



Southlands School

Newsletter

Week Commencing 26th January 2026

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* Kindness * Respect * Resilience * Safety * Cherish *

Letter from SLT

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of what must be one of the wettest weeks we've seen in quite some time, yet the atmosphere around school has remained wonderfully upbeat. It has been fantastic to hear how confidently our students have been getting on in their work experience placements. Their enthusiasm has really shone through, and next week even more students will be heading out into a variety of exciting roles, including placements at a local school, a charity shop, and even an alpaca farm. We are incredibly proud of the positivity and maturity they continue to show.

We are also delighted with how smoothly the mock exams have been progressing. With just a few GCSE papers left to complete next week, we will soon be able to turn our full attention to the Hospitality mock assessments. Our students' hard work and commitment have been truly impressive.

Another highlight this week is the completion of the works on our End Hall. We are thrilled to be able to reintroduce our weekly assemblies, something we have greatly missed. Our first assembly will be led by the Well-Being Team as part of **Children's Mental Health Week (9th – 15th February 2025)** founded by the charity Place2Be, with a focus on emotional wellbeing—a theme that feels especially important and uplifting for our whole school community.

Wishing you all a pleasant and safe weekend

Key Dates

2 nd February	- Year 10/ 11 Work Experience Week (group 2)
9 th February	- Mental Health Week
11 th February	- MacMillan Cake sale organised by Katy Blake
26 th February	- Year 10 taster day at Sparsholt.
4 th March	- Options meeting for year 9's and parents to discuss the KS4 options choices.
11 th March	- Parents Afternoon from 3.15pm to discuss student progress with teachers.
20 th March	- Year 9 option choices are due.
28 th April	- Whole school visit to Tile Barn Activity Centre, Option for year 10/11's to stay overnight.
20 th July	- Celebration Day / End of term.

Charity Run Reminder – 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, on the 11th February, to raise money towards this charity.

[Macmillan Caring Locally – Helping the local community](#)

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

Science

A Southlands first! Joel demonstrating the legendary Thermite reaction. A highly exothermic reaction between Iron Oxide and Aluminium, used to weld railway tracks together and a reaction that has featured in films when a reaction that will burn through a metal (and looks spectacular!) is needed. The molten iron that drops out of the flower pot will be above 2500 degrees centigrade.



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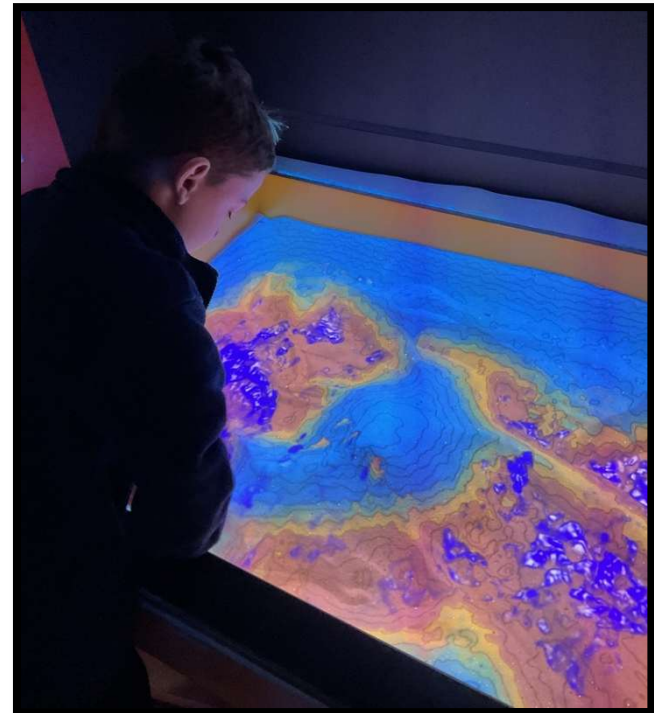


CONGRATULATIONS to NB on earning his Blue Belt in Karate this week. He has not missed one training session and has shown true dedication to learning and working towards this.

We are so proud of him!!

Primary 1

This week Primary 1 ventured to Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium to end our Science topic on Space. We explored the stars and constellations in the Planetarium, built a telescope with our Sun Seeker workshop and exploring the other science-based experiments and explorations.



Primary Nurture

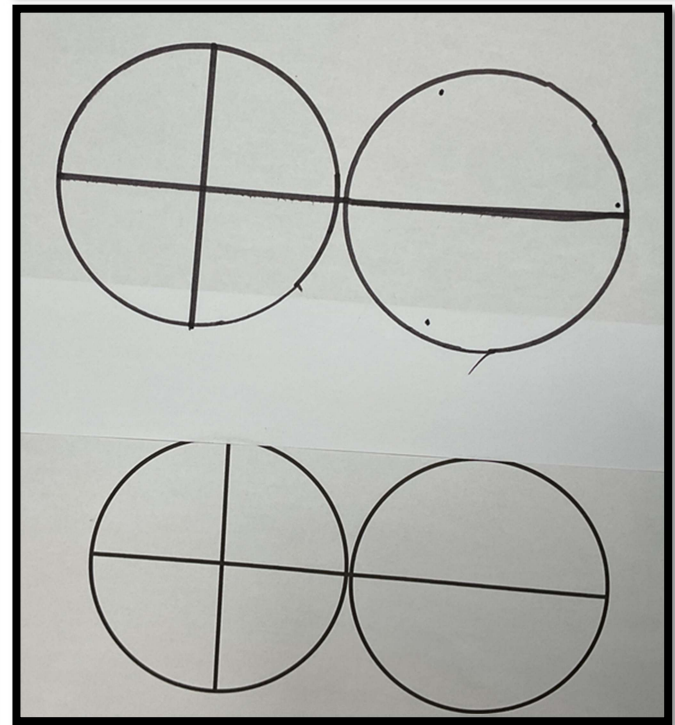
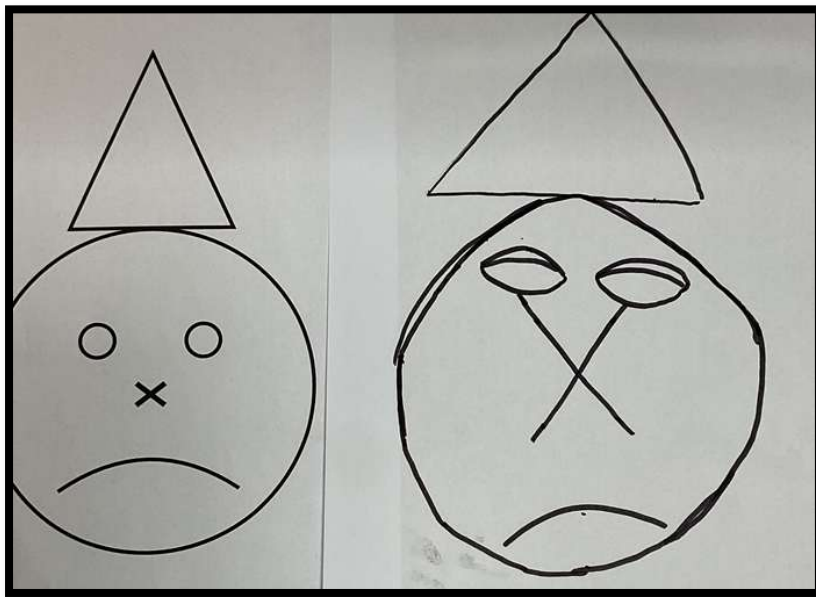
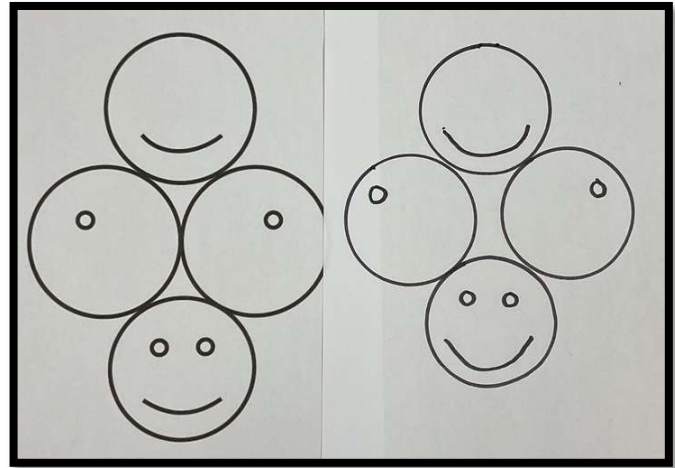
This week in Primary Nurture, as part of our Art topic, we have been looking at cityscapes. We created our own cityscapes in the style of Vincent Van Gogh. Perhaps we should set up our own Art Gallery!



Upper Phase Group

NN and NO played the 'back-to-back' game in sensory explorers this week. They sat back-to-back with one holding and describing a picture, whilst the other had to draw, purely from what they were told.

We were very impressed with the precise results!



Work Experience

Southlands sends a big thank you to the employers that have hosted our year 10 & 11 students this week for Work Experience. Our talented students have been able to follow some there favourite subjects into careers from Art, Drama & Hospitality. A year 11 students mixed media work is being used on the website for the spud Art gallery in Sway!

spud Art Gallery & Creative Hub

<https://www.spud.org.uk/giving-garden>

SHINING LIGHTS
PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY

<https://www.thesirwaltertyrell.co.uk/>

Sir Walter Tyrrell
Brook

<https://shininglightsperformingarts.com/>



[Minstead Study Centre](https://www.minsteadstudycentre.co.uk/)



Forest School

Last week, due to high winds, one of our Forest School sessions took place indoors.

MK and JD began their play cautiously, gradually becoming immersed in the world of Jurassic Park.

Following their own ideas, they selected materials and created an environment for their dinosaurs, building shelters, pathways, and safe spaces where the animals could feel comfortable.



As the play developed, the children expanded their enclosures, connected different areas, and added a variety of habitats. Later, their storyline evolved further, inspired by Jurassic World, with dinosaurs attempting to escape and police cars, helicopters, and the military involved in chasing them.

This led to thoughtful discussion about the dinosaurs' behaviour. JD shared that the animals were unhappy because they were kept in enclosures and could not roam freely. Together, the children explored what might help the dinosaurs feel happier and agreed that a more suitable habitat, including mountains for climbing, would better meet their needs.



This session was a strong example of child-led play, creativity, and rich scenario development. It supported empathy, social interaction, communication skills, and fine motor development.

The children were so deeply engaged in their play that they completely lost track of time.

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