



THE SOHO SCOOP

News and Views from
Soho Parish CofE Primary School

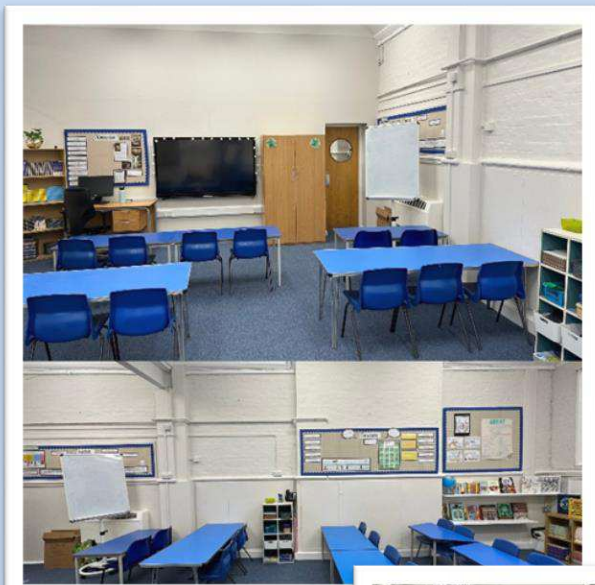
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Dear Families,

We hope you had a wonderful half term break. It has been lovely to see everyone back at school and jumping straight back into their learning. A big thank to all those who are trying to be in school on time, it has been noted and appreciative.

Newly decorated classrooms

Our first week back began with some classes being welcomed to newly refurbished classrooms – Year 6, Year 5 & R1. The children’s reaction was wonderful to see and they have enjoyed learning in their new learning environments. Once child said’ *I love my new classroom, it makes me feel calm and ready to learn!*



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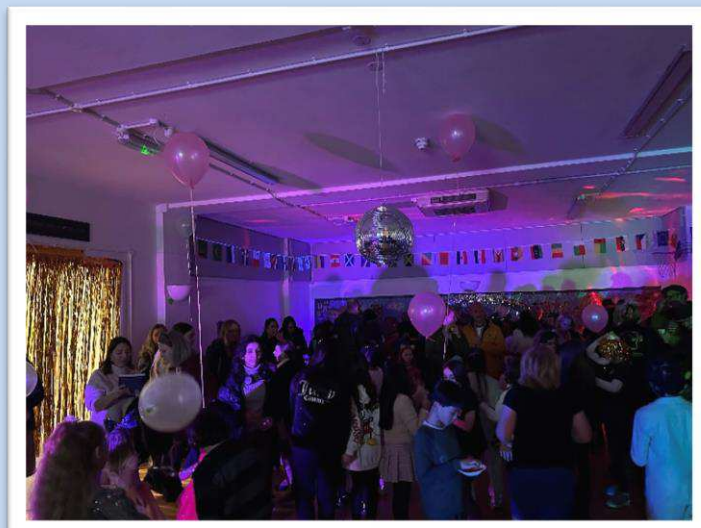
Democracy week

Throughout the week, each class have been nominating and voting for who they would like to be their council representatives for this academic year. The winners were revealed this morning in Collective Worship and shared below. Photos of our councils will be shared in next week's Snapshot Scoop – congratulations to all our representatives.

Year group	School Council	Faith Council	Eco Team
R1 (Y1 only)	Joni & Max	Maham & Mariah	Vesper & Ivo
Y2	Antoan & Amisha	Omar & Felicity	Vesper & Margaux
Y3	Yesemay & Jaydae	Solomon & Berra	Aayan & Yeva
Y4	Adam & Scarlet	Amalie & Angelina	Evgenia & Amaya
Y5	Julian & Amber	Isoul & Elowen	Martha & Lilli
Y6	Coco & Zach	Amaan & Jennah	Hana & Zach

Light Disco

This evening we had our first disco in a while and everyone but on their best outfits to show off their moves on the dance floor! It was lovely to see so many families come and support another school event. In total we had a donation of over £70 so a big thank you! A HUGE must go to our PTA for organising the event with such thought and detail (we even had a photo booth) – thank you 😊





Remembrance Service

Today, we came together to mark the annual remembrance of all those who fought in World War 1 and beyond. Selah, Zach and Coco read the poem 'In Flanders Field' by John McCrae. We held a 2 minute silence and listened to the bugle which played 'the Last post'.



Coats and more

As we enter further into the autumnal season, please ensure that your child(ren) comes to school every day with a warm coat and hat, scarf and gloves (as appropriate). We still go out and play during the autumn and winter months so it is important that children have the appropriate clothing to support their need to run around and release some energy! It is important that all of these items are clearly labelled with your child's name and class, so if they do become misplaced we can ensure they are returned as quickly as possible.



Attendance

It is very important that children attend school every day when they are well to ensure that they are reaching their full potential and maximising all of the learning opportunities on offer. Below I have included the percentages for each year group, see how your year group compares and think if you can help to improve your class percentage. This week only one class achieved being in line with national.

Reception	73%
Year 1	83%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	94%
Year 5	91%
Year 6	91%
Whole school	90%



Punctuality

School starts at 9.00am. This is the time that children must be in their classroom. The gates are open from 8.45am until 9.00am. This does not mean families should be coming into school at the last few minutes. From 8.45am activities for soft start are planned for children and teachers use this time to facilitate additional learning and clarifying misconceptions from the previous day; therefore those children who are not arriving at this time will be missing out. Letters are being sent out to families whose children are persistently late – please speak with either Sharon or myself if you need any support.

Key dates

Friday 10th Nov – Light Disco (more information to follow)

Week beg 13th – Anti-Bullying Week

Tuesday 14th Nov – Switching on the Christmas lights on Archer Street (5pm)

Friday 17th – R1 & Y2 Phonics Coffee Morning (9am)

Friday 24th November – Y4 Cake Sale

Thursday 30th November – Switching on the Christmas Lights at St Anne's

Tuesday 5th December- Christmas service at St James' Church (10.30am)

Friday 15th December – Christmas Fete

Monday 18th December – KS1 Nativity performance (time to be confirmed)

Thursday 21st December – End of term: **school finishes at 1.30pm**

Oliver Knight (*Head of School*)