



Southlands School

Newsletter

Week Commencing 5th May 2025

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* Kindness * Respect * Resilience * Safety * Cherish *

Letter from SLT

Dear Parents and Carers,

In a week where we have seen the celebrations for Victory in Europe Day, eighty years on, we are reminded of the dedication and sacrifice of those who fought in the Second World War. This day also brings with it opportunities for reflection and often provokes questions around what we have learned and thoughts for those currently in war torn countries. Such pointers in time are important for us on an individual basis and as a collective, reminding us of how delicate relationships can be and how we all need to work to maintain peace in our day to day lives; respecting others and reminding ourselves that with freedom and rights come responsibilities. This week has seen so many of our children demonstrating kindness and respect to each other and to the staff who work tirelessly to support them.

As you will see from this newsletter, we've had a busy and productive week at Southlands.

STEM Event

Our Year 9 young people recently attended a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) event in Southampton, organised by the Education Business Partnership (EBP). This inspiring event introduced them to a variety of careers in STEM through engaging workshops, hands-on challenges, and motivational talks from industry experts. It was a fantastic opportunity that broadened their understanding of real-world applications and helped spark interest in future pathways.

PEDALL

Our primary children enjoyed their second PEDALL session, In Burley, which encourages physical activity and cycling confidence. The highlight of the day was undoubtedly the electric tandem bike, which proved to be a big hit with the children!

Letter from SLT Continued

Examinations

Meanwhile, our Art and Photography student has been busy completing their practical exams. Their focus, creativity, and commitment have been outstanding, and we're excited to see the results of their hard work displayed in the coming weeks.

Looking ahead, students in Years 9, 10, and 11 will begin their exams next week. To support them during this important time, we will be offering a more substantial breakfast each morning to help them start the day with energy and focus. We strongly encourage our students to take advantage of this opportunity.

We wish our children/young people all the best in their exams over the coming weeks

Mental Health Week

Next week also marks Mental Health Awareness Week. Tutors have been provided with dedicated resources to guide discussions and activities, and a range of wellbeing-focused events will take place across the school (*please see visual below*). We remain committed to supporting the mental health and emotional wellbeing of our children/young people.

Fishing Pond

On Wednesday, we'll be welcoming Bob from *Fun2Fish*, who will be helping to revamp and revitalise our school pond. This project will enhance our outdoor space and provide an even more enjoyable environment for our students to learn and explore, and ensure our fish have the best environment to support their health. We hope to be able to open our pond up soon and offer all students the opportunity to fish, once again.

Southlands Colour Run

As you will be aware from communications, we are hosting a Southlands Colour Run to raise funds for MacMillan. We have set up a Just Giving Page where you can donate money and also leave a comment – particularly to support your child. We really hope to raise a significant sum to support this valuable charity and will be seeking match funding from Caretech.

Please do remember to return participation consent and, if possible, a named white T-shirt ASAP. We look forward to seeing parents and carers on the **22nd May 2025 at 14.00** to share in the fun of this event.

Please see the below link for donating and information about the event:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/southlandscolourrun?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We wish you all a lovely weekend with your families and friends.

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COLOUR RUN

We would like to invite you to our
Charity colour run to raise money for
MacMillan

Date: 22/05/2025 @ 14:00

All of the young people who would like
to take part need a white t-shirt and a
charity donation

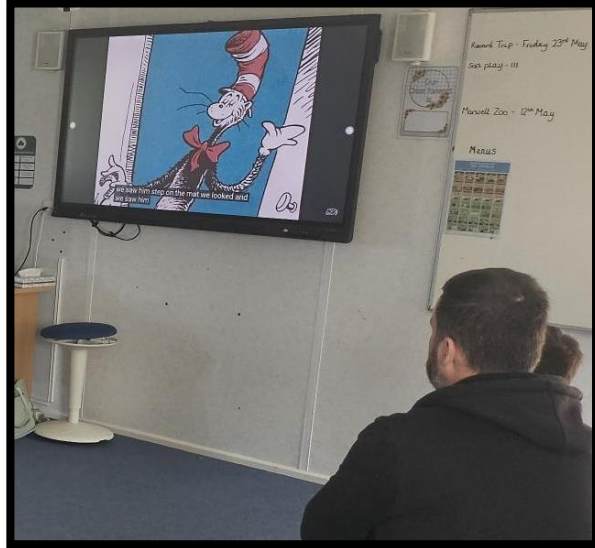
We would like to invite all parents to
watch and there will be Drinks and
snacks available.

There will be ice creams for the young
people



Primary 2

This week in Primary 2 we have continued to focus on fractions. We have started to recognise that certain fractions are equivalent to others.



We have also started our new topic on performance poetry and have enjoyed listening to some poets/authors performance their poetry. We developed our own poems based off the Cat in the Hat.

Animal Care

On Tuesday, Animal Care took a trip to Longdown Farm. It was delightful to see all the new arrivals that Spring has brought alongside some old favourites. The donkey foal was just three days old and, quite possibly, the cutest thing we've ever seen! The chicks and ducklings were less than 3 weeks old.



There was also the opportunity for some exercise, although one member of staff was told by the students that he couldn't go on the trampolines because they were for the under 90s!

Careers Day

On Thursday, Year 9, 10 and 11's went to a Careers Day in Southampton. The students looked around a variety of stalls, got involved in all the different activities and asked lots of questions. The students really enjoyed the experience of finding out about different career paths.



Cookery

The cress-growing project was an incredible success!

The primary classes did an outstanding job caring for and nurturing their cress plants, and their hard work truly paid off. This week, we were able to use the fresh cress to create a delicious filling, which we combined with eggs to make a flavourful filling for our homemade bread rolls.



The children really embraced the process, taking great pride in their achievements every step of the way. It was amazing to see their dedication and enthusiasm shine through. I am so proud of each and every one of them!



Rounders – Lower Phase Group

This week for their PE session our Lower Phase Group played the classic game of rounders. They all took turns stepping up to the cone and each excelled in their batting skills!



Escape Room

You Escaped!

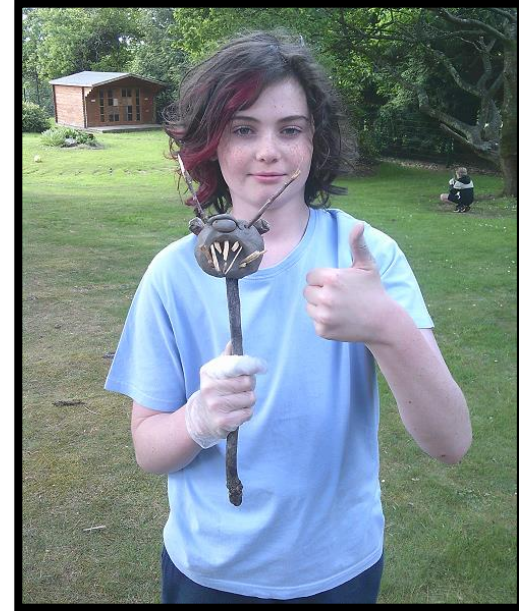


To welcome Upper Phase Group's new student and as a bonding exercise, JBr, NO and RF were taken to an escape room in Southampton. We were aboard a sinking Titanic and had one hour to crack codes, find keys, use morse code and even semaphore to find the three missing cogs to release our lifeboat! The excitement really built as our time was counting down the last few minutes! The shrieks from the students (and staff) had everyone in fits of laughter as the game host knocked on the door to congratulate us, but made us all jump!

Lower Phase Group

This week Lower Phase Group had the opportunity to get creative outside. The students were set the task of making a troll out of clay and natural resources from the school grounds.

As you can see, the students did an excellent job of finding things they could use for the features of the trolls. We were particularly impressed by the teeth!



Guitar Lesson

TRT was excited to have his first guitar lesson where he showed incredible skills.

The teacher was really proud of him. Rock on T!








Food Bank Collections

This week Arya and Sue took all the food the Southlands has collected and donated it to The New Forest Basics Bank in Lymington.

They were very grateful for all our donations.



What's happening in Mental Health Awareness Week?

 Monday	Focus: Emotional awareness. Recognising and expressing emotions	Morning Tutor: Assembly- Topics of community and belonging.	Lunchtime Activities: Changing Emotions Yoga with Tassja, Louise and Lisa. Meeting point Astro 1pm	Afternoon Tutor: Mood Monster Book. Zones discussion. Make your own book.
 Tuesday	Focus: Kindness to self and others. Connection.	Morning Tutor: Create a leaf for Southlands Community Tree- write something about gratitude and connection with others.	Lunchtime Activities: Board games in the Common Room with Isobel G	Afternoon Tutor: Conversation cards.
 Wednesday	Focus: Healthy body & mind. Physical health's impact on mental wellbeing.	Morning Tutor: Get active – walk/ outdoor gym, Nature scavenger hunt – tutor group	Lunchtime Activities: Healthy snack bar - smoothies, carrot sticks, hummus... Common Room	Afternoon Tutor: Reflection- How does movement make you feel? What was the impact of healthy food?
 Thursday	Focus: Mindfulness & Sensory Awareness.	Morning Tutor: Mindfulness activities.	Lunchtime Activities: Nature and yoga session with Lisa Meeting point Astro at 1pm	Afternoon Tutor: Gratitude sheets. Reflection- What was the impact of yoga?
 Friday	Focus: Celebrating self-expression, Reflection & Joy <i>Wear something that celebrates your own self-expression!</i>	Morning Tutor: Celebration Assembly – focus on community and kindness.	Lunchtime Activities: Photo booth Common Room	Friday Afternoon Activities: <i>Same options as normal.</i>



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

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Term Dates 2025 - 2026



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Upcoming Exams Timetable

May

12 th	AM	English Literature Paper 1 Maths FS Level 1 and 2 – Paper 1 – Non-Calculator Maths FS Level 1 and 2 – Paper 2 – Calculator
13 th	PM	Triple Biology Paper Combined Science - Paper 1F - Biology
14 th	AM	Geography Paper 1: Living with the physical environment
15 th	AM	GCSE Maths – Paper 1 – Non-Calculator
16 th	AM	English FS Level 1+2 Paper 1 – Reading
	PM	English FS Level 1+2 – Writing
19 th	AM	Triple Chemistry Paper 1 Combined Science – Paper 1F – Chemistry
20 th	AM	English Literature Paper 2
22 nd	AM	Triple Physics Paper 1 Combined Science – Paper 1F – Physics
23 rd	AM	English Language Paper 1
31 st		GCSE Art and Design and Photography submission

June

4 th	AM	GCSE Maths Paper 2 – Calculator
6 th	AM	English Language Paper 2
	PM	Geography Paper 2 – Challenges in the human environment
9 th	AM	Triple Biology Paper 2 Combined Science – Paper 2F – Biology
11 th	AM	GCSE Maths Paper 3 – Calculator
11 th	PM	CONTINGENCY DAY
12 th	AM	Geography Paper 3 – Geographical Applications
13 th	AM	Triple Chemistry Paper 2 Combined Science – Paper 2F – Chemistry
16 th	AM	Triple Physics Paper 2 Combined Science – Paper 2F - Physics
25 th	All Day	CONTINGENCY DAY

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

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Southlands Designated Safeguarding Leads



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Principal , Responsible Individual and DSL

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