

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! It was wonderful to return after the half-term break and come together again as a whole school community. As always, we began with a reset day, giving every class the chance to reconnect with their adults and with each other. This half term, we are focusing on the power of positive noticing and being the change we want to see. We're excited to explore how we can each make a positive contribution to our school community in the weeks ahead.

Best Wishes, **Mrs Davie**

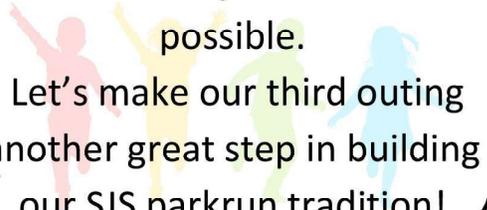
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## School Community News

Join us for our 3rd Shirley Junior School parkrun this Sunday, 1st March at 9:00 AM!

We'll be running the main Southampton Common Junior parkrun course, and we'd love to see as many SJS families as possible.



Let's make our third outing another great step in building our SJS parkrun tradition!

## School Community Messages

### Parents' Evening – Celebrating Success Together

Next week, we're excited to welcome you into school for Parents' Evening. Our teachers are looking forward to celebrating your children's achievements with you all. To help everyone join in the celebrations, there will be a 'Proud Post' box outside each classroom. We are inviting you to leave a note telling your child how proud you are — these messages will be shared with children and always mean so much to them. You can also add a message to our whole-school Gratitude Tree. If someone in our school community has gone above and beyond, we'd love you to give them a shout-out.

We can't wait to share this week of positivity and celebration with you! 

## Upcoming Events

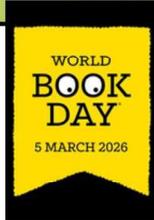
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- 1st March - Junior Parkrun
  - 3rd March - Parents evening
  - 4<sup>th</sup> March - Ocelots Swimming
  - 5<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day/Parents evening/Bake off entries
  - 6<sup>th</sup> March - Trust inset day



KINDNESS.  
RESPECT.  
INTEGRITY.



## School Community Messages



### World Book Day – Book Swap

We're excited to celebrate World Book Day on **Thursday 5th March** with a wonderful Book Swap to help promote a love of reading throughout the school. From **Monday 2nd March**, we invite children to donate a good-condition book they no longer read. Later in the week, they will have the chance to visit our Book Swap Shop and choose a new, exciting book to enjoy and share at home. Please send book donations to the school office, clearly labelled infant or junior to support staff and volunteers in sorting items. As a reminder, there is no dressing up for this event—we have plenty of engaging activities planned to immerse the children in the joy of reading.

### SJS Bake Off



We're thrilled to share that the SJS Bake Off is officially back!



Yesterday, our amazing House Captains visited every class to announce the return of one of our most loved and eagerly awaited house competitions of the year. All pupils are warmly invited to take part, and house points will be awarded for every entry, with bonus points for standout bakes each week. This is a fun, inclusive event — not a knockout competition — so children can join in every round, no matter what.

✨ This week's theme: Space!

Children have been asked to create 2 or 3 cupcakes or muffins inspired by the theme.

📍 Where to bring entries: The Savannah (Year 6)

📅 When: Morning of Thursday 5th March

We cannot wait to see — and taste — the children's incredible creations. Let the baking begin, and may the most imaginative bakes soar to the stars! 🌟🍰

