

Friday 21st November 2025

Update from the Principal

Hello everyone,
A big thank you to you all for your generous donations on Children in Need Day we raised a fantastic £138.70.

Attendance at school remains a concern. Please ensure your children attend everyday. If children are not at school they do not learn and find it harder to make friends.

Southmere has one of the lowest attendance figures across all 40 of the Delta Primaries. We can get better Southmere, lets work together to Be the Best we can Be .

Mrs R Binns

Uniform

Please ensure children arrive at school in uniform everyday. If you need support with uniform please let us know. On PE days children should attend with blue or black jogging trousers, white t-shirt and their school jumper.

Important dates

3rd December- Parent's Evening

16th December- Early Years Nativity at 2pm

18th December - KS1 Nativity at 2pm

19th December: End of Term

6th January - Back to School

Safeguarding

Please ensure that you keep us updated with your correct contact details. If you change your phone number, email or move house we will need your new details. It's always very useful to have a second, third and even a fourth contact name and number for each child so we can contact someone.

Thank you for your help with this.

Early Years to Year 3 Golden Awards

YRR: Adam and Esa

Y1R: Musa and Hamza

Y2I: Sofia and Omer

Y2W: Alvey and Miriam

Y3K: Nela and Soloman

Y3Z: Ester and Muhammad



Attendance and Celebration

Attendance is one of our top priorities this year.

Our Attendance target is **96%**.

Our Attendance so far this year is: **92.1%**

Attendance

Top attenders this week...



EY and KS1 - No winners, try again next time!

Come on Y1 and Y2 LET'S GET BETTER!



KS2 - Y6P = 96.8% = 20 Dojos and Juice and Biscuits

It is vital that ALL children attend school as much as possible.

One day's absence equates to 5 hours and 30 minutes of lost learning.

School starts at 8.30am.

Please make sure you are here on time and ready to learn every day.



Thank you to parents and carers for all your support with attendance.



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In the news this week

Attendance

We continue to struggle with attendance across school.

Here are this weeks attendance figures for your information:

Nursery = 76.6%

Reception = 85.2%

Year 1R = 86.9%

Year 2I = 86.4%

Year 2W = 88.8%

Year 3K = 85.7%

Year 3Z = 93.1%

Year 4K = 85.7%

Year 4M = 94.0%

Year 5K = 96.2%

Year 5M = 92.0%

Year 6Q = 92.5%

Year 6P 96.8%

The classes highlighted in Red have very poor attendance and the children absent are most likely falling behind with their reading and maths work, they will also be struggling to maintain friendships. Poor attendance is not fair on your child. Please ensure that children attend every single day. Let's Be the Best we can Be!

In Class...

In Nursery: We have been learning about the number 2.

In Reception: We have been learning about the parts of 4; 3 is a part, 1 is a part and the whole is 4.

In Year 1: We had a fantastic Gruffalo Day in the Forest Schools area! The children had an amazing experience.

In Year 2: We have been learning to partition numbers to 100.

In Year 3: We have been continuing our learning about the Stone Age in History after our fantastic workshop day.

In Year 4: We have been making Vegetable Paella in our Classroom Kitchens lesson.

In Year 5: In Art we have been creating a street view illustration using one point perspective.

In Year 6: We have been learning about arteries and veins in our Science lessons.



Safeguarding

Staff you can count on

Ensuring our pupils are safe and well looked after is our key priority.

Mrs R Binns (Principal and DSL)

Mr S Iqbal (SENDCo, DDSL and Y2 teacher)

Ms J Hague (Inclusion Lead, DDSL and Learning Mentor)

Miss L Crowther (Licensed Thrive Practitioner and DDSL)

Mrs A Qamar (Learning Mentor and DDSL)

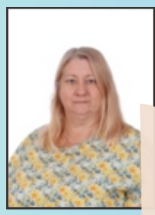
All staff in school have received safeguarding training to ensure that they can recognise signs and symptoms of abuse and also how to report/act if a disclosure is made.



Mrs R Binns



Mr S Iqbal



Ms J Hague



Miss L Crowther



Mrs A Qamar



Do you need us?

If you ever have any concerns about the safety or welfare of a child you can contact us on **01274 422040**.

Outside of school hours there is a 24 hour number that links to the duty team for social care.

01274 431010

This number can also be used during office hours to contact social care directly.

We also have lots of links on our website: www.smpa.org.uk

We hope you found this newsletter useful!

Your views and feedback are very important to us.

Contact us if there's anything we can improve, or if there's something you want to see featured in the newsletter which would be useful for you.



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