



Southlands School

Newsletter

Week Commencing 19th January 2026

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Letter for SLT

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we start 2026 we have been having a real focus on the learning journeys of staff and children. We are extremely proud of the mature and focused manner in which our students have approached their GCSE mock examinations. Their commitment, resilience, and determination have been evident throughout, and they should be commended for the effort they have invested in doing their very best. The mock examinations will continue next week for some students, while others will be undertaking a week of work experience within the local community. Both pathways provide valuable opportunities for personal growth, and we are confident that our students will represent the school with responsibility and enthusiasm.

The week has been marked by wet and windy weather, which has made some of our usual outdoor activities more challenging than usual. Nevertheless, students have remained engaged and active, making excellent use of the gym to refine their curling skills and attending sessions at the local swimming pool to maintain their physical exercise.

Meanwhile, the Student Council met on Monday to discuss the ideas and suggestions put forward by tutor groups. They have already generated some thoughtful proposals for an Easter-themed day, along with a number of promising fundraising initiatives.

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The tuck shop continues to be very popular, and the Council is now considering how best to allocate the profits in ways that will benefit all students.

Please note that the after-school **Dungeons and Dragons Club will be changing its meeting day**. The club will move to a Friday afternoon, beginning on **Friday 6th February 2026**. This change will allow students to benefit from a longer session, running from 2.30–4.00pm. Next week's session the club will be on Thursday as usual.

As we have informed you all, last week we had our annual Care Ofsted inspection, the visit went well and we were excited to show off the progress our staff and children have made over the last year.

All of our children are flourishing with success with their hobbies and interests which include; running, karate, gym sessions, football matches, K-pop dancing, script writing, Lego building and finally attending the Southlands discos with all of their friends. Our discos give an opportunity for our children to grow their friendships, relationships and for some their dance moves! We are not sure who enjoys the discos more, the staff or the children.

We are also very proud of the development our staff have made over the last year; some of our managers have passed their Level 5 Diploma in Leadership and Management for Residential Childcare, which is a key UK qualification for managers and deputy managers in children's homes. Lots of our staff have progressed through their Level 3 Diploma for Residential Childcare. It requires learners to be working in a residential setting to demonstrate competence in safeguarding, positive behaviour management, and supporting children with complex needs.

We are working hard on the plans for the children in 2026 which already include more discos, our second charity colour run and as many trips and visits as we can to inspire our children to progress in their hobbies and interests.

For some of our children we have our annual holiday booked for March, which this year is in Wales, this is to allow for one of our children to go on a shopping spree in Cardiff and another to achieve his life goals of visiting as many 'Dr Who' land marks as they can in four days.

We also have a goal for this year which is to have all of our Care Team qualified in the Level 3 Diploma for Residential Childcare; we will support and guide them through this over the coming year.

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Ofsted were very pleased with the progress and develop of our staff and we are delighted to be working together as a team on the next stage of our journey.

Here at Southlands, we are very lucky to have staff from a range of backgrounds and disciplines with a wide variety of skills and knowledge and this year we will be supporting those staff develop in their areas of expertise. We have a full training plan in place and the managers and the team are excited to embrace additional learning.

We are all on the learning journey together and we cannot wait to see the children's and staff progress.

Please do contact us should you have anything you want to talk about or suggestions you any have towards our school development.

We wish you all a happy and safe weekend.

Key Dates

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.
20th July	- Celebration Day / End of term.

Primary 2

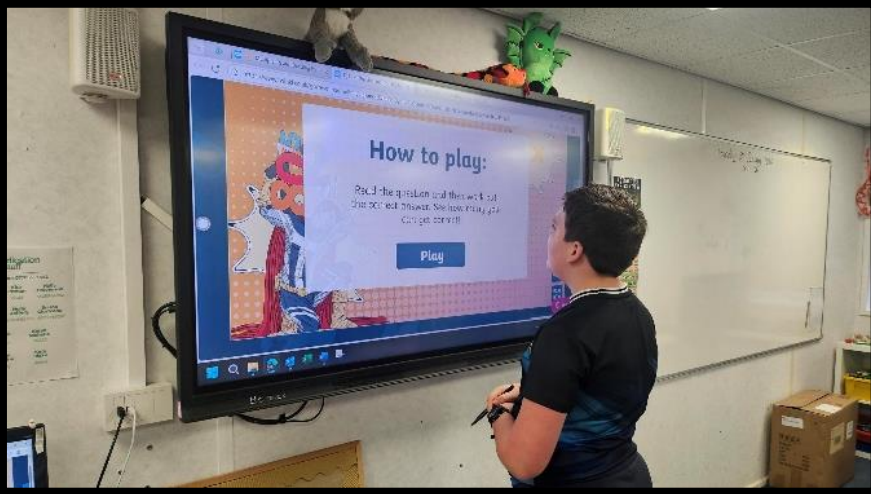
In English, we have been studying nonsense poems. We have looked into detail about how these are created. We have also enjoyed creating our own nonsense words. Some of the examples are:

Flarn – Flip and Barn

Zamp – Zoo and Stamp



In Maths, we have been looking at multiples and the uses of money.



Upper Phase Group

UPG went to the adventure golf in Lymington for a leisure activity for their ASDAN studies, where they played 18 holes of mini golf in the wind. This saw the golf balls being blown off-course quite often, although there were three hole-in-ones scored through the afternoon.



Year 7

The Year 7's took part in a nature scavenger hunt around the 'tall trees trail' at Rhinefield this week. All the students were successful. They even took additional interest in reading the information boards about some of the special trees at Rhinefield, including the giant Sequoia and crushing the needles from the Douglas fir tree which released an unexpected citrus scent.



Coach House

On the weekend, CM went shopping for Valentines Day and then bought items for herself.

As part of the weekly tradition, Coach House went to Bubble Tea shop, where some of us tried for the first time different taste of drinks and we all loved it



Setthorns

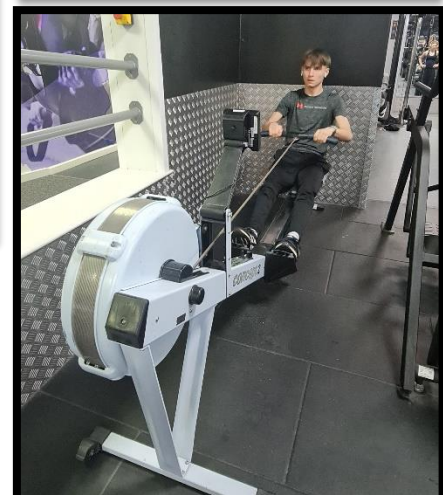
This week there were a lot of exciting activities in Setthorns.

DT worked independently to cook their own delicious meal.

Some of the students enjoyed a trip to St Mary's Stadium to watch a football match.



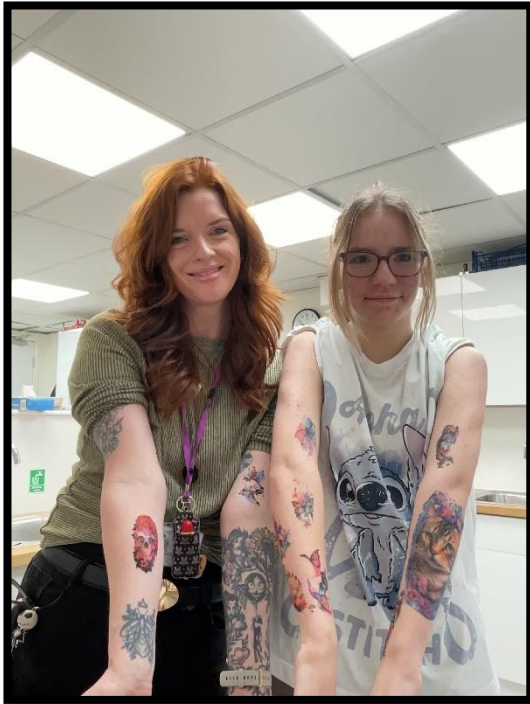
DT also went on an exciting trip to Laser Tag in Southampton



And MB took another trip to the gym, this time to work on his upper body strength

Social Thinking

This week, CM enjoyed a Social Thinking lesson with Sarah, using Sarah's tattoos as a real-life talking point. Through chats and activities, they explored first impressions and how stereotypes can influence how we see others. They talked about whether tattoos affect someone's ability to do their job, the age people choose to get tattoos, and where tattoos might or might not be suitable. CM also had fun experimenting with temporary tattoos and shared some thoughtful ideas about looking beyond appearances and getting to know people for who they are.



Lower Phase Group Cooking

Lower Phase Group worked together to decorate a birthday cake for a very special 21st birthday for one of their staff members. They used a lot of sweet treats, although more were eaten than used to decorate, I'm sure!



Southlands School Term Dates 25 - 26

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Term Dates 2025 - 2026



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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