



## SURFLEET PRIMARY SCHOOL

### WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

**Week Ending – 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

## Work Hard - Be Kind - Achieve

### What's been happening in school this week?

This week we have had the pleasure of welcoming a new member of staff. **Mrs Coles** will be our new SENDCo taking over from **Mrs Smitheringale** who had an opportunity to work more days at one of the trust schools. Whilst we are sad to see Mrs Smitheringale go, we wish her all the best in her new role. **Mrs Coles** joins us from one of our other Trust schools (Bourne Westfield) where she teaches Year 2 and is also one of their SENDCos. Mrs Coles is an experienced teacher who is driven to support all children to achieve. In the one day she has spent here, she has already been able to meet most of the staff and the children. What a great start! I hope you will take the opportunity to welcome Mrs Coles to the Surfleet family when you get the chance to meet her. Tuesday is her usual working day.

In **Assembly**, we have been learning about dreams and goals. We thought about new year resolutions and how to make a plan to turn your dreams into reality! Let's hope healthy lifestyles and tidy bedrooms last longer than January 31<sup>st</sup> – enjoy it while it lasts!

I have a dream and I wondered if you can help me in making it a reality! We all do a fantastic job at our school (staff, children, parents and volunteers) in ensuring that children are safe, happy and well educated. However, **we need more children!** It seems such a shame that more children can't benefit from the calm and nurturing environment we have created, where children come to school keen and ready to learn. How can you help? I thought you'd never ask:

- Tell everyone how great we are!
- Share your (positive) views on social media.
- Share posts from our Facebook and PTFA pages.
- Share the school video (it's fantastic).
- Put up a poster at your local shop, work, café, etc.
- Deliver flyers around where you live.

With the deadline fast approaching for Reception starters for September 2026, please have one final push with family and friends who are still picking their first-choice school. Also, make sure they know they can go and change their options to put us first even if they have picked another school! Your help may prove invaluable.

Now let's look at some achievements...



### Congratulations to this week's Stars of the Week:



**Willow**

For he has settled into Willow class so well, adapting to our routines, making progress and new friends.



**Maple**

For her effort and independence in maths



**Oak**

For his can-do attitude in all lessons and great effort since coming back to school.

### Look who received a Golden Surf this week:

- For writing an excellent poem using similes and metaphors
- For writing a poem using a range of similes and metaphors
- For bringing Pluto to life in her poem
- For being the Multiplication Master



### Winners of the Attendance Raffle were:

- Computer time with a friend
- 2 Surfs for each child in their class
- Extra breaktime for the whole class
- Extra PE Lesson
- 30 Surfs for themselves

This week's attendance was:

## Attendance for 5/1/26-9/1/26

Willow Class	Maple Class	Oak Class	Whole School
90.6%	100%	96.0%	95.3%
<u>Eeek!</u>	WOW!	Good	OK

A pretty good start to the term overall. **Well done to Maple for keeping up their win streak – 5 weeks in a row!** I wonder if the children are bored of extra break times? Probably not.

### Are your children organised...and does it matter?

At school, we're always asking the children to tidy up, be organised, have the things they need, etc. as this a) helps them be ready to learn and b) keeps the school a safe place. However, is it more important than that?

If you search on the internet for anything around being organised and the impact this has, there are plenty of websites and research that appears to prove that being organised and having a tidy and organised environment lessens stress and improves life chances. Hard to believe, I know! Just because it is on the internet, doesn't mean it is true, but what if it was? What if, simply by being organised and being tidy gave you better sleep, helped you to focus during the day and improved your life chances. Would that be worth making a change for? That's up to you to decide!

How can you help your child be ready to learn at school and avoid stress?

- Ensure they get to bed early enough for a good night's sleep.
- Ensure they get up early enough to be ready in time, unrushed and have had breakfast (if they want it).
- Make sure they are at school on time.
- Make sure they have their reading book and reading journal in school every day.
- Make sure they have a water bottle.
- Make sure they have their PE kit in school every day.
- Make sure they hand their homework in on time.
- Make sure they have read their school book 3 times a week at home and complete their reading journal.

Whilst some of these may cause you a great deal of grief, if you ask most children, these are the things they think they are worried about at school. It makes sense therefore to help them with these.

Being a good parent isn't easy. If you are ever finding it hard, do not hesitate to come and talk to us about it. We totally get it!



### Upcoming Events

- **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January** – Start of Spring Term 3
- **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January** – Young Voices for Choir
- **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February to Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February** - Book Fair
- **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February & Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February** – Parents Evening
- **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February** – Last day of Spring Term 3
- **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** – First day of Spring Term 4

### School Policies

All policies relevant to parents are available to view on the school's website.