

Southlands School Newsletter

Week Commencing 12th January 2026

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Letter for SLT

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy (and rather soggy!) week! Tuesday, saw the start of our annual Care Ofsted Inspection. The Inspector, as is the case with Care inspections arrived unannounced on Tuesday morning and we spent three days with her. She was joined on the final day by our previous link Inspector. The feedback from the Inspectors has been lovely to hear and so positive, reflecting how wonderful and individual our children are and the hard work the Southlands Team and you as parents put in to supporting them. There is so much from their feedback to be proud of and, when we receive the final report, we will share this with you all.

In Education we are focussing on KS4 milestones:

- **GCSE Mocks:** These will begin this coming Monday, January 19. We wish all our students the best of luck with their revision and performance.
- **Work Experience:** Following the mock exams, many of our Year 10 and Year 11 students will be heading out for their work experience week starting Monday, January 26. This is a fantastic opportunity for them to gain real-world insights.

Celebrating Success: The Token System

It has been wonderful to see students across the school so engaged in their lessons. We are particularly proud of how everyone is adapting to our new token system.

Letter for SLT

Students have been earning tokens by demonstrating:

- Respectful behaviour (aligned with our core school values).
- Dedicated effort toward their individual learning targets.

Beyond the Classroom

Despite the rain, our students haven't let the weather dampen their spirits:

- **Forest School:** Outdoor learning has continued in full swing this week.
- **Primary Swimming:** Our Primary students have been enjoying their sessions at the Lymington Leisure Centre.
- **Music Room:** It's great to see so many students using the music room during lunchtimes to practice their instruments and explore their creativity.

Key Dates

19th January	- Mock Exams for students who are taking GCSE exams this summer 2026.
26th January	- Year 10/ 11 Work Experience Week (group 1)
2nd February	- Year 10/ 11 Work Experience Week (group 2)
11th February	- MacMillan Cake sale organised by Katy Blake
26th February	- Year 10 taster day at Sparsholt.
4th March	- Options meeting for year 9's and parents to discuss the KS4 options choices.
11th March	- Parents Afternoon from 3.15pm to discuss student progress with teachers.
20th March	- Year 9 option choices are due.
28th April	- Whole school visit to Tile Barn Activity Centre, Option for year 10/11's to stay overnight.

Forest School

This week at Forest School, the rain became part of the adventure.

The children fully embraced the wet weather, turning it into a space for play, creativity, and teamwork. AG and KRD created a "flood and boats" game, JG and OC were building rivers, dams, and bridges, carefully observing how water moves and changes the landscape.

AD and LD continued working on a long-term, child-led project involving children from different year groups. They are shaping a large tree stump, carefully cutting off knots and digging around it, making decisions together and developing their ideas over time.



Despite the rain, the fire circle remained active. FW and KW practised fire lighting while sitting safely under the shelter, revisiting fire safety rules and enjoying the warmth and calm of the space. HG, CC and later MK explored forest creativity, drawing, carving and weaving natural materials into imaginative creations.



The rain brought joy, laughter, and a sense of freedom. For the children, it was not something to avoid, but something to celebrate — and many are already looking forward to the next rainy Forest School session.

Marathon Run

Katy Blake :

I am delighted (and slightly nervous!) to share that I will be running the London Marathon on Sunday 26th April. As I'm sure you're aware, the London Marathon is a major annual event and I feel privileged to have obtained a place to take part in it. The marathon holds extra significance for me, as I will be raising money for MacMillan Caring Locally, the team who provided hospice care for my Dad. The link below explains the amazing work that this charity does. I have also shared my fundraising link; any donations would be very gratefully received.

I will also be holding a cake sale this term to raise money towards this charity, date to be confirmed.

<https://www.macmillanlocal.org/>

<https://2026tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/katy-blake>



Student Council

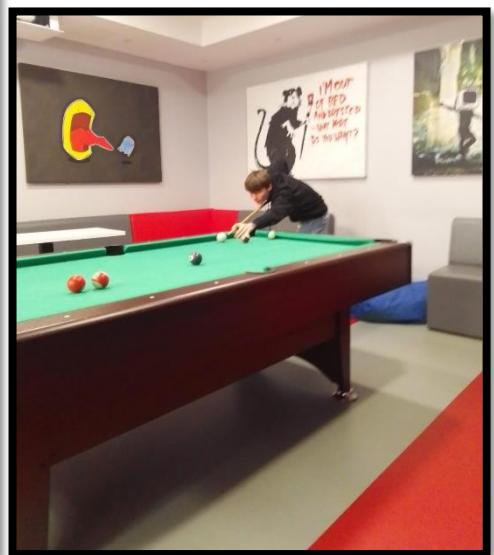
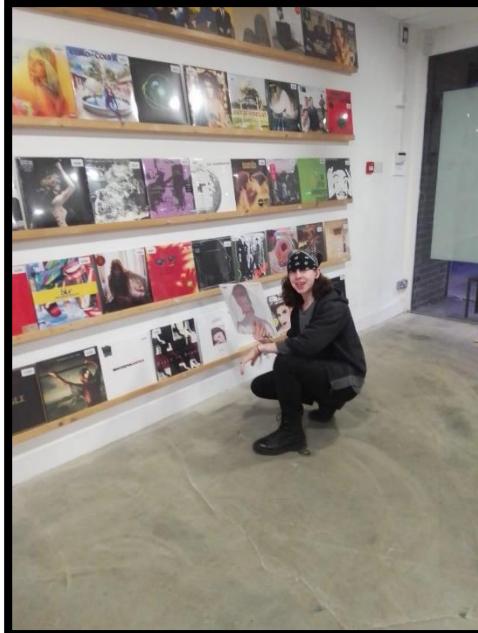
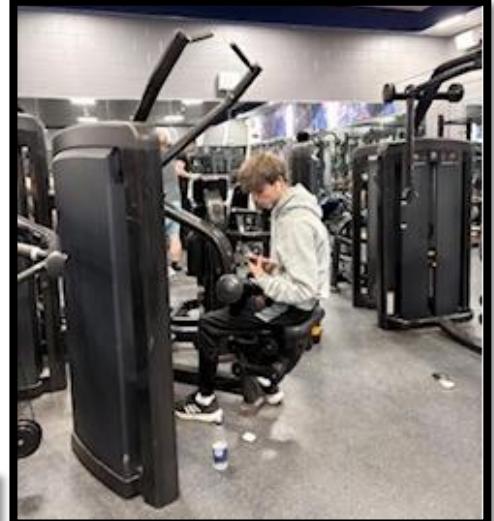
This week the Student Council gathered for their first meeting of 2026. The meeting started with a reflection on the successes since the last meeting, focussing on the tuck shop and token system. It was agreed that the token system was working well and that staff and students had adapted to using physical tokens. Many students were choosing to spend their tokens in the tuck shop, which is open to all year groups at the start of Friday activities. The council discussed suggestions for new items that could be sold in the shop, including a greater range of snacks and fidget toys. Some members of the council volunteered to help support the running of the shop.

The students then focussed on ideas for Mental Health Week, considering what activities they would like to do and what subjects they would like to cover. They also looked again at whole school fundraising ideas and discussed suggestions for different snacks at breaktime.

Thank you to all the students on the council- your ideas and support are promoting positive changes in the school.

Setthorns

This week was already a busy one for Setthorns before Monday even hit! They packed in a trip to the Gym for MB, trying out which machines felt best. Later on they went to a record store with MB and DT, both fans of the original record formats and trying to find new and old classics alike. After that NB got a fresh haircut, and they enjoyed a session of pool in our common room.



Primary 1

This week in Primary 1 we have been learning all about inverted commas and how we use them to indicate speech in our writing. The students then had a go at using their knowledge to work

out where the missing inverted commas went. They all enjoyed using macaroni as the speech marks.



Upper Phase Group

On Tuesday, UPN visited Beaulieu motor museum as part of their ASDAN module. The day was filled with a walk around the museum, admiring a car from Harry Potter, Mr Bean's car and a shark car as well as many, many others. The students took the tour around Lord Montague's Palace house exploring the bedrooms, bathrooms, the kitchen and the beautiful décor. They took a ride on the monorail and had a nice trip to the park where they had races down the slide. They had a great day despite the rain!



Southlands School Term Dates 25 - 26

Southlands School

Term Dates 2025 - 2026



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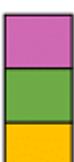
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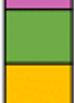
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School Holidays



Public Holidays



Inset Days



38 Week Residential Evening Return



38 Week Residential Leave

Southlands Children's Home —Safeguarding Poster

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Southlands School - (Education) Safeguarding Poster

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All safeguarding concerns to be reported to D/DSL's within **1 hour**

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