and ships.



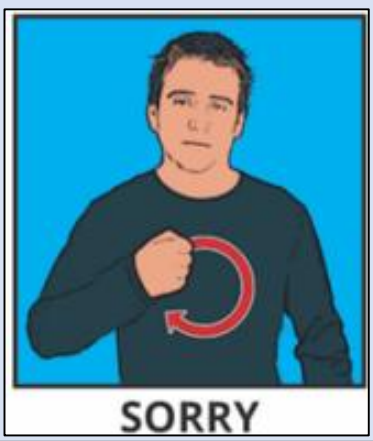
WORD OF THE WEEK

Our **Word of the Week,** continues for 1 to 4. We make sure that they are up in every classroom and work on using them in our speaking and in our writing. Please do give these a try at home.

KS1: **frail** - physically weak, delicate, or easily broken.
*The **frail** leaf fell slowly from the autumnal tree.*

KS2: **rhythm** - describes a strong, regular, repeated pattern of sounds, movements, or changes in time.
*We listened to the gentle **rhythm** of the rain tapping against the classroom window.*

SIGN OF THE WEEK



Closed right hand fist and move on your chest in a circle motion.

CELEBRATIONS

STARS OF THE WEEK

MARTINS – Thomas

SWALLOWS – Evie G

SWIFTS – Amber

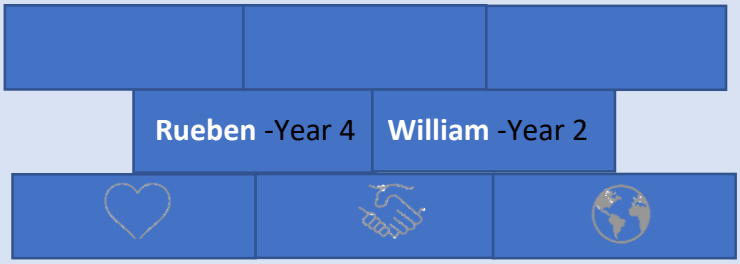
HEADTEACHER AWARDS

MARTINS – Blake, Harry and Matilda

SWALLOWS – William and Jude

SWIFTS – Joshua and Bella

VALUES



DOJO CHAMPIONS

NURSERY – Aurora
RECEPTION – Scarlett
YEAR 1 – Conor
YEAR 2 – Enzo
YEAR 3 – Joshua
YEAR 4 - Jasper

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

Our whole school attendance this week was

96.5%

Nursery – 100 %
Reception – 98.6 %
Year 1 – 100 %
Year 2 – 94.2 %
Year 3 – 89.7 %
Year 4 – 95.2 %

Thank you for your ongoing support.

GOLDEN TICKET

Our lunchtime award this week goes to Taya from Martins. What superstar manners!

HUGE CONGRATULATIONS

Huge congratulations go to Mrs Wall for securing a 5-star rating from the Environmental Health team. They visited unannounced this week and as always Mrs Wall was prepared and more than ready for their checks. We are incredibly lucky to have such an amazing kitchen lead and Mrs Wall truly deserves the highest rating from them. Well done.

REMINDERS

✓ **Please ensure coats or jackets are in school daily**

✓ **Reading records in school daily**

✓ **Please remember we are a NUT FREE school so no items containing nuts should be brought into school**

✓ **Please note that children arriving after 8.50am are recorded as late**

SAFEGUARDING

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Friends of Southill Lower School

FoSLS – Events & Activities 26/27

Hello all, this evening FoSLS will be hosting our very first **GAMES NIGHT**! It's shaping up to be a fun night out and we hope those coming have a great time! The next event we have in the calendar is :

PUMPKIN & BAKE SALE – MON 19th OCT

FoSLS will be holding a Pumpkin and Bake Sale after school on Monday 19th October!
Buying a pumpkin automatically enters your masterpiece into our annual Pumpkin Carving Competition over the October Half Term!
Please send any photographs you take of your spooky creations to info@fosls.co.uk before October 31st! The entries will be divided into the 3 classes, with the teachers picking an anonymous winner from each! Winners each will receive a prize after half term!

We really look forward to kicking off the spooky season with you and seeing all of you there on Monday 19th October!

PUMPKIN DONATIONS 2026

As some of you may be aware the hot weather has been causing problems with crops across the region.
It has been very difficult to obtain fresh pumpkins from local businesses but FoSLS have managed to secure donations from Morrisons in Shefford (thank you Linda & Fran) AND The Secret Farm, Moggerhanger. Without their kindness we would not be able to run this fun event for our children!

Many thanks in advance for your support through this next year!

COFFEE, CONVERSATIONS, & CARE

Come and enjoy a relaxed, friendly atmosphere at our coffee afternoon next half term. Learn more about our support team, discover helpful well-being resources, and ask any questions you have. Please let the office know if you will be attending. We look forward to seeing you there!

When: 25th November 2026, 2pm

Where: Southill Lower School

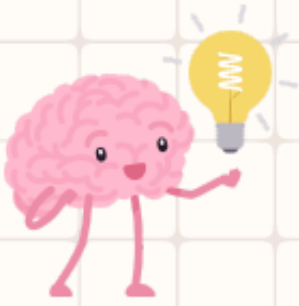
Who: Mrs Read, Miss Kell & the CAMHS Team

LITTLE HEARTS, BIG WORRIES:

UNDERSTANDING CHILDHOOD ANXIETY

The Mental Health Support Team are pleased to offer a parent / carer talk on anxiety. We will cover:

- What is anxiety and how is it maintained.
- Separation worry making school drop off tricky.
- How can we support our children with fears and worries.



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THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2026

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