



RICHMOND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

LEARNING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER

Spring Newsletter 4, 15th February 2024

Greetings from Richmond Avenue

Richmond Avenue Road Closure

There are continued works along Richmond Avenue, which are progressing nicely and should be completed on time. We will continue to update you with anything that affects access to the school via Bromcom and you can also see any updates on our school website.



Year 1—Parent Phonics Screening Meeting

Year 1 pupils will be completing the Annual National Phonics Screening Check in June. We have arranged two meetings on 6th March at 9am and 2.30pm, to explain in more detail what these entail and to give guidance on how you can support your child at home with this.

Netball

This week the netball team took part in a local game at Shoebury High School, with teams from different schools across Southend, showing off their skills and teamwork. The matches were extremely intense, with loads of exciting moments and good sportsmanship. It was a great chance for students to prove their love for the game and make some new friends on the court. Overall, it was a total success celebrating the fun of competition and our school's passion for netball. The team are excited to continue their training after the half term break in preparation for the next upcoming games. Well done, Richmond!

Nursery

The online application for funding for the summer term and the latest funding form must be completed and returned to the school office as soon as possible. The deadline for returning the applications is **29th March 2024**.

Please also be aware that if your child is due in for a session but will not be attending for whatever reason, you must contact the school office or leave a voicemail so we can amend the register accordingly.

End of Half Term

Thank you all for your support of the school and all the children and staff this half term. Your engagement and collaboration with us has allowed for a happy and positive half term full of learning and fun. Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half-term break.

*Be Kind, Be Safe,
Be Responsible,
Enjoy Learning*

Be an attendance
HERO!

Here
Everyday
Ready
On time



*Well done HB4 &
Hedgehogs for
having the highest
attendance this
term!!!*

*Well done for being
in school
consistently—and
well done to all
those in school in
time—look out for
our next superhero
visit...*



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Minecraft Challenge

You can still download and play the Minecraft game to play (and learn about road safety) Scan the QR code to download and play the game—Use your PurpleMash user followed by @richmond.secat.co.uk (eg. 22BrianT@richmond.secat.co.uk)



Remember—Daily news, events and pictures of what's going on in school can be found on our Instagram page @richmondprimary—follow us for the most up to date news!

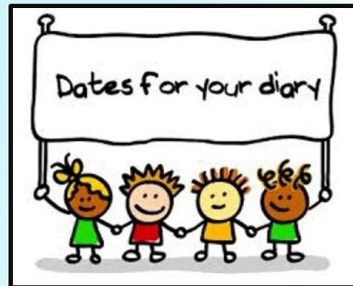




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Dates for the Diary

***** Inset Day 16th February *****

*****Half term 19th —23rd February 2024 *****

- **Monday 26th February**—Start of new Half Term
- **WB 26th February**—Costume swap shop (After school on playground)
- **Wednesday 6th March**—Year 1 Parents Phonics Screening Meeting (9am & 2.30pm)
- **Thursday 7th March** - World Book day (Dress up as your favourite Book character)
- **Friday 8th March** —Mother's Day Sale (all items £1)
- **WB 11th March**—Science Week
- **Friday 15th March**—Science Fair (Parents and children work together to create and present... more details to follow)
- **Friday 15th March**—Red Nose Day—**Go Red** for Comic Relief!
- **WB 18th March**—Parent Teacher Consultation Meetings
- **Thursday 28th March**—Easter Bonnet Parade / Easter Egg Raffle



Southend East Community Academy





SECAT Academy Committee - Vacancies

We are seeking to appoint new representatives for our **Academy Committees** who can make a real difference to the future life chances of young people in our Trust and communities.

Our mission is to achieve outstanding outcomes for the young people in our community by providing an engaging, challenging and linear learning experience from age 2–18, that equips them to live happy and successful lives.

We are looking to further strengthen our Academy Committees to support Headteachers and staff in continuing to achieve outstanding outcomes. The Academy Committees report to the Trust Board. Their work is vital for the Trust Board to plan strategically for the development of the Trust.

Academy Committees hold a monitoring role in three key areas: Special Educational Needs (SEN), Curriculum and Community Relations.

You do not need to be a parent or carer of a child at any of the schools within our Trust. You may already be a member of an Academy Committee within the Trust and would be willing to support additional Academy Committees also.

We are looking for someone willing to bring energy, enthusiasm and commitment to the role, and who will broaden the diversity of thinking on the Academy Committee.

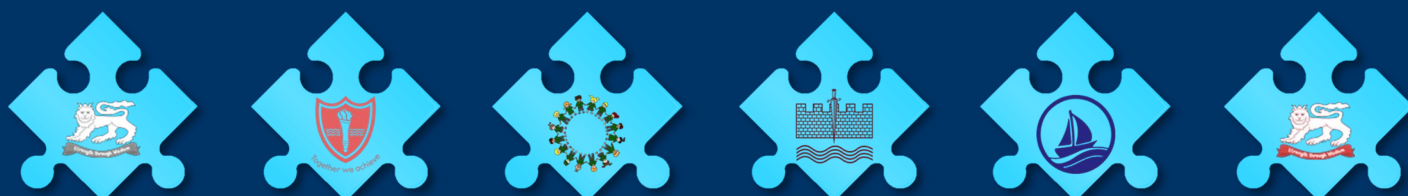
We welcome applications from anyone regardless of their age, experience, disability, ethnicity, heritage, sexuality, gender and socio-economic background.

Please contact the Trust Governance Manager: katylove@secat.co.uk for more information, an application pack and to arrange a suitable time to talk.

For more information about SECAT, please visit: www.secat.co.uk

SECAT is committed to safeguarding the welfare of young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

This post will be subject to an enhanced disclosure check from the Disclosure and Barring Service and a Right to Work in the UK check.



Soulful Sips & Creative Bits: A Wellbeing Wonderland

Join us to unleash your creativity through guided craft, cake decoration and mindfulness activities.

Our sessions are free and offer a therapeutic space for self-expression. No prior experience required. Sessions are for Adults only. All materials for crafts and cake decoration will be provided. Comfortable seating, refreshments, and a welcoming environment.

Booking is required. Please contact L2EHA@southend.gov.uk to book your space.

Location:

Cambridge Road Family Centre,
Southend-On-Sea.

Time:

10-11:30am

Free

Level 2 Early Help Advisor's:

Rosie Day
Julie-Ann Rayner

Session dates:

16/2/2024, 22/3/2024, next date TBC

Early Help Community News

Bringing you the best community highlights happening across Southend

Issue 4

February Half Term Edition



Hello

Welcome to the first issue of 2024!!

With the first half term of the year looming on the horizon, we are here to bring you the low down of all the fun happening across the city.

To help you start planning check out [Visit Southend](#) with free events, museums, galleries, parks and gardens you don't have to break the bank to entertain the kids.

Mums guide to Southend has something for all budgets, ages and abilities, if you haven't bookmarked this website then do it now and tell your friends! [Mum's guide to Southend: From bumps to teens, your family-friendly guide \(mumsguideto.co.uk\)](#)

As we all know the British weather can put dampener on things at times, how about a rainy day idea. Have you heard about Window Wanderland?

Window Wanderland (Friday 22nd - Sunday 24th March) is a captivating new community art project that invites Southend's residents to be a part of transforming our city into a spectacular outdoor art gallery.

The idea behind it is simple, all you need to do to get involved is decorate your street-facing windows with whatever imaginative display you can think of!

It can be big or small, from a simple candle, to tissue paper "stained glass" and everything in between – it's totally up to you but all we ask is that it's visible from the street, which will help transform Southend into a city-wide gallery!

Visit [Window Wanderland | Southend Culture](#) to the official website for full details and some creative inspiration, and to sign-up to join this artistic movement.

Half Term News just in from Southend Libraries Team

Anime & Manga Week

This half-term we celebrate the wonder of Japanese art forms: Anime and Manga!



Join us at The Forum from 17th - 24th February for our themed week of activities, which is bigger and better than ever! We'll have our popular Pokemon photo corner, Children's Activity Table, Interactive Quizzes and Games, Pokemon Diorama and much more!

We are also very excited to reveal our partner Focal Point Gallery will be conducting an Anime Portrait Drawing Workshop on Tuesday 20th February, where you can learn how to bring Anime characters to life on paper. Please follow us on social media for booking details - coming soon!

And don't forget your fanciest clothes for Friday 23rd February: Cosplay Day! Come along and channel your favourite character in true Japanese style... we may just join you!

A wide selection of activities will also be available in our branch libraries through the week.

Coffee Morning

Our next Coffee Morning will be held at Shoeburyness Library on Thursday 29th February, from 10.30am - 12pm.

These FREE and informal mornings provide an opportunity to drop-in for a cuppa, enjoy the warm, relaxed environment of the library and meet new people!

Coffee Mornings are open to all, and a warm welcome is guaranteed.

For more information please email:
librarydevelopment@southend.gov.uk or call: 01702 534123





Big Up Southend! Makers market & free kids activities

Big Up Southend! is all about celebrating the talent that Southend has to offer - from small business owners, to creatives and performers.

Saturday 24th February 11am

Big Up Southend is a buzzing monthly market for small businesses, taking over the first floor of the Victoria Centre on Southend high street. It's a market for local small businesses, with creative kids activities and live music performances.

Partners Indirock, Show Up! Southend and The Design Cabin Community C.I.C are behind the market, running it as a non-profit community event.

The markets run from 11am-4pm, with busking musicians and free crafting activities for kids, we have awesome traders lined up, which change every month.

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Every Last Saturday of the Month

First Floor, The Victoria Centre

Put these dates in your diary and we'll see you there!

Saturday 30th March 11am

Saturday 27th April 11am

Saturday 25 May 11am

Saturday 29th June 11am





Southend Leisure and Tennis Centre

Garon Park

Eastern Avenue, SS2 4FA

Thursday, 22 February 2024—10.30 am to 4.30 pm

Prepare for an unforgettable adventure at Southend Leisure & Tennis Centre this February half term!

Ellis Leisure are thrilled to announce the return of the Mega Fun Day, a spectacular event that promises endless excitement for families and children aged 4 to 11. Imagine stepping into Southend Sports Hall, now transformed into a colossal indoor inflatable arena with towering slides, big bouncy castles and challenging assault courses that inspire the spirit of adventure. Every jump, every slide, and every bounce is a burst of fun.

But that's not all. Adding to the magic is our fantastic children's game show, a master of fun. The entertainment is non-stop, from awe-inspiring magic that leaves you wondering, "How did they do that?" to a lively disco that grooves everyone. What makes Mega Fun Day special is that all these amazing experiences are included in the entry price. It's an all-access pass to a world of fun, where every activity is an opportunity for laughter, learning, and making new friends.

Designed with primary school-aged children in mind, the Mega Fun Day ensures something is captivating for every child, regardless of their interests or age. Mega Fun has a wide range of attractions and activities, focusing on creating a fabulous, family-friendly, safe, and enjoyable atmosphere.

Early Bird Special: Secure your spot for only £6.50 per person. Find out more or book:

[Mega Fun Days - Bouncy Castle Hire in Essex \(megainflatables.co.uk\)](https://megainflatables.co.uk)

Do you have a budding cyclist in the family? Places to Ride (P2R) are returning to Garons Park during February

Southend Wheelers coaches will be delivering some more coaching sessions at the Peter Butler Cricket Oval, Garon Park Sports Centre, Southend on Sea SS2 4FA for children aged between 10-16 years of age during the February half term school holidays. Dates are Saturday 17th, Tuesday 20th and Saturday 24th February. Session times: 09:30 – 11:00. These sessions will be suitable for children with BMX's, road bikes or mountain bikes. There will be a variety of skills delivered by the coaches, with a progression pathway either to cycling with Southend Wheelers, the Travers MTB series which starts in April, or Hadleigh Park MTB activities.

There are other superb cycling facilities available in Essex and the South East.

The sessions are £5:00 per session (+ booking fee). There are 20 places on each of the sessions available

For all the information you will need please visit [Places to ride \(P2R\) | Southend Wheelers](#)

The moment you have been waiting for is here!Its Crazy Ryan's Half-Term event!



It's all confirmed!

We are hosting 1 session on Monday 19th February.

This event is only available to children with Special Educational Needs and their Siblings.

Tickets will be charged at:

£9 per child

£2 per adult

50p under 2's (with a paying sibling)

The 2 hour event will be jam packed with loads of Crazy Ryan fun! Included in your ticket price: Magic show, Mini Disco, Party Games, Prizes, Selfie Pod, Colouring table.

Extras available: café and Bar, Face Painting, Pocket Money Stall.

Ryan will also be at Twenty one on the 20th February for all other children with sessions in the morning and afternoon.

Book your tickets here [Crazy Ryan Entertainment event tickets from TicketSource.](#)



The Ironworks, a warm welcoming community hub for all of Southend.

The Ironworks is a safe, warm community venue for everyone to visit. We have a jam packed schedule of events, socials and workshops, and look forward to welcoming you to the venue very soon. We always have a friendly, compassionate team on hand, but every Tuesday – Thursday 10am – 2.30pm we have a dedicated team member on hand to chat, and sign post you to local services you may require... just find our new 'Talking Table' and our team member will come and join you.

We actively encourage the community of Southend to be involved in the curation of activities and events – and welcome you to pop and in to chat to the team if there is anything you would like to bring to The Ironworks.

To keep up to date on all our events, including pop up and wellbeing workshops please follow us on our social media platforms – The Ironworks Southend.

Half Term at The IronWorks

Tuesday 20 - Sunday 25 February 2024

Get ready to join The IronWorks Southend team for some half term fun!

Tuesday 20 February: Brazil Carnival Arts and Crafts | 10am – 4pm | £2 donation

Wednesday 21 February: Tiny Tots Time- age extended! Fun for ALL for FREE | 10am – 1pm

Thursday 22 February: 'Spring into Arts and Crafts' | 10am – 4pm | £2 donation

Friday 23 February: Venice Carnival Arts and Crafts | 10am – 4pm | £2 donation

Saturday 24 February: Heart your Arts and Crafts | 10am – 4pm | £2 donation



Scott's of Southend

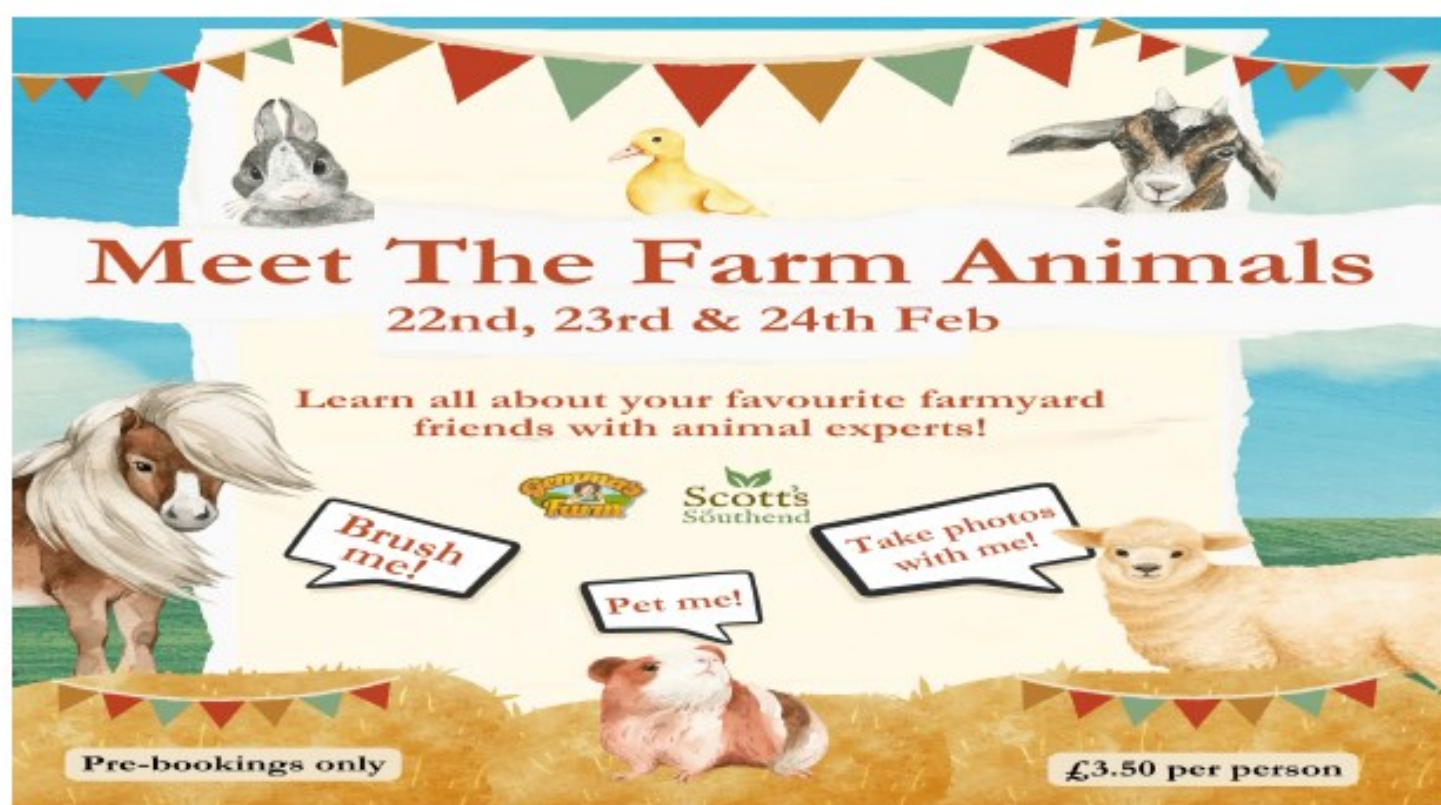
Nursery & Garden Centre

Scott's of Southend is a garden centre situated on Sutton Road, during the school holidays they run a variety Seasonal Events, meaning you can visit throughout the year for an amazing selection of events for families & friends. With Half Term is coming up, why not take a look and book your space at [Events at Scott's of Southend Garden Centre Essex \(scottsofsouthend.co.uk\)](https://scottsofsouthend.co.uk)

Scott's of Southend are putting on this FREE event to teach kids the marvel of growing their own food. You will need to pre-book your tickets and Scott's will provide everything you need!



Also during half term





And Finally....

Did you know – 20th February is National love your pet day

Perfectly timed to happen in the half term break #LoveYourPetDay is a special day for you and your pet or pets, you may have more than one, in that case you may be busy!

National Love Your Pet Day is dedicated to recognising and celebrating the important roles that pets play in our lives. It's a chance to not only spoil our precious animal companions a little more than usual, but also to reflect on the unconditional love and countless benefits they provide us with. This includes improved mental wellbeing, reduced stress levels, increased physical activity and the opportunity to engage in social interactions. Importantly, it underscores the need to reciprocate these benefits by providing our pets with the love, care, and attention they deserve.

While the origins of National Love Your Pet Day are somewhat unclear, the concept resonates deeply within the United Kingdom's populace where pets are often considered as integral members of the family. The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA), a UK-based animal welfare charity, fully supports and rallies around such events, imploring the nation to value and respect all animals. Various UK-based surveys have also shown that the positive affection towards pets not only enhances individual happiness but also nurtures a greater sense of community spirit.

In the United Kingdom, National Love Your Pet Day is observed in numerous ways. Many pet owners might opt to treat their pets with special meals, toys, or additional walks, reflecting the day's underlying message of love and care for all pets.

