



The Oryx Online

Primary

08.12.23

WB 1st Jan = Week 2

Head of Primary - Mr. Holliday

This has been a wonderfully vibrant, busy and purposeful term, full of so many highlights; Trips, Residential, Dress Up Days, Performances to name just a few. One thing we are so thankful for here at South View is our positivity and family-feel community spirit - thank you all.

Ahead of the Winter Break, I have written a short letter to families... [please do read this letter.](#)

The truest gifts cannot be wrapped in shiny paper or tied with a bow. They are the moments shared, the laughter exchanged, and the bonds strengthened by the gentle touch of kindness.

Head of EYFS - Mrs. Patton

Wow-what a fantastic first term we have had in EYFS! I am incredibly proud of all the children's progress this term. It is great to see so many happy faces coming to school every day. A few of my highlights from this term are watching all the FS2 classes during their Winter Recitals; the children were so brave performing for all you mums and dads. Also, the success of our EYFS student leaders, The FS Eco Warrior and FS Student Council have been working extremely hard to improve our school. This term, learning has been celebrated in many forms – SVS shares, shows, dress-up days and trips. We cannot wait for Term 2 and all the exciting events.

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Arabic and Islamic

EYFS

Key Stage 1

(Yr 1 + 2)

Lower Key Stage 2

(Yr 3 + 4)

Upper Key Stage 2

(Yr 5 + 6)

What's Coming Up?

Coffee Mornings and Workshop Dates

Monday 1st January

- Last Day of Winter Break - School Closed

Tuesday 2nd January

- Return to School - 2A Topics Start
- EYFS, Y1 and Y2 Dress up days
- Please read your Year Group Page for Key Dates for Term 2

Wednesday 3rd January

- Eco Warriors Early Morning Remraam Litter Pick 7:25 am Quad
- Student Council meeting 7.30 am - 8am

Thursday 4th January

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Friday 5th January

- Wake Up Shake Up in the Quad

[School Calendar Dates](#)



12th January – International Day

Students can wear clothing that represent their home country, please avoid football shirts. Students can also produce a presentation of their country to share with their class, if they wish.

Friends of South View are supporting this event.





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Useful Links

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Social Media

[Twitter](#)
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[School Website](#)

Term 2 ECAs

What a fantastic term of ECAs we have had in term 1 and I am pleased to announce that there will be a greater selection of ECAs taking place in term 2! Please look out for the ECA booklet on Seesaw this weekend.

The sign up window will open on the first day of term and remain open until Thursday 4th January.

External ECAs - to begin on Tuesday 2nd January

Internal ECAs - to begin on Monday 8th January

Important Reminders:

Please ensure children are attending school in the correct uniform with black school shoes/trainers being worn on the days when children do not have P.E.

Please ensure you call or email absence@southview.ae and use the subject SICKNESS, or telephone: +971 45897904 each day, before 8.00am if your child is going to be absent due to sickness.



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PE, Swimming, Squads and House Teams

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PE

Dear Parents and Guardians,
As we approach the end of another enriching term at SVS, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for your ongoing support and partnership in the education of your children. It has been a rewarding journey, filled with achievements, growth, and memorable experiences.

Upcoming Events:
As we approach Term 2, we have some exciting events planned. Please mark your calendars for the sports day.

- 5th of February - EYFS sports day: 8am-11am
- 6th of February - Y1 & Y2 sports day: 8am-11.30am
- 7th of February - Y3&Y4 sports day: 8am-11.30am
- 8th of February - Y5&Y6 sports day: 8am-13pm

We look forward to celebrating these occasions with you and creating lasting memories together.

Looking Ahead - Term 2A PE topics:
EYFS - Jumps, runs and throws & Gymnastics
Year 1 to Year 6 - Athletics & Net Games
Please note there will be no swimming during Term 2A. Swimming will resume after the half term in February.

In closing, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation for your trust and partnership. Wishing you and your families a joyful holiday season and a well-deserved break.

In the case you need to reach out the PE department please use the email address that best suits your enquiry: [Email lists HERE](#)

Squads

Term 2 squads - Message to students:

Congratulations on your outstanding performance during the trials; your dedication and hard work has truly paid off! Your selection reflects not only your skills but also your commitment to teamwork, discipline, and sportsmanship. We believe that your presence on the team will be an invaluable asset, and we look forward to seeing you excel in representing our school. In the case you are unsure if you got selected please ask your parents to check their email box.

We are still in the selection process for the athletics, cross country and aquathlon team. These will take place during our PE lessons in January.

Upcoming events:

- Squads training start from 2nd of January
- Cross country @ Dubai 7's - 08.01.24
- Team fixtures start from 15th of January
- U11 BSME games @SVS - 1st, 2nd & 3rd of March

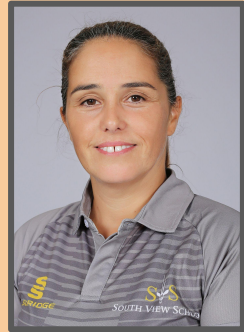
If for any reason your child cannot attend the training session or a fixture, kindly, notify their Squad Coach as soon as possible.

[TERM 2 SQUADS Coach email lists HERE](#)

[Year 3 & Year 4 awards ceremony](#) - presentation here

[Year 5 & Year 6 awards ceremony](#) - presentation here

Mrs. Sonia Teodoro



Please view your Year Group page for swimming and PE days

T2 squads:

- Tag Rugby
- Girls football
- Swimming
- Cross country
- Aquathlon
- Athletics
- Development swim squad (only Year 2)

House Team News



Miss Judy Murphy

House Teams News

Term 1 has come to a close and what an incredible term it has been! We began with the selection of the new House Deputies, House Ambassadors and House Captains who have all settled into their new roles magnificently. We had a house mural competition, a BSME jersey design competition, multiple house competitions during the Dubai Fitness challenge, the tug of war, and lots of Wake Up Shake Ups. The next term has lots more fun in store for the SVS community. We will have sports days, house hair days, international day competitions, a photography competition and lots more!

In the lead this term with 2503 points is Terra. Well done, and your hard work is clearly paying off. We have lots more time to go, however, so lets make sure we continue to keep it up and earn points to lead your house to victory!!

Terra
2503

Aqua
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Ignis
2294

Aeris
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#SVSDares



Mr Abdelhamed
Kerba

Head of Arabic
Head of Islamic Studies

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Mr. Kerba's Arabic Highlights of Term 1

Dear Parents,

I trust this message finds you well. We are pleased to share the exciting news of a successful conclusion to Term 1, marked by remarkable progress and achievements by your children.

The dedication and hard work of both students and our committed faculty have surpassed expectations, reflecting the positive impact of our collaborative efforts. Each student has shown commendable growth in various aspects of their academic and personal development.

In the spirit of the season, we extend warm wishes to you and your family for a joyous Winter Break filled with happiness and relaxation. May this festive time provide an opportunity for reflection and rejuvenation. Additionally, we would like to inform you that during the Winter Break, students have the opportunity to continue their learning through online platforms. They can log in to "I Read Arabic" and "I Start Arabic" apps to engage in reading and complete assigned tasks. These resources are designed to complement their academic journey and ensure a seamless transition into the next term.

Thank you for your continuous support and collaboration in your child's educational journey. We value the trust you place in us and look forward to the continued success of our students.

Mr. Kerba's Islamic Highlights of Term 1

Dear Parents,

I hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits. It is with great pleasure that we share news of the successful completion of Term 1, marked by significant progress and achievements in the realm of Islamic studies by your children.

The commitment and effort put forth by both students and our dedicated faculty have borne fruit, showcasing commendable growth in their understanding of Islamic principles and values.

As we prepare to enter Term 2, we are eager to build upon the foundation established in the previous term. Our goal is to provide a nurturing environment for the continued growth of your children's knowledge and appreciation of Islamic studies.

Furthermore, we are excited to inform you that during the Winter Break, students can delve deeper into Islamic studies through the "Islamic Treasure" platform. They are encouraged to log in and explore the rich resources available, engage in learning activities, and further enrich their understanding of Islamic teachings.

Your ongoing support and collaboration are instrumental in the success of our students, and we are grateful for the trust you place in us.

May the Winter Break be a time of spiritual growth, connection, and tranquility for you and your family.



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ATOM Home Learning Support
<https://atomlearning.com/>

As a learning support tool we encourage all of our learners to utilise the Atom online portal. Your child has a log in for the platform from their class teacher. They have assigned curriculum tasks to complete that incorporate English, maths and science. If you are unable to complete at home there is opportunity for your child to complete in school.



**LP
English**



**LP
Maths**



**LP
Science**

This term has been so exciting for Maths, English and Science across EYFS and Primary. We have had so many wonderful events and have watched our incredible pupils as they have challenged themselves in their learning each day, all while having so much fun!

Miss Lyons' three highlights in maths this term have been:

1. World Multiplication Day in October where we had our annual TTRS concert, dressed up as rock stars and Numberblocks, engaged in number battles through Numberblocks and TTRS from EYFS to Year 6 leading to the final where our winners were crowned, and engaged in challenging maths trails.
2. Barvember where we challenged ourselves through the use of the bar model in all of our lessons and activities throughout the month of November. Some of our magnificent mathematicians were even chosen by their teachers to attend bar model workshops. The mathematicians engaged in multi-step problem-solving using the bar model and then created cities as city planners!
3. Dubai Maths Super League: Eight Year 6 students competed against 62 teams in Dubai, showcasing their math skills.

Mrs. Saad's three highlights in English this term have been:

1. Inter-school Spelling Bee: This was a nail-biting, challenging and rewarding experience for all students in Primary. Children challenged themselves to practice their spellings and compete in a spelling bee against victory Heights and Sunmarke school, where Southview were crowned the winners!
2. Camp Read-a-lot: Marshmallows and tents? Yes, please! We hit our reading targets and celebrated by reading books in teepee tents with marshmallow treats.
3. Pebble Writing through sport event, Jumeirah Golf Estates: Aspiring authors in years 5 & 6 to took part in an exclusive writing event where they wrote a short suspense story about a golfer's winning game, they went against some of the most talented budding authors across numerous schools in Dubai.

Mr. Browning's three highlights in Science this term have been:

1. National Science Day: Engaging students in inquiry-based learning, captivating demonstrations, and informative presentations.
2. Year 1 had the pleasure of a pet visit, which proved to be an incredibly enriching experience. The excitement among the students was palpable as they interacted with various animals, fostering a sense of responsibility and compassion. Witnessing their joy and newfound knowledge was both rewarding and heartwarming.
3. The foundation stage and primary school never fails to amaze me with their incredible science lessons. The teachers' dedication and creativity in designing hands-on experiments and engaging demonstrations are truly inspiring. The students' enthusiasm and understanding of scientific concepts at such a young age are a testament to the exceptional learning environment we have at our South View.

[You can watch our Highlight Reel by clicking here.](#)

FS 1



Miss Giles
Head of FS1



Next Topic: Earthsavers

Key Dates for Term 2

- Tuesday 2nd Earth Savers Dress Up Day – 8:10am Parade – parents welcome to join
- Monday 15th January – EYFS Parent workshop focusing on teaching and learning and how you can support your child at home. Time and Location will be communicated next term.
- Wednesday 17th January – FS1 Expo Trip – Letter will be sent after the winter break.
- Monday 5th February – EYFS Sports Day – 8.30am-11am – parents welcome to join.
- Friday 9th Feb - SVS Shares - communication will follow closer to the date.
- Tuesday 13th February – #twoforTuesday – Please send 2 snacks to school, one for your child and one to be placed in the community workers fridge to help support our community.
- Monday 6th March – EYFS Enterprise Day – information communicated closer to the time
- Thursday 7th March World book day parade- Join your children as they walk around our Woodland track to celebrate world book day.

Miss Giles' Highlights of Term 1

What a fantastic first term at SVS for our youngest learners. They have shown great resilience in adapting to their new routines. They have developed positive relationships with both staff and their peers. We have loved learning all about each other during our first 2 topics, learning about similarities and differences and the different celebrations we all take part in. They should be so proud of their amazing achievements this term. The FS1 team wish you a wonderful Winter break and look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 2nd January.

FS 2



Miss Walker
Head of FS2



Next Topic: Around the World

Key Dates for Term 2

- Tuesday 2nd Earth Savers Dress Up Day – 8:10am Parade – parents welcome to join
- Wednesday 18th January – Parent workshop focusing on End of year expectations and how you can support your child at home. Time and Location will be communicated next term.
- Wednesday 17th January – FS2 Expo Trip – Letter will be sent after the winter break.
- Monday 5th February – EYFS Sports Day – 8.30am-11am – parents welcome to join
- Friday 9th Feb - SVS Shares - communication will follow closer to the date.
- Tuesday 20th February – FS2 #TwoforTuesday - Please send 2 snacks to school, one for your child and one to be placed in the community workers fridge to help support our community.
- Monday 6th March – EYFS Enterprise Day – Information will be communicate closer to the date.
- Thursday 7th March World book day parade- Join your children as they walk around our Woodland track to celebrate world book day.

Miss Walker's Highlights of Term 1

What a fantastic first term in FS2! We are so proud of all the FS2 children. They have settled into their new classroom and school absolutely fantastically, building some truly meaningful friendships with their classmates. Our highlight as teachers was the Winter Show. The children worked so hard practising the actions and learning the songs! They should all be so proud of their incredible achievements. The FS2 team wishes you a wonderful Winter Break and we look forward to welcoming you back on the 2nd January.

Yr 1



Miss Stanton
Head of Yr 1



Next Topic: Enchanted Woodlands

Key Dates for Term 2A

02.01.24 – Fairytale Dress Up Day – children are invited to dress up as their favourite characters from Fairy Tale Stories or Traditional Tales. Parents are invited to join us on the woodland track at 8.10am.

02.01.24- Year 1's #TwoForTuesday. Please send 2 snacks to school, one for your child and one to be placed in the community workers fridge to help support our community.

W/C Monday 29.01.24 - Community Walks - class teachers will communicate details closer to the time.

06.02.24 – Y1 Sports Day - 8.10am-11.30 am – parents welcome to join.

07.03.24 World book day parade- Join your children as they walk around our Woodland track to celebrate world book day.

Our Highlights of Term 1

1A: our favourite part was when we went to Woo-hoo and made slime!
Mrs Day!

1B: we loved joining Year 1 and doing lots of painting, cutting, and learning Maths!

1C: in 1C we have enjoyed going out to the Pod area to play!

1D: the best thing about this term was guessing the spelling of words in the Spelling Bee!

1E: we loved playing and exploring in our new outdoor area, especially the big sandpit!

1F: our highlight was being able to visit the library every week.

Yr 2



Miss Dye
Head of Yr 2



Next Topic: Wriggle and Crawl

Key Dates for Term 2

2.1.24 Year 2 Minibeast Dress Up Day! We invite children to wear minibeast fancy dress. We will be having a parade that parents are invited to on the woodland track at 8.10am.

9.1.24 Y2#twoforTuesday – Please send 2 snacks to school, one for your child and one to be placed in the community workers fridge to help support our community.

24.1.24 Year 2 Trip to Dubai Butterfly Garden- Letters will be sent after the winter break. There will be a payment of approximately 85 AED.

6.2.24 Year 2 Sports Day - 8.00am-11.30 am – parents welcome to join

7.3.24 World book day parade- Join your children as they walk around our Woodland track to celebrate world book day.

Miss Dye's Highlights of Term 1

It has been a wonderful term 1! On our final week our litter munchers stole the spotlight with their endearing performances in the much-celebrated "Litter Muncher Show."

Children enjoyed participating in fun hands on activities that highlighted their learning of term 1.

We loved celebrating the end of term by bidding our friends farewell, we are eagerly anticipating our reunion next term!

Have a lovely winter holiday!

Yr 3



Mr. Vatvani
Head of Yr 3



Next Topic: Tribal Tales Part 2

Mr. Vatvani's Highlights of Term 1

What an amazing term it has been in Year 3! I am so very proud of the amazing progress made by each of the six classes. We have developed our understanding of animals and predators, featuring an awesome trip to the crocodile park!

Our immersive study of rocks and soils featured several engaging experiments that allowed children the opportunity to develop their skills of scientific enquiry and investigation!

The children thrived in our talk for writing lessons and I'm awed by the stories produced in our portal tale unit of work - there are definitely some future authors among us!

My top highlight however has been watching the connections and relationships develop between students and teachers, we have become a family that care for and bring out the very best in each other and I shall miss every member of my year 3 family. I wish you all a lovely Winter break and the very, very best for the future.

Key Dates for Term 2

- 16.01.24 Y3 #twoforTuesday – Please send 2 snacks to school, one for your child and one to be placed in the community workers fridge to help support our community.*
- 30.01.24 - Year 3 Showcase. Drama Studio - 8:30am.*
- 01.02.24 - Mleiha Archeological centre trip-(approx 100 dhs), details will be shared in term 2*
- 07.02.24 – Y3 Sports Day – 8.30am-11am - Athletics events & 11.30am-12.30pm Team sports tournament– parents welcome to join*
- 07.03.24 World book day.*

Yr 4



Mr. Didcott
Head of Yr 4



Next Topic: Misty Mountain.

Mr. Didcott's Highlights of Term 1

It has been a great last short week here in Year 4 and we have finished Term 1 on a high!

It has been fantastic to see that Year 4 has gelled so well as a team of learners over what has only really been quite a short period - I am very proud of all the children and the successes that they have had.

We had a successful trip to Umm Al Quwain - the children had a brilliant time and really got stuck in! I was very pleased to hear that the children who were in school had a productive time too.

Have an amazing break and I look forward to seeing you all in 2024!

- 19.01.24 Dubai drum workshop in school approx 50dhs*
- 23.01.24 Y4 #twoforTuesday*
- 31.01.24 Year 4 showcase*
- 05 & 06. 02.24 Sheikh Mohammed centre for Cultural Understanding trip, approximate cost, 90dhs.*
- 07.02.24 – Y4 Sports Day – 8.30am-11am Athletics events & 11.30am-12.30pm Team sports tournament – parents welcome to join.*
- 21.02.24 - - Music Day. Details will be confirmed in Term 2.*
- 21.03.24 - Y4 #twoforTuesday.*
- 7.03.24 World book day.*

Yr 5



Mrs. Barlow
Head of Yr 5



Next Topic: Scream Machine

Mrs. Barlow's Highlights of Term 1

There have been so many highlights in this first term in Year 5.

From our Space Dress Up Day, Cosmic Dome experience, STEAM Week, TTRS day, Barvember, Spelling Bee competitions, sporting events and much more, the year 5 students have had a great start to the academic year.

The students have worked (and played) hard and are well and truly ready for a nice relaxing winter break to spend quality time with family and friends.

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday, wherever and whatever you do.

We look forward to another exciting term upon our return.

Key Dates for Term 2

22.01.24 Year 5 trip to Motion Gate – Approx AED195. A letter with more details will be sent in the first week of term 2.

30.01.24 Y5 #twoforTuesday – Please send 2 snacks to school, one for your child and one to be placed in the community workers fridge to help support our community.

08.02.24 Y5 Sports Day – 8.30am-11am Athletics events & 11.30am-13pm Team sports tournament – parents welcome to join.

07.03.24 World book day..

19.02.24 - Y5 Viking Themed Dress UP Day.

Yr 6



Mr. Webster
Head of Yr 6



Next Topic: Tomorrow's World

Mr. Webster's Highlights of Term 1

Congratulations Year 6 students on completing a busy and productive first term. We have worked hard in our studies and enjoyed a range of wonderful experiences throughout the term.

We had a great time on our Escape Room trip learning to work in team and think creatively to solve problems.

During STEAM Week, we continued to investigate the life and work of Charles Darwin as well as working collaboratively on a range of creative and research activities.

Students then had the opportunity to share their work from STEAM week at our exhibition which was enthusiastically attended by parents.

A large group of our students rounded off the term with a fantastic Residential Trip to Al Ain adventure.

Have a great break and be ready to start again in January.

Key Dates for Term 2

12.01.24 Puberty talks – More information will be provided when we return in January.

25.01.24 – Y6 Trip to The Museum of The Future - cost approx AED100 tbc

06.02.24 Year 6 #twoforTuesday – Please send 2 snacks to school, one for your child and one to be placed in the community workers fridge to help support our community.

08.02.24 - Y6 Sports Day – 8.30am-11am Athletics events & 11am-13pm Team sports tournament – parents welcome to join.

07.03.24 World book day.

19.03.24 - Victorian Day – This will be an immersive dress up day for pupils and staff.

Year 6 to Year 7 transition days – Dates for further transition days will be confirmed at the start of term.



The Oryx Online Student Support and Pastoral 08.12.23

Miss McHugh
Primary SENCO



Reflections from Miss McHugh

As we wrap up a successful Term 1 in the Inclusion Department, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude. We really enjoyed hosting our Inclusion Coffee Morning and Parent Workshop on Dyslexia and ADHD. The progress our students have made, both academically and socially, is a testament to the dedication of our exceptional team and the nurturing environment we strive to create. Together, we've celebrated each milestone and continued to foster a sense of belonging for our students. Here's to a term filled with growth, compassion, and shared victories.

Mrs Donovan
Head of EAL



Reflections from Mrs Donovan

Term 1 in Primary EAL has seen big improvements in language learning and it has been a joy to watch our EAL new arrivals settle into the school community, make friends and make big contributions not only socially but also academically. We have seen our ELL students participate in off site Steam competitions, Camp-Read-alot, result high in Atom Learning and receive awards for their efforts with Accelerated and Boom reader. We look forward to watching our ELL students continue to grow over Term 2.

Thank you to all our ELL parents who have supported their children in their language journey and to those of you who were able to come to our term 1 Meet the EAL Team coffee morning. Let's make Term 2 a term of continued collaboration. Happy Holidays!

Mrs. Williams
Deputy Head Primary Pastoral



Pastoral Updates from Mrs. Williams #SVSCares

The autumn term has unfolded as a dynamic and enriching period, marked by a deep commitment to fostering the well-being and holistic development of our pupils. Our pastoral team has diligently navigated the evolving needs of our young learners, creating a nurturing environment where every child feels seen, heard, and supported.

Throughout the term, our focus on building positive relationships has been paramount. We've implemented targeted initiatives to promote social and emotional resilience, encouraging open communication and empathy among pupils. Our aim has been to cultivate a sense of belonging and inclusion. Proactive measures to prevent and address instances of bullying or conflict have been implemented, fostering a safe and respectful school environment. The autumn term has indeed been a chapter of growth, resilience, and community-building, setting a solid foundation for the continued success and well-being of our primary school pupils.