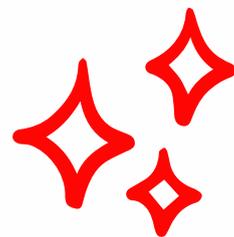




WhatsApp Newsletter



SOUTH AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL
17th January 2025



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ✓ **3rd February**
Year 3 - Jurassic George
- ✓ **4th February**
Year 6 - Rainbow Theatre in School
- ✓ **12th February**
Year R - Fairytale Day
- ✓ **14th February**
Last Day of Term (3.15pm Finish)

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

We aim for 95%

94.2% Whole School



NHS PHARMACY FIRST SERVICE

We recently emailed out to notify our families about the NHS Pharmacy First Service which is being run at Well Pharmacy. This service is also now available at Boots Pharmacy.

This service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate. Accessing this service may mean that children can feel better and get back to school as quickly as possible.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots Pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply).

<u>Common condition</u>	<u>Patient eligibility</u>
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

READING FOR PLEASURE

As we start this term, we want to emphasize the importance of reading for pleasure and the positive impact it has on your child's learning and development. Reading for enjoyment not only boosts literacy skills but also fosters imagination, empathy, and creativity. It's a wonderful way for children to unwind and explore new worlds, both real and imagined, and it helps build a lifelong love for learning.

In school, we are making a conscious effort to encourage and celebrate the joy of reading. Our teachers are working hard to share exciting books and stories with the children, and we are creating opportunities for them to explore a wide variety of genres and topics.

However, we also recognise that many children may have received new digital devices over the Christmas period, and while these devices can be a great tool for learning, we want to ensure that reading for pleasure remains a priority in your child's daily routine. It's important to create a balance between screen time and reading time.

We encourage you to support your child in setting aside time each day or at least three times a week to read either their school reading book or an enjoyable text of their choice.

Here are some simple ways you can help foster a love of reading at home:

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Set aside reading time:
Dedicate time in the evening or during the day for independent or shared reading.

Explore different genres:
Try introducing a variety of books—fiction, non-fiction, poetry, or comics—to keep reading exciting.

Visit your local library:
Borrowing books is a fun and cost-effective way to expand your child's reading collection.

Read together: Share stories with your child, taking turns to read aloud.



Help your child with reading

I Spy

Play 'I Spy' games. Can you find words beginning with...? Can you find a picture of a ...? How many ... can you see?

Ask Questions

Ask questions about the story as you read it e.g. What is the story about? Why do you think they made that choice? Was it a good choice? Why did that happen? What do you think will happen next? What was your favourite part of the story? Why?

Make it Fun

Enjoy reading together. Give characters funny voices and engage with the pictures. Make a game out of finding words that rhyme or start with the same sound.

Be Seen

Make sure you are seen reading. Keep books magazines at easy reach.

Get Out

Go to your public library regularly. Find the books you loved as a kid to read together.

Create

Use reading to inspire drawings or new stories.

Go Online

Look online & in app stores for appropriate word & spelling games.

Make Space

Have a special place or a certain time when you read together.

Read everything out loud.

Books, poems, nursery rhymes, newspaper & magazine articles, food labels...
anything that is close to hand!



Swale

2025 Drop-In Sessions

Struggling with the cost of living?
Need support to access services?
Facing discrimination?
Drop in without an appointment.

Monday	Sittingbourne	10am-12pm Swale House, East Street, ME10 3HT
Tuesday	Sheppey	10am-12pm <i>Second Tuesday of the month:</i> Sheerness East Working Mens Club, 47 Queenborough Road, ME12 3BZ <i>All other Tuesdays:</i> Sheppey Gateway, Sheerness High Street, ME12 1NL
	Sittingbourne	11.30am-1.30pm Murston Family Hub, Tonge Road, ME10 3NT
Wednesday	Faversham	10am-12pm 43 Stone Street, ME13 8PH
Friday	Faversham	10am-12pm 43 Stone Street, ME13 8PH



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