



# Southwold Primary & Nursery School

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## Dear Parent / Carer

### Value of the month: Patience

“Wait your turn.” “Wait until you are older/bigger.”. We often ask our children to be **patient**, but developing this value takes **time**. Patience is the ability to endure a difficult situation without complaining. It means showing **self-control** and **staying calm** in the face of frustration or boredom. When you are patient, you understand that some things are worth waiting for. But patience isn't only passive waiting, it means **persevering** when things get tough. Adults as well as children often get frustrated if they don't see immediate results. But at any age it's important to wait for the right time to speak or act. May we all grow this value in our lives at this busy time of year.

### CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

A huge well done and thank you to all the children who have shared their incredible talents this week and delighted us with spectacular Christmas performances. With renditions of cracking Christmas tunes in French; brilliant barnyard antics; awesome orchestral arrangements; Mary and Joseph accompanied by Ed Sheeran and Beyonce and Elves on Shelves making an appearance at Emmanuel Church in Bicester we have experienced Southwold at its best.

### PLT COMPETITION

The Pupil Leadership Team (PLT) launched their 'Friendship Bench' poster completion in assembly this week. Please encourage your child to take part, it would be a lovely activity to work on over the Christmas holiday.

### BBC MICRO:BITS

Year 6 have been doing some coding recently using BBC Micro:bits and some of the children are really keen to add one to their Christmas list. Reputable suppliers include:

<https://shop.pimoroni.com/collections/micro-bit-uk>  
and <https://www.kitronik.co.uk/microbit.html> .

Both of these sell a wide range of kit, including a 'Starter' or 'Essentials' kit for around £16.

### TARGETS AND TINSEL

Thank you for the support you have provided this year with our four whole school targets.

- We always work hard to improve our **writing**. We take care with spelling and punctuation.



There are lots of seasonal writing ideas on line, simply Google 'Christmas writing ideas' and take your pick.

- Our books are the '**Crown Jewels**' and we treasure them.

Encourage the children to present their writing so that they can feel proud of what they produce.

- We TELL if something isn't safe or makes us feel uncomfortable. Together we will say '**NO**' to bullying.



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The Anti-bullying Ambassadors have helped us to think about our commitment to this target as we decorated a Christmas tree with pieces of ribbon to show our support. Why not do the same and add an anti-bullying ribbon to your tree.



- Marking and feedback helps us to progress and stretches our 'learning muscles'.

The children's learning muscles are growing stronger as they work hard on these targets and develop their:

- Resourcefulness
- Resilience
- Reciprocity
- Reflectiveness

## LET'S CELEBRATE

### Behaviour and Achievement Award Winners:

Year Group	Behaviour	Achievement
Year 1	Jemma Butler	
Year 2	John Hannon Mia Sullivan	Zoe Parrott Ellie Du Plooy Benjamin Strong
Year 3	Whole Class – Maple Isla Hedley	Whole Class - Willow
Year 4	Pippa Camidge	Whole Class – Willow Whole Class- Oak
Year 5	Whole Class – Pine Whole Class - Palm	
Year 6	Sophie Flint Whole Class - Spruce	Kieran Lloyd Layla-Jade Hardstaff

## SPECIAL MENTION

Congratulations to the school choir and orchestra for their hard work, dedication and performances this term, including the choir's visit to Cherwood House where they were cheered by a large audience of residents. The positive attitude and commitment of these children embodies all the values that the school promotes. Well done and thank you.

Choir will start again on **Thursday 11 January**, Orchestra on **Friday 12 January**. Next term choir will be performing in the 'Children Singing for Children' event in March. Watch this space for more details.

## BEST CLASS ATTENDANCE TROPHY

Congratulations to the following classes for winning the Best Class Attendance trophy.

W/c 04/12/17 Chestnut	98.52%
W/c 11/12/17 Holly	99.51%

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful new year.

## DIARY DATES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Tues. 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Children finish at <b>3:15pm</b> for the Christmas holiday, Jfo Jfo Jfo
Thurs. 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	School Opens for Children 8:45am
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Tag Rugby 315-4.15pm
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Choir starts
Fri. 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Orchestra starts





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Best regards

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On behalf of the Southwold Primary and  
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