



Southlands School

Newsletter

Week Commencing 4th May 2026

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Letter from SLT

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a slightly short but wonderfully busy week at Southlands. This morning's Celebration Assembly was a real highlight, with so many postcards awarded to students for their achievements and positive attitudes. A special congratulations goes to NN, who received the Head of Education Award for his consistently excellent attitude and work ethic.

Our primary classes have been immersed in their World War II topic. Their learning was brought to life through an engaging visit to the Tank Museum, as well as trips to local historical sites such as Beaulieu Airfield, which played an important role during the war. In art, pupils have been creating striking silhouette paintings depicting the Blitz, and down in Forest School they have been busy clearing pathways and making road signs as part of their outdoor learning.

Across KS3 and KS4, students have also enjoyed a wide range of trips and activities. Yesterday, a group visited the Mayflower Theatre to see *Noughts and Crosses* as part of their English studies. Year 9 had great fun crabbing during Outdoor Learning, while others took part in visits to the Totton Climbing Centre, Southampton City Farm, and sailing in Lymington.

We are continuing to have conversations with our Year 10 and 11 children with regard to the upcoming residential opportunity in Wales. We are aware of how beneficial these trips are for our children in developing their independence and life skills.

Letter from SLT

As we move into the final preparations for the exams beginning on Monday, our Year 10 and 11 students have now completed their **Mock Functional Skills English and Maths** assessments with positive results. Exam rooms are fully prepared, and in a lovely act of support, **Willow the UPN dog** has kindly agreed to sit the exams alongside one of our Year 11 students to help ease anxieties.

We wish everyone an enjoyable weekend.

CHICKENPOX

Please be aware we have had a case of Chickenpox within school. Please be vigilant and if you suspect your child has contracted Chickenpox, please keep your child at home, seek medical confirmation and notify us at school.

Chickenpox is a common, highly contagious childhood illness caused by the varicella-zoster virus. It typically causes a red, itchy rash that turns into fluid-filled blisters, eventually crusting over. Other symptoms include high temperature, aches, and general tiredness.

If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, please contact your GP or NHS 111. Symptoms requiring urgent advice include increased pain, spreading redness, a high temperature that lasts for 3+ days, or difficulties breathing.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>

Hampshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

Please find below a link to Hampshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) events page, detailing lots of upcoming events for parents / carers either to stay informed or to give advice.

<https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/events/>

Tank Museum Visit

This week, Primary 1 and 2 visited the Tank Museum in Bovington as part of their learning. Despite the long journey, the pupils remained engaged and enthusiastic, and were delighted to observe tanks being driven in the local area prior to entering the museum.



During the visit, the children learned that there were insufficient boats available to transport tanks across water. This led to a practical learning challenge in which pupils were tasked with designing an 'inflatable' structure to enable the tanks to float. Using foil and marbles, the children tested their designs and refined their ideas. Although the task proved challenging, they successfully created shapes that were able to float, demonstrating strong problem-solving skills, teamwork, and perseverance.



Primary Phase Group Cookery

This week in Cookery, Primary Phase Group made the most fantabulous, scrumdiddlyumptious chocolate bars as we have been reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. We included ingredients such as honeycomb, biscuit, marshmallows, caramel and blueberries. We designed our own wrappers and took the bars home to share with friends and family. Imagine our surprise when we discovered we were each lucky winners of a Golden Ticket! We can't wait to see if this wins us a trip to a chocolate factory!



Forest School

With such lovely weather, we are happy to be spending more time outdoors in our wonderful Forest School

JG and OC have done so well with their new project. They have been creating a maze and making new paths to connect different parts of the site. They worked carefully through the bushes, taking supervised risks while using secateurs. None of them were scratched by brambles or stung by nettles, as the boys carefully considered the environment and where to step. Inspired by this brilliant work FW started creating his own hideout by clearing the spiky grass and putting up a signpost next to its entrance.

Meanwhile, AG was very busy working on all things plumbing in our garden. He set up and connected three garden hoses, worked on the clogs in our mud kitchen, and patched holes in a small pond.



Work around campfires continues, with a couple of pupils being very keen to cook lovely popcorn and bake apples. KW and KRD worked together this time, splitting the wood and managing the campfire. AD experimented a lot and created his own recipe for AD's Special dessert. We are sharing his recipe below.

AD's Special Dessert

- 1. Cut apples into pieces.*
 - 2. Cover them with brown sugar and cinnamon*
 - 3. Add 3-4 pieces of mandarin*
 - 4. Sprinkle with mandarin juice*
 - 5. Add raisins*
 - 6. Put everything on a hot plate and place it on a grill*
 - 7. Start the campfire and when it is ready, put the grill over the fire.*
 - 8. Stir it from time to time and make sure it doesn't burn*
 - 9. When the raisins start to turn brown, the dish is ready.*
- Enjoy!*



These were a wonderful couple of weeks and all of the children and staff look forward to our next sessions.

Upper Phase Group Animal Shelter

Thank you to everyone who donated animal treats, toys, blankets and food for UPG's trip to the St Francis animal shelter on Tuesday! We were greeted by a lady called Katie, who works at the shelter. They were incredibly grateful and she was happy to answer any of the student's questions. We also got to meet Bruce, who is a Staffy x XL bully who was getting some exercise with one of the volunteers.



After visiting the shelter, the students were taken for lunch where they needed to choose their meal, order their food independently and manage the money to pay for it. They displayed lovely table manners and went back to school with full bellies!



Coach House

CM made a Chocolate Swiss Roll with Lyn giving her instructions on what to do. CM is learning to cook all the different things Lyn have made for her and the other Coach members, so she might be able to cook the food she enjoys when she moves on from Southlands.



Upper Phase Group Science

This week in science, UPG took part in some fun experiments! They looked at static electricity, charging a balloon to make a paper man stand up and dance. They tested the strength of a vacuum using a candle, a glass, a plate and some weight, and they created something quite artistic using alkalis and acids!



Setthorns

This week in Setthorns everyone was home for the Bank Holiday, however, on Monday evening MB did enjoy a trip to the arcade and bowling with Grace.

As you can tell it was the highlight of his week!



Later on in the week DT went Bowling with Sue, Josh and LTK, and had a great time, although Sue and Josh did beat the young people!! The staff were good sports and did not mind.

Outdoor Learning

This week in Outdoor Learning all the young people have enjoyed time down at Lymington Quay doing some crabbing.

We can confirm that the preferred food (for the crabs) this time round was bacon!

At the end of the week some of the crabs that the young people caught were massive; of course, we feel this is down to the amount we've fed them this week 😁





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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.

Key Dates

- 18th June - Southlands Colour Run (sponsorship forms have been sent home with the children) Parents invited to attend
- 26th June - Sports Day Afternoon - Parents invited to attend
- 30th June – 3rd July - Yr 10 & 11 Residential Trip to Wales
- 9th July - School Disco and Prom
- 17th July - Celebration Day
- 20th July - Whole School Inflatable Fun Day at Lymington Open Air Swimming pool. End of Term

Southlands School Term Dates 25 - 26

Southlands School

Term Dates 2025 - 2026



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	School Holidays
	Public Holidays
	Inset Days

#	38 Week Residential Evening Return
*	38 Week Residential Leave

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- Public Holidays
- Inset Days

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- * 38 Week Residential Leave

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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