



Southlands School

Newsletter

Week Commencing 2nd March 2026

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Letter from SLT

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have to start this Newsletter with a huge congratulations and celebration of Margaret Hayward. Margaret has supported staff and children at Southland's for 37years and continues to be a valued member of the Southlands Team!

It has been a busy and exciting week at Southlands. Primary 1 and 2 enjoyed a STEM Day at CEMAST in Portsmouth, giving them a hands-on introduction to local businesses and future career pathways. Our Year 10 students also visited the Wing Centre, which they will be able to compare with the courses explored at Sparsholt this term.

Across the school, students have taken part in a range of outdoor activities, including bike rides and walks to the local farm to support regulation and wellbeing, Kit and Joel were pleased with the turn out for their first after school practical science session. There was also great excitement by the school pond, where four fish were caught on Thursday—much to the delight of our keen anglers.

It has also been a wonderful week in the homes, and it has been great to see the wide range of activities the children have enjoyed, from K-pop dance classes and rock concerts, to football clubs and progressing with their independence the children have been very busy.

World Book Day was a highlight of the week. It was wonderful to see such a variety of costumes, and everyone enjoyed starting the day with storytelling.

Letter from SLT

Thank you to everyone who attended our Options Afternoon. It was a valuable opportunity for teachers to talk through their subjects and explain the options process in more detail. Next week, we will be hosting our Parents' Afternoon, giving parents and students the chance to discuss progress across subject areas. If you have not yet booked an appointment and would like to attend, please contact the school office

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Margaret Hayward – 37 Years!

You have met many Young People over the years, for some, they arrived as young children and left as adults. You will have met hundreds of staff members too! You've probably folded enough laundry to wrap around the world twice! Survived decades of grass stains and lost socks! Thank you for all your years of hard work. You have always been willing to help out and it is truly appreciated

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World Book Day

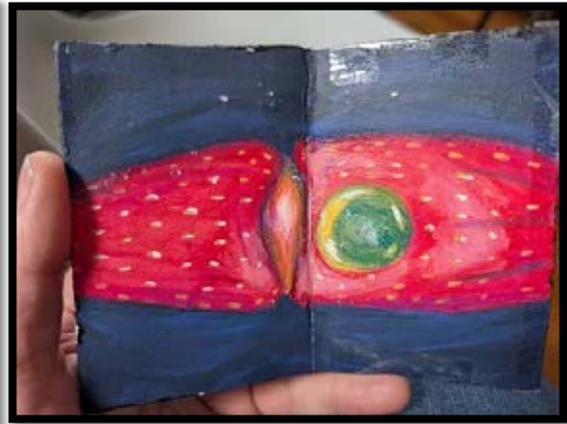
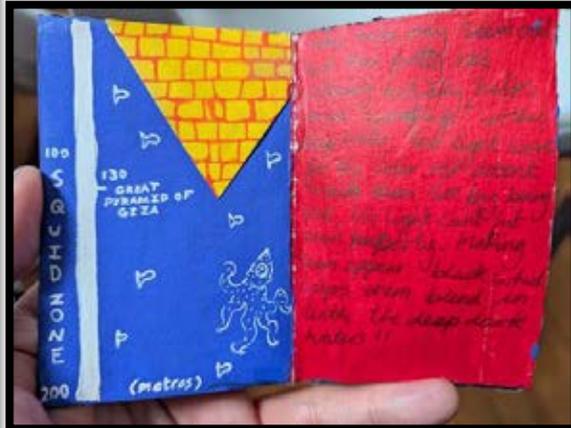
This week was our, much anticipated, World Book Day fancy dress! We had a wide variety of themes and some excellent imagination on display. See if you can guess who they all are!



World Book Day



A special mention goes to the Strawberry Squid, with one big eye and one small eye, found deep in the ocean. So determined was the student to dress up as this amazing creature that when they couldn't find a book containing it, so they wrote their own! The book included fantastic artwork and descriptions of facts, including how deep in the ocean they can be found, and where.



Another special mention to JC who put in a large amount of time into his costume, including working electronics, stilts, and an on demand voiceover quote from the book. This is from 'I Have No Mouth, and I Must Scream', a book about AI taking over the world!

World Book Day

Next up were the staff costumes, and there were some equally 'novel' combinations here!



Forest School

Spring has arrived with lovely weather and an abundance of bright, sun-like daffodils covering Forest School area. Children were delighted to return to our beautiful Southlands Forest. This half-term, LPG joined Forest School for the first time.



CB created his first wooden craft, while EP enjoyed digging trenches and learning how to build a campfire. We spent a wonderful afternoon in the sunshine, listening to birds and relaxing outdoors. The children learned about the key elements needed to start a fire and how safely to use steel and flint.



On Tuesday, CC peeled bark from her first wooden sword. HG carved a katana and a dagger, followed by a carefully supervised stick fight led by a staff member. LD completed the sword he began last week and proudly took it home.



AN was eager to join the group and enjoyed grilling marshmallows on a stick over fire. AD prepared feather sticks to help start the fire and kindly suggested that everyone coming to Forest School could use them.

It has been a fantastic start of the season, filled with creativity, curiosity and teamwork

City Farm

AG spent this week at City Farm cleaning out chicken, ducks and pigs, continuing his understanding around caring for animals.



Hospitality

On Monday the Year 10 and 11 hospitality students had their final visit to an establishment to experience a different style of customer service; this being a buffet

style. This was an opportunity for some to visit a carvery for the first time. They were able to evaluate the service they received, the price they paid and make suggestions as to what they would change if they were in charge.

This was a great end to the customer service unit, well done everyone.



Suns Out



More like 'Sun's out, chalks out'. The courtyard is finally vibrant again with a combination of art work, with LL starting the trend by drawing the 'Suns out, funs out' piece making everybody take a minute as they walked, by to enjoy the sunshine. Then Y9 and LPG joined in the fun to add their own spectacular creations. Many staff and students have taken a moment to comment on how superb some of the drawings are 😊



LL was not getting any bites on his fishing session this week, but just as he was about to admit defeat and leave the pond after it was like the fish heard him and decided he deserved the win!

A very happy high 5 and a picture with the pond monster itself had to be done!



Lower Phase Group

This week in LPG we have continued with our 'Alien Invasion' topic learning. We have looked at media reports relating to aliens and examined the features of newspapers. The students have created their own aliens and spaceships which will be the focus of their fictional newspaper report. We look forward to sharing these with you.



Upper Phase Group

UPG had great fun in science this morning! For the first part of our science practical lesson, the students were challenged to make a boat out of tin foil that was strong enough to hold weights. They tested different designs and were very successful! Joel took the lead with his design and managed to hold 4.8 newtons before sinking.

The second part of the practical lesson was ice cream making! Mmmm! Cream, sugar and vanilla extract went into the first bag and salt and ice went into a bigger bag and SHAKE!! For 7 minutes the students and staff shook the bags and eventually it turned to ice cream!!

N.O said he enjoyed both the practicals and the ice cream was delicious!



Science

In Science, we caught Natural Gas in soap bubbles which were then lit. the gas burns away very quickly while the layer of water on the skin evaporates creating a vacuum between the flame and the welders hand. This means the temperature change on the hand its self is less than 20'c, so it is completely safe.

There was still lots of screaming by staff and students alike!



Cookery

A very impressive week this week in cookery with some amazing pastry making skills being demonstrated across all the year groups.

Even when given the option of using pre made pastry they all chose to make their own pastry from scratch, I was so impressed with their positive and eager attitudes!

From lattice work to blind baking and making fresh custard to decorating with their favourite fresh fruit, every homemade custard fruit pie and treacle tart that left the kitchen was worth of being on display in a café.

Another amazing week showing off knowledge and picking up new skills and showing impressive engagement.

Well done everyone, a very proud cookery teacher here!!



Coach House

TRT went to his first ever rock concert at the O2 Guildhall in Southampton, to enjoy the performances of Airbourne and other bands, he also got a special t-shirt of the tour.



CM attended dance lessons in Southampton over the weekend, but also successfully completed tasks over independent travel. Buying the tickets, planning the routes and managing the budget during the day.



Setthorns

DT and MB had a great time Bowling with Grace on her Birthday on Monday



NB enjoyed a chilled week but participated with activities on site and discovered he is great at Darts.



MB went to his first football training session this week where he smashed it and scored 3 goals



Summer 2026 Exam Dates

Date	Time	Exam
May 2026		
Monday 11th	AM	GCSE English Literature Paper 1
Tuesday 12th	PM	GCSE Biology Paper 1
		GCSE Combined Science Biology Paper 1
Wednesday 13th	AM	GCSE Geography Paper 1
Thursday 14th	AM	GCSE Maths Foundation & Higher Paper 1
Monday 18th	AM	GCSE Chemistry Paper 1
		GCSE Combined Science Chemistry Paper 1
		GCSE English Literature Paper 2
Thursday 21st	AM	GCSE English Language Paper 1
June 2026		
Tuesday 2nd	AM	GCSE Combined Science Physics Paper 1
		GCSE Physics Paper 1
Wednesday 3rd	AM	GCSE Maths Foundation & Higher Paper 2
	PM	GCSE Geography Paper 2
Friday 5th	AM	GCSE English Language Paper 2
Monday 8th	AM	GCSE Biology Paper 2
		GCSE Combined Science Biology Paper 2
	PM	Level 2 Cert in Further Mathematics Paper 1
Wednesday 10th	AM	GCSE Maths Foundation & Higher Paper 3
	PM	GCSE Design and Technology
Thursday 11th	AM	GCSE Geography Paper 3
Friday 12th	AM	GCSE Chemistry Paper 2
		GCSE Combined Science Chemistry Paper 2
Monday 15th	AM	GCSE Combined Science Physics Paper 2
		GCSE Physics Paper 2
	PM	Level 2 Cert in Further Mathematics Paper 2

Please note that 24th June 2026 is this year's GCSE Exam contingency day. Students must be available on this date.

The contingency day is in the event of national or significant local disruption and is part of the awarding bodies' standard contingency planning for exams.

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Southlands School Term Dates 25 - 26

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Term Dates 2025 - 2026



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August 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

Who can I report a concern to?



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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