



# SOUTH WITHAM ACADEMY NEWS

The children have been busy engaging in lots of exciting learning this week all across the school!

Across the school I have had the pleasure of seeing the children engrossed in topic learning. They have been telling me lots of facts and information that they have learned. It is great to see them so enthusiastic and wanting to share their work. Some have continued their learning at home and brought any work into school to share. Please continue to do this!

Have a great bank holiday weekend and we look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Tuesday 7th May,

*Mr Atter*



## UPCOMING DIARY DATES

6th May - **BANK HOLIDAY**

9th May - Rounders at Charles Read

13th - 16th May - YR 6 SATs

23rd May - Sports for Schools Assembly

24th May - Go Cycling

 **Monday 6th May is a BANK HOLIDAY**

Please can we remind you all to wear either plain navy or school logo'd PE kits.

## HOUSE POINT TOTALS



BURGHLEY

**3207**

BELTON

**2485**

WOOLSTHORPE

**2838**



# Little Hedgehogs



This week in Little Hedgehogs we have been reading *Maisy goes to hospital*. The Little Hedgehogs have been using bandages on each other and our big bear and looking after each other when we have been poorly. We have measured how tall we are by using the big foam bricks and have drawn some of our favourite fruit.



# Woodlands



We have had a lovely week this week, with the weather being nice we have been outside doing lots of work to get our outdoor area looking great! The children have been busy sweeping, digging and seed planting getting the garden ready for summer!

In science we have been learning about animals and their habitats the children have loved learning where different species of animals live and what conditions they live in. The children spoke about what animals might live in our outdoor area and how they are different to animals that live in a desert!

We have had a lovely week and we look forward to seeing everyone next week!



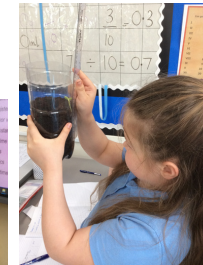
# Badgers

It is the most artistic walk up the stairs to Badger class currently where the children's wonderful war art is displayed. The children have used chalk, paint and collage to create silhouettes of WWII London. In maths, the Year 5 children have been developing their knowledge of decimals using tenths and hundredths, whilst the Year 6 children have been converting and ordering fractions, decimals and percentages. In English, the children have been studying the genre of a diary, working our way towards applying the taught features in their own war diary. In Science, we have been researching the seven life processes. In History we have been sequencing Hitler's rise to power and learning the key events that led to him being the Fuhrer (leader).



# Otters

We have continued our learning about plants this week by checking on our root viewers to see what had grown. We then investigated leaves, thinking about how they help the plant to stay alive, and went out to find a huge variety of leaves in our school grounds. In History, we looked at the landmarks of Ancient Egypt, and labelled them on a map - we even had a sneak peek inside a pyramid! In English, we discussed the features of a biography, and in maths, Year 3s have started adding and subtracting fractions, while Year 4s have been learning about decimals. Ruben reports: On Wednesday, Nick Johnston read "Stand Strong". I loved it. Billy gets bullied by Oliver. If you get bullied, Stand! **S**tay calm, **A**cquire proof, show **N**o fear and **D**isclose to an adult.





# PRIDE OF SOUTH WITHAM

Always Club

YAY!



## Readers of the week!



# Attendance Superstars

this week goes to **OTTERS** with 95%

**Community Clean Up 2024**

**YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU**

The PC would like your help to clean up South Witham to highlight what a lovely village we live in.

**When:** Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 10am- 12.30 pm  
**Where:** Meet at the Community Centre

- Children must be accompanied by an adult.
- Hi-vis jackets, litter pickers and bags will be provided.
- **Free refreshments available.**
- You may want to wear wellies and bring your own gloves.

**Join your Community Clean Up Army!**  
<https://south-witham.pariah.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>

Attendance is something we celebrate each week in our Celebration Assembly on a Friday. We are required to collate and update the attendance figures for the local authority each week. Going forward we will be monitoring attendance closely to ensure that we are hitting the targets given to the school by the DFE.

Lincolnshire County Council are undertaking a parental survey to assess the need for childcare across Lincolnshire. This is part of a wider annual assessment of the Childcare Sufficiency in Lincolnshire, where childcare providers are also consulted. They would like to hear your views on childcare in the county.

Scan the QR code to take part in the survey



**ACTIVE RUTLAND WALKING & CYCLING FESTIVAL**  
 18TH - 31ST MAY 2024



A variety of walking and cycling activities for all levels across Rutland

[www.activerutland.org.uk/walkingandcyclingfestival](http://www.activerutland.org.uk/walkingandcyclingfestival)

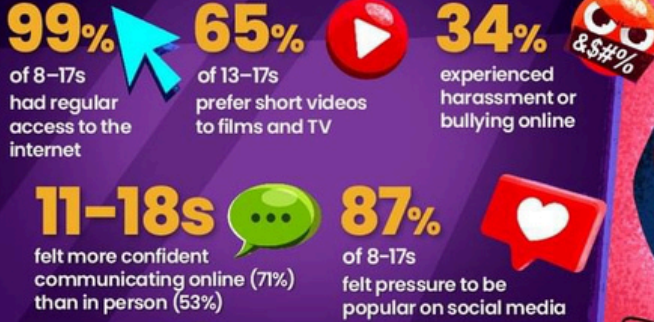
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# What Parents & Educators Can Learn from the OFCOM MEDIA REPORT 2024

Each year, Ofcom - the UK's regulatory body for communications - produces an overview of children and parents' media experiences over the course of the previous year. At the time of writing, the latest of these reports, 'Children and parents: media use and attitudes 2024' has just been published, and we've plucked out some of its most thought-provoking findings regarding online safety.

## ONLINE LIVES



## SCREEN TIME

By children's age group, the percentage of parents who felt less able to manage their child's screentime were ...



## POPULAR PLATFORMS

Most used by children ...



## ONLINE GAMING

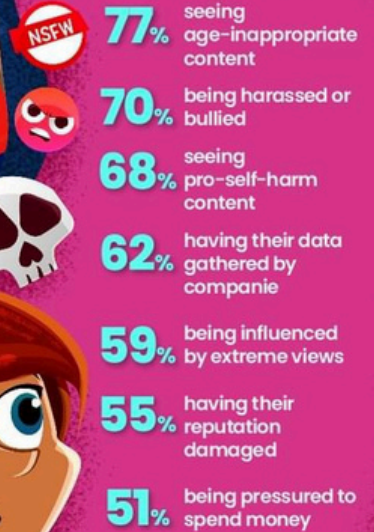
**68%** of children played video games online

Who did these children most commonly play with?



## PARENTAL CONCERNS

The things that most commonly worry parents and carers about their child being online include ...



## ONLINE SAFETY IN SCHOOLS



## DEVICES MOST USED TO GO ONLINE



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at [nationalcollege.com/guides/media-use-and-attitudes-report-2024](https://nationalcollege.com/guides/media-use-and-attitudes-report-2024)

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