

## Key Dates for the Spring Term 2024

### January 2024

8th Staff training day  
9th Children return to school  
11th After school dance club resumes  
11<sup>th</sup> Changemakers family workshop  
25<sup>th</sup> Year 4 visit to Selly Manor

### February 2024

5<sup>th</sup> Children mental health week  
7th- 9th Year 6 Residential trip to Robinwood  
12th - 16th Half term

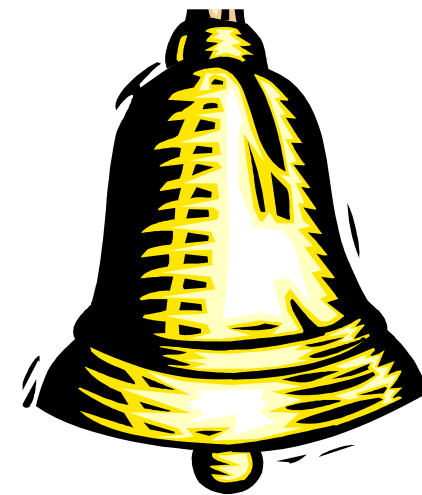
### March 2024

1st National offer day for secondary schools  
7th Parent teacher meetings- face to face  
11th Parent teacher meetings- online  
21<sup>st</sup> Year 4 celebration performance (morning)  
25th - 5th April Easter holiday

### April 2024

16th National offer day for primary schools

<https://www.southamprimary.com/parents/term-dates>



Southam Primary School

*Respect Ready Responsible*

Toucans Class

Spring Term 2024

Dear Parents,

We have a very exciting term planned for the children. Our main topic during this term is the Tudors.

Our topic will support our English studies, which will include writing adverts, non-chronological reports, adventure stories, character and setting descriptions and recounts. We will have dedicated reading, spelling and handwriting time throughout the week.

In maths, we will focus on place value, addition and subtraction. Children are expected to know all their times tables by the end of year 4 and be able to recall facts in 6 seconds so please continue to support your child with regular practice using links provided on Class Dojo.

Throughout the term we will be sharing the children's work with you via Class Dojo and there will be a celebration afternoon at the end of term.

### **PE**

PE lessons will be every Wednesday for this term; therefore, children should come to school wearing their PE kit, including their blue school jumper on this day. Please ensure they are in the correct uniform and not in home sport tracksuits or leisure wear.

<https://www.southamprimary.com/parents/uniform>

Swimming lessons will be on Monday afternoons at 1:30pm. Children will swim for half a term at a time. Toucans will swim first on January 15<sup>th</sup>. With the cold weather, please ensure children have a swimming hat to reduce wet hair and a warm hat to wear walking back from swimming. Also we really need parents to support with walking the children to and from the pool, so please, if you can spare the time from 1pm – 2:30pm we would really appreciate your support.

**Spelling** These will continue to be set on a Friday, for testing the following Friday and will be in their home spelling book. Please make sure the children keep this book in their bag as we do refer to it during the week.

### **Handwriting**

Children will be expected to have their handwriting neatly joined. We will be practising our handwriting each morning and issuing pen licences wear children exhibit consistently neat writing in all books.

### **How You Can Help Your Child At Home**

#### **Maths Homework**

Children will be expected to spend time every week learning their times tables. Those children with good times table knowledge have a definite advantage in different areas of maths too.

#### **Reading**

Ensure your child is reading five times a week for fifteen minutes and that this is logged on Boom Reader. Reading with your child and asking them questions about the texts that they are reading is extremely important to ensure a secure understanding of the text. We reward families who are supporting their child with reading. In Guided Reading, we read a text as a whole class. The children are very excited about reading these texts but we ask that you don't purchase the book to read at home until AFTER we have finished reading them in school as otherwise it interferes with the learning sequence.

#### **Handle with Care**

If your child is coming to school after a difficult night, morning, or weekend, please send myself or Miss Longworth a message stating 'Handle with Care' on Class Dojo. Nothing else will be said or asked. This will let us know that your child may need extra time, patience or help during the day.

Kind regards

Mrs Heath/ Miss Startup

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