



Southlands School Newsletter

Week Commencing 14th October 2024

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Letter from SLT

As we approach the end of this half term, it's a perfect opportunity to reflect on the incredible resilience our children have shown. Their determination and positive attitudes have been inspiring, and it's been wonderful to celebrate their successes with a range of reward trips this week. From theatre trips to trampoline adventures, our students have truly earned these moments of fun and recognition.

Today, we had the first of this academic year's Culture days. The children and staff have all shared in fun learning activities to celebrate and understand more about All Souls Day and 'Day of the Dead' a Mexican holiday where families welcome back the souls of relatives akin to a family reunion with the ancestors who have passed away as the guests of honour. It is hoped these days will support our children and staff in their understanding of other cultures, religions and traditions.

Rehearsals for our upcoming pantomime continue, with excitement building each day. The children's creativity and teamwork have been fantastic, and we can't wait to see the final performance come together. Those of you who come to watch it might even spot a few familiar staff faces in the cast.

In lessons, we've been tying up the loose ends of topics across the curriculum, ensuring a solid foundation for when we return after the break.



Letter from SLT Continued

A big congratulations to those who have taken part in student council discussions this week. They've raised excellent points around school menus, activities, and clubs, contributing to a better school experience for all.

After the half-term break, we look forward to welcoming new staff members who will be joining our team, bringing fresh ideas and support for our children. Mr Ross Halford will be joining the teaching team and will be fondly remembered by some of our children who will have known him from a few years ago. I am sure he will enjoy seeing them and catching up on the progress they have made.


The first week after half term will be Anti-Bullying Week and the Friday is Children In Need when we will be having a range of activities to raise awareness and support our children.

When the children return after half-term there will be changes on site. Firstly, we will be having our front gates installed during the half term, replacing the ones which were stolen earlier this year. Please note the new gates will be electronic with a buzzer system installed which will support us in keeping our site a safe place for all. Secondly, much of the scaffolding will also be coming down over half term, although some will need to remain at the front of the school building, so the last part of the work can be completed, and new carpet will be laid in the Main House. Last but not least the work to enable us to re-open the Art Room will be being completed over half-term, so Art can once again be delivered in its own space.

Wishing you all a restful and refreshing half-term holiday. Thank you for your ongoing support in making this such a successful and positive term.

Letter from Care

We've had an exciting and action-packed half-term filled with fun activities and unforgettable experiences! Our children have had the chance to try their hand at a variety of thrilling adventures, including rock climbing, go-karting, and a fantastic day at Flip Out. We also enjoyed splashing around at Romsey Rapids, exploring the exciting world of laser quest at Corfe Castle, and getting our creative juices flowing at the Lego Brick Festival. The thrill didn't stop there—we tackled escape rooms, enjoyed some friendly competition at mini golf, and even went fishing! Each activity offered our children new challenges and opportunities to bond with their friends.



Letter from Care Continued

We're especially proud to see our children developing their life skills and independence in the kitchen. Cooking sessions have become a highlight of our week, with some of our little chefs turning into master bakers! It's wonderful to witness their creativity and confidence grow as they whip up delicious treats. The joy they experience when sharing their creations is truly heartwarming.

We also held a Macmillan Coffee Morning this half-term, where our children and staff came together to raise funds for a local charity. The atmosphere was filled with laughter, chatter, and, of course, delicious baked goods! We are thrilled to report that we raised a significant amount to support this wonderful cause. Thank you to everyone who contributed and joined us for this meaningful event.

As we move into the next term, we look forward to more adventures, learning, and spreading the festive cheer. Thank you for your continued support!

Lunchtime Clubs

Exciting New Lunchtime Clubs – Starting Monday 4th November!

At the request of our proactive student council, we are thrilled to announce the launch of new lunchtime clubs! From Monday 4th November, students will have the opportunity to enjoy a variety of activities every day from 12:45 to 1:15 on a drop-in basis. The clubs available include:

- Warhammer Club
- Board Games Club
- Art Club
- VR Club
- Sports Club



These clubs are a fantastic way for students to explore new interests, relax, and connect with peers. We look forward to seeing lots of participation and excitement around these activities!

Outdoor Learning

For Outdoor Learning LPN went pumpkin picking. They thoroughly enjoyed selecting a pumpkin to bring back to the class. This week we used stencils and a pumpkin carving kit to create designs for our pumpkins.



We saw brilliant creativity and perseverance using the tools. Well done everyone!



Southlands School

proudly present

Panto-Monium

Come and join us for a morning of fun, slap stick
and lunchtime refreshments

on

Friday 20th December 2024

11.00am at

Boldre War Memorial Hall

We look forward to seeing you!



Day of the Dead Celebrations

With the site having such a large variety of activities on today, we have several specific articles in this newsletter. However, we thought you would also enjoy some candid pictures taken throughout the day in various areas, which didn't fit in to any specific sections!



One of our resident witches getting properly stuck in to gutting her pumpkin before carving it expertly!



More pumpkin carving in our temporarily repurposed canteen / creative art studio!



A bag full of pumpkin 'guts' after the necessary scooping out.



Staff and Students having a 'Carve Off' to see who can come up with the best designs



Dedicated artists at work designing luminaires

Day of the Dead Celebrations



Some of the cookies being decorated by our aspiring chefs



The end of our scavenger trail and all the rewards for those who found the hidden coins!



Students working in groups in Engineering, designing their own bat shapes with their names on, to be 3d printed in the same session

Every student had the opportunity to engage in multiple different activities throughout the day.

As you can see from the pictures and the rest of the articles everyone had a great time and tried lots of exciting things.

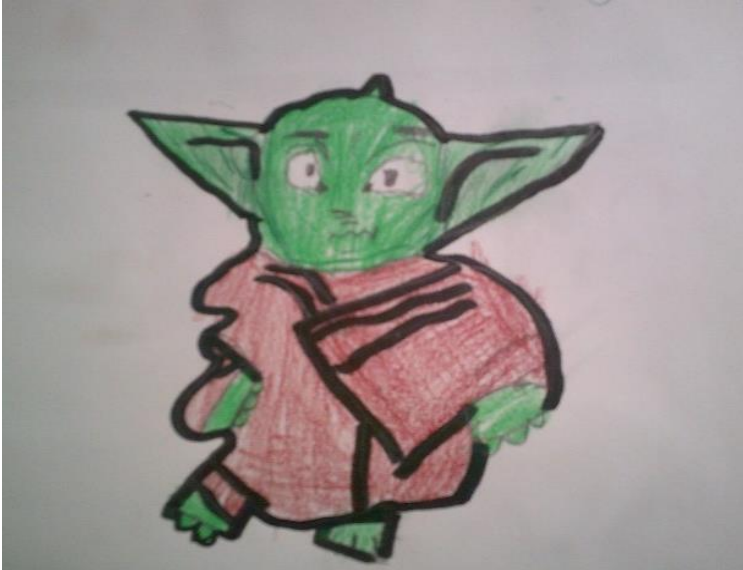
Towards the end of the day there were even the chance to watch a movie in our newly refurbished end hall where they were provided with popcorn for the proper movie going experience!

KW's Half Term

Written directly by KW:

I have had a good half term, my top 3 favourite lessons are 3D printing in Engineering, Cookery and Football (especially Saints). I have been on many trips out which I have loved but the best one was when we went bowling and to the arcade as a tutor group, it was so fun we won tickets from all the arcade games and traded them for sweets.*

Another subject I have enjoyed is art, I am proud of all of my work, like these pieces...



I am looking forward to going trick or treating in the half term for Halloween and I am excited to do the pantomime next half term.



This is Bob, Bob is saying hi.

I 3D printed Bob in Engineering

Lodge Home

This week in Lodge we have been very busy decorating the home for Halloween. We made our home very spooky.

We really enjoyed carving pumpkins, making balloon arches and decorating are windows.



We did some baking on the home. We made chocolate chip cookie dough with a caramel icing. It tasted amazing.

We also enjoyed fishing and taking care of the fish we caught. Everyone did really well at this and can't wait to go again.

Staff Halloween Costume

Along side the students, our staff were also invited to come up with their best Halloween outfits to mark the occasion.

While there were many ghosts and ghoulies and a couple of standout witches, the standout has to be our Pupil Admin, Holly Jeffrey, as Scooby Do's Daphne, with her dog Walter expertly playing the part of the Mystery Machine bus!



Halloween Cookery Sessions

This week our students have been all been having a great time in cookery preparing scary Halloween themed baked goodies in the form of cookies and cakes.



They have shown a great deal of dedication and enjoyment in preparing them, and some were even shared out around staff and other students, much to everyone's delight.



Ross Halford

We are all looking forward to welcoming Ross Halford back to Southlands School next term, he will be returning as the year 7 tutor and will be teaching PSHE across the school; those 1 year 10 and 11 may remember him from previous years.

He will be starting on the 4th November.



Panto Rehearsals

There's a wonderful buzz of excitement in our classrooms as students and teachers throw themselves wholeheartedly into rehearsals for our upcoming production, "Panto-Monium." The enthusiastic cast is meeting several times a week, filling the rooms with laughter and energy as they perfect their lines.



Our dedicated teachers are working tirelessly alongside the students, helping to bring this entertaining show to life. We can't wait to share this special performance with our school community.



MacMillan Cake Sale Results



As we have now totalled up all the donations, we are delighted to inform everyone that our MacMillan Cake Sale raised over £150 for charity! We would like to thank everyone for their generosity especially those who provided or created the cakes.

Primary Reward Trip

Primary one did all their reward activities this term and they earnt a much-anticipated trip to Flipout. We had a race on the giant inflatable assault course and finished with the mega ultra slide. Primary bounced, ran, flew and climbed for hours. Everyone had wonderful interactions and worked as a team to navigate the huge play zone.



Nurture Face Painting

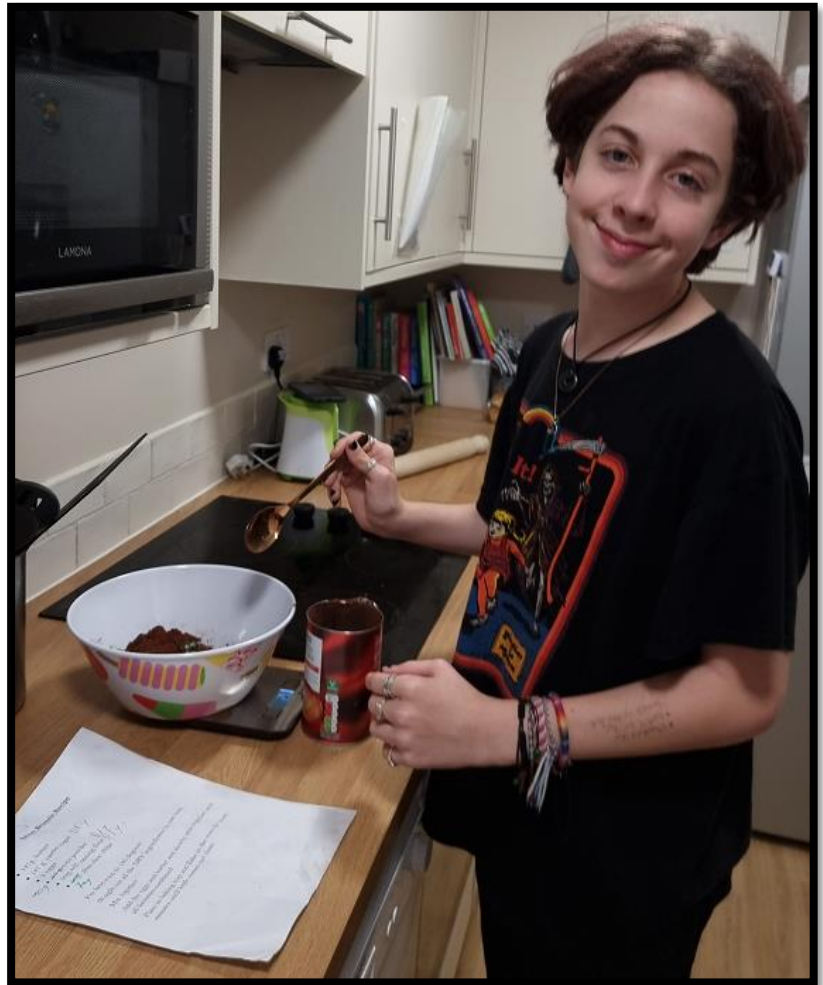
The Nurture class was opened up for face painting as one of the options for Culture Day today. Staff and students had some beautiful and some scary faces. A couple of the students enjoyed doing some of the staff faces and those that weren't keen on having their faces done had arms and hands done too!



Everyone got to enjoy seeing them around site for the rest of the day, especially the full coverage ones, which were works of art.

DT's Fun Weekend

DT had a great weekend last week. He went to Forbidden planet to explore the merchandise, made homemade brownies for the staff and residents, and showed staff his 'work in progress' song.



We have also as a home been working on making recyclable Halloween decorations.

They were created making great use of leftover drinks bottles and adding faces and glow sticks to complete the look.

Theatre Trip

The students from Year 10 and 11 went to see *Coming to England*, a play written by and Floella Benjamin's experiences as a child and coming to England as part of the Windrush.



For those unaware, Windrush is a term that refers to a group of people who migrated to the UK from Caribbean Commonwealth countries between 1948 and 1973, and the difficulties they faced in proving their right to live in the UK



Sue Johnson - 20 Years Service!

One of our longest standing team members, Sue Johnson, has been awarded a Caretech Care Award for hitting 20 years of service with the company!

Sue wished to say a few words in recognition of this:

Over the past 20 years I have lots of happy memories with both students and staff.

Thank you for this recognition and all the work we do. Here's to many more years of making a difference.



Primary Outdoor Learning

On a misty and spooky morning, primary went for their Halloween outdoor learning. Some of primary found the biggest pumpkin they could, and others found some cute and unique shapes.

Primary one got some yummy hot chocolate that they all clearly enjoyed.



NB Cooking

NB was channelling his exceptional culinary prowess and considerable gastronomic expertise as he meticulously crafted an exquisite evening repast for his appreciative colleagues.

With practiced finesse and careful attention to every detail, he artfully combined premium ingredients to create a sumptuous feast that would undoubtedly delight the discerning palates of the entire staff complement.



Anti-Bullying Week and Children in Need

We are excited to announce that Monday, 11th November marks the beginning of Anti-Bullying Week, introduced by our Behaviour Team. Throughout the week, students will engage in various activities, including tie-dying socks, a collaborative whole-school DT project, and a specially designed PSHE lesson focusing on the topic of bullying.

On Friday, 15th November, we will be taking part in Children in Need. Each tutor group is organizing its own unique fundraising event, and we can't wait to share the details with you after the half-term break. These activities are not only fun but also provide a fantastic opportunity for students to learn the importance of charity and giving back to society.



Upcoming College Open Days

We have compiled a list below of local colleges who have upcoming open days. We hope these are helpful to people contemplating their next steps.

Eastleigh College

October 23rd 5 – 7pm

November 19th 5 – 7pm



Southampton City College

November 12th 5 – 7pm



Totton College

November 7th 5:30 – 7:30pm



Bournemouth & Poole College

November 16th 9:30 am – 12:30 pm



Ultima – Beauty Academy at Brockenhurst College

November 13th 4:30 – 7pm



EMBRACING AUTISM

Three days that focus on skills and strategies, for parents, carers and professionals supporting an autistic young person. Hampshire CAMHS Colleagues will be hosting these days alongside parents / carers with lived experience.

Supporting your autistic child to thrive - adapting to meet the needs of the autistic YP and practical strategies. Led by Dr Catherine Robson - Hampshire CAMHS.

Support for SEN in education & what to do if it's not working. Led by Gayle Moir, SENDIASS Services Manager. (not on 14 March)

Understanding autistic burnout, what it is, why it happens, why it's different to depression, recovery, safe spaces, and prevention. Led by Viv Dawes - Advocate/trainer/author.

9.30am - 3.30pm

Friday, 14 March, 2025

Proteus Creation Space,
Council Road, Basingstoke
RG21 3DH

Wednesday, 9 July, 2025

Waterlooville Community
Centre, 10 Maurepas Way,
Waterlooville, PO7 7AY

Friday, 14 November, 2025

St Peter Church Conference
Centre, Jewry Street,
Winchester, SO23 8RY



**For more information and to book a place go to
www.hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/events/**

Tickets £20
Tea and coffee
included

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal

The students have decided to participate in Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal this year. If you wish to pack a shoebox then please see the link/leaflet attached and send into the school no later than Monday 11th November in order for the group to deliver them to the local drop off point.

A photograph of three young children, two girls and one boy, smiling and holding shoeboxes. They are wearing colorful, patterned clothing. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people and more shoeboxes.

SEND A
GIFT-FILLED SHOEBOX
IN JESUS' NAME

A smaller version of the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child logo, featuring a shoebox with wings and a red ribbon.

GOOD NEWS. GREAT JOY.

A small penguin mascot wearing sunglasses and a red scarf, standing on a small base.

Visit samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ to learn more about how God can use a gift-filled shoebox given in Jesus' Name to transform a child, their family, and their community.

Southlands School Term Dates 24 - 25

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Term Dates 2024 - 2025



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	School Holidays
	Public Holidays
	Inset Days

#	38 Week Residential Evening Return
*	38 Week Residential Leave

Southlands Children's Home —Safeguarding Poster

Who can I report a concern to?



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I can also report concerns to..



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Alison Priddle
Principal & Responsible Individual
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All safeguarding concerns to be reported within **1 hour**
Staff concerns ONLY to be reported to Registered Manager/Head of Care/
Principal/Regional Lead

Southlands School - (Education) Safeguarding Poster

Southlands Designated Safeguarding Leads



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Staff concerns ONLY to be reported to DSL/Principal/Regional Lead