Southlands School Newsletter

Week Commencing 2nd November 2026

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Letter from SLT

Dear Parents/Carers,

We begin this Newsletter with the news that Jess Holloway, who has worked so closely with me over the time I have been at Southlands, as a Teacher, Phase Lead, Co-Head of Education and latterly Head of Education, is going to be leaving us at the end of this term. Jess has worked alongside me and the Senior Leadership Team to continue to take Southlands School from strength to strength and ensure the children are held at the centre of all we do. Whilst we will be sorry to see Jess leave, I am sure you all will want to join me in thanking Jess for all her hard work in ensuring the children's voices are heard and needs are met and in wishing Jess all the best in whatever she decides to do moving forwards. Please do take the time to read the letter from Jess below.

I am pleased to inform you that Naomi Arthur, who is our current Deputy Head of Education was successful in the recent interview process and will be taking over the Head of Education role at the start of the New Year. Naomi, has worked closely with us since joining Southlands and I am confident this will ensure a smooth transition over this half term.

The children have today been informed and we have shared a social story with them.

We will be advertising for a Deputy Head of Education/SENDCo and I will ensure you are updated with regard to appointments and plans moving forwards.

Letter from Jess Holloway

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to let you know that I will be leaving Southlands at the end of this term.

Having worked at Southlands for almost 15 years, beginning my journey here as a primary teacher, I have thoroughly enjoyed every stage of my time at the school. It has been a genuine privilege and honour to be part of such a wonderful community.

Over the years, I have had the pleasure of working alongside dedicated staff, inspiring students and supportive families. The relationships I have built and the memories I have shared will stay with me for many years to come. I am incredibly grateful for the kindness, encouragement and support I have received throughout my time at Southlands.

I am immensely proud of Southlands and all that has been achieved during my time here. The school has continued to grow and develop while remaining true to its values, always placing our young people at the heart of everything it does. It has been wonderful to see so many students thrive, achieve their goals and develop into confident young adults. The commitment of our staff, the support of our families and the resilience and determination of our students make Southlands a truly exceptional place.

While I am not yet certain what the next chapter will bring, I feel that now is the right time for me to embrace a new challenge and explore new opportunities.

I would like to thank you all for being such an important part of my journey and for the role you play in making Southlands such a wonderful school. I leave with many happy memories and with complete confidence that the school will continue to go from strength to strength.

I wish all our students, families and staff every success and happiness in the future.



With best wishes,

Jess

Letter from SLT

We hope you all had a wonderful half-term break. It has been fantastic to welcome students back to school and to see how quickly they have settled into their routines and learning. The new tutor time schedule has been introduced successfully, and the Circuit activities have proved particularly popular with students.

This term, we are delighted to welcome three new Teaching Assistants to the Southlands team: **Natalyia, Darcey and Millie**. Over the coming weeks, they will be getting to know our students and school community while completing their induction and training programme before joining their tutor teams.

We have also now finalised the dates for the **Year 11 Mock GCSE examinations**, which will take place from **30 November to 11 December**. Individual examination timetables will be shared with families shortly. In addition, some Functional Skills examinations will take place before Christmas, and we wish all students the very best in their preparations.

A gentle reminder that students should be dropped off **after 8.30am** each morning. Thank you to those families who are already supporting this expectation, as it is having a positive impact on the start of the school day for all students.

Finally, we are looking forward to our **school disco on 10 December**. Further details will be shared soon.

We wish you all a very happy weekend

Dates to Remember

30th November - 10th December - Mock GSCE exams

10th December - School Disco

18th December - School Panto

18th December - End of Term

Local Area SEND Inspection

Area SEND Inspection for Hampshire Local Area Partnership
If your child is within Hampshire Local Authority then do please take the time to complete the survey

Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) are visiting your area to inspect the local arrangements for Hampshire children and young people with special education needs and disabilities (SEND).

The inspectors want to know about the help and support that children and young people with SEND get. You can tell us by filling in a survey below. What you tell us will be treated in confidence.
Please use the link below to access the survey:

https://ofsted.smartsurvey.co.uk/p/AreaSend/10445011

The surveys will close at 9am on Tuesday 10 November 2026.

Artwork

Our ASa has been creating a beautiful and large mosaic turtle for one of her GCSE art outcomes. As you can see from the images, this is a painstakingly long process. ASa has shown real dedication and skill with this incredible ongoing project.

Keep your eyes peeled for the next instalment.





Coach House

This week in Coach House, ChCh enjoyed building up his Harry Potter Lego set, bought with rewards points he earned through his good behaviour and engagement.





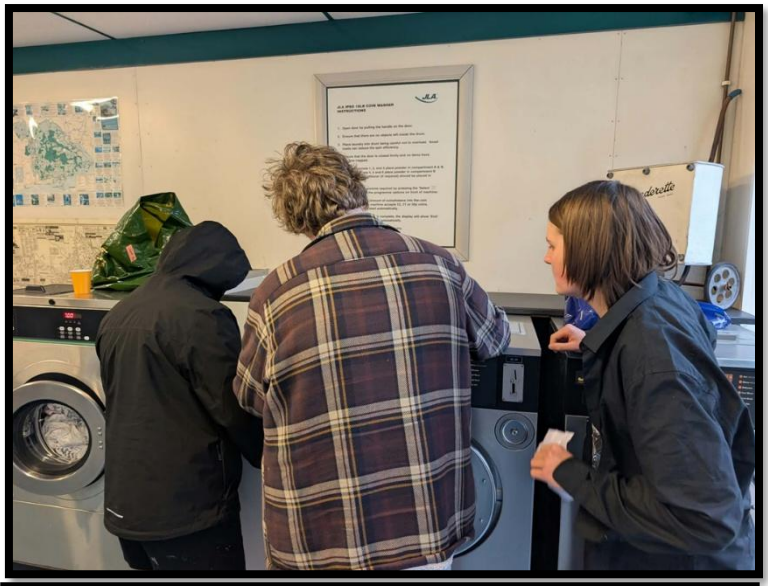
This week MB from Setthorns also joined ChCh and APo bowling in Southampton and also had fun playing pool and using the arcade.





ASDAN

For ASDAN This week, our students were learning life skills, starting with how to use the local Laundrette!







As a reward for their engagement and social skills, asking the laundrette owner lots of questions, they were all treated to a lovely Costa, further developing their social skills.





Cookery

What a great first week back!
Some of our learners are already getting into the festive spirit as we enter our Christmas countdown term, as demonstrated by SB proudly stepping into the role of Santa! 🎅







This week we have been busy making cookies, and what a fantastic start to the new half term it has been! The children have demonstrated amazing independence, exceptional precision with their weighing and measuring, and real attention to detail. Lots of time and care went into making sure every cookie was as similar in shape and size as possible – some very impressive baking skills on show!

It wasn't just the baking skills that impressed us, though. The session also gave everyone the opportunity to practise their washing-up and drying-up skills, and they all did brilliantly! These are such important life skills, helping to build independence and confidence beyond the classroom.
So, parents, there's no reason why some of these newly developed skills can't be put to good use at home! Don't let them convince you they can't manage the washing up… we've seen what they're capable of!
A brilliant week, lots of proud moments and some very happy bakers!

Upper Phase Group

This week in Upper Phase Group there has been a lot happening!

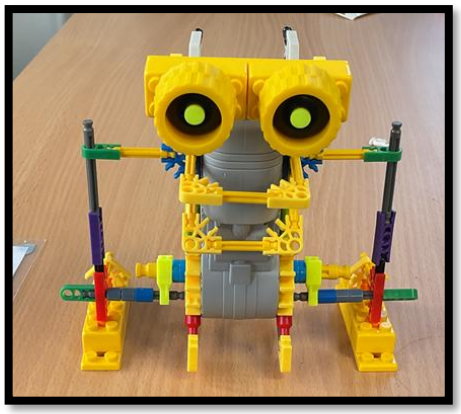
NN has worked very hard in DT and was able to take his finished clock home! Well done, it looks great!

Upper Phase Group were also tasked with following instructions to make a robot. They've done really well and enjoyed the task.



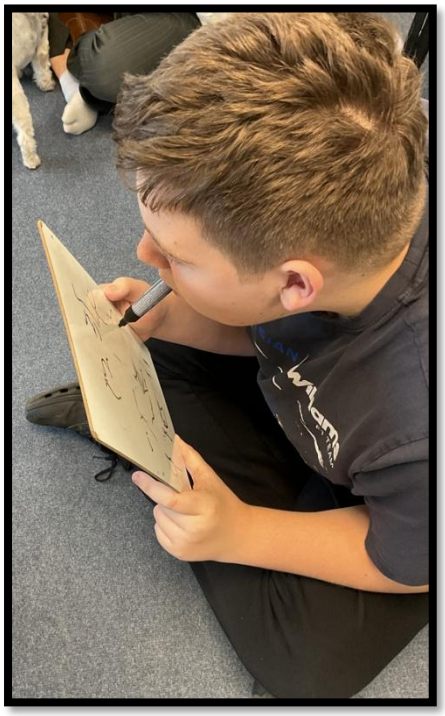






We started the term with some peer bonding games. These games exercised everyone's gross and fine motor skills and were a lot of fun!







Setthorns

MB enjoyed going to Ringwood fireworks with ChCh on Sunday 1st November.



Southlands School

proudly present

Triple H

(Hansel, Hazel Heidi – an alternative Hans Christian Anderson tale)

Come and join us for a morning of fun, slap stick and lunchtime refreshments

on

Friday 18th December 2026

10.30am arrival for 11.00am start

at

Boldre War Memorial Hall

We look forward to seeing you!



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalcollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Children & Young People Need to Know about FREE SPEECH vs HATE SPEECH

Everyone in the UK has the right of "freedom of expression". That's the right to voice your opinions and share information and ideas with others. It's *not* the right to say whatever you want without regard for others' feelings and values. We all have a responsibility to use this right properly: being respectful and inclusive to others. Whether online or offline, communication attacking or discriminating against groups or individuals (because of protected characteristics like race or religion) is hate speech, not free speech.

Free speech

Free speech is a person's legal right to share information, opinions and ideas without fear of retaliation, censorship or legal consequences. This freedom of expression is recognised in international human rights legislation, and here's what it does for us in our day-to-day lives ...

The Human Rights Act 1988 states that everyone has the right to express themselves freely – even if their views are unpopular and might offend others.

Freedom of expression encourages listening to others and allowing opposing views to be heard. It's important to respect someone's opinion, even if we disagree with it. Free speech lets us engage in meaningful discussions with people who feel differently.

Any concept could potentially offend someone. Galileo's ideas were incredibly offensive to many at the time, while not everyone agrees with Darwin's theory today. Freely exchanging ideas promotes progress.

Free speech allows us to engage people we disagree with in a debate. The ability to challenge others' views is healthy – while having *ours* challenged helps us learn how to deal with criticism and think deeply about what we say and believe.

Free speech is a powerful tool for change, justice and reform. Many modern UK rights – such as women being allowed to vote or decent working conditions – couldn't have been achieved without it.

Freedom of expression includes the right *not* to do something, like not standing up for – or singing – the national anthem. Even though some people would find that offensive, it isn't illegal.

Hate speech

Hate speech refers to any communication – like talking, texting or posting online – which displays prejudice against someone's identity. Derogatory, demonising and dehumanising statements, threats, identity-based insults, offensive name-calling and slurs would all count as hate speech. Here are some common forms it takes ...

Targeting people or groups because of who they are – including but not limited to aspects such as race, sexuality, religion or a disability – and verbally abusing them with slurs and name-calling. The Equality Act 2010 has more information on this.

Content that dehumanises people based on those same attributes: referring to them as if they were animals, objects or other non-human entities, for example.

Calling for violence or hatred against certain people or groups and justifying and glorifying those actions.

Claiming that specific types of people are physically, mentally or morally inferior (or even that they are criminals) to encourage others to view them in the same way.

Making up or repeating insults about a person or group because something about their identity is different to the person who's posting.

Promoting the segregation of certain groups, or discrimination against them, because of who they are.

Meet Our Expert

The Global Equality Collective is an online community for homes, schools and businesses, a collective of hundreds of subject matter experts in diversity, equality and inclusion, and the organisation behind the GEC app, the world's first app for diversity, equality and inclusion.

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ROYAL LYMINGTON YACHT CLUB

Christmas Fayre & OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2026

11.00AM – 4.00PM

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EVERYONE WELCOME



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Southlands School Term Dates 26 - 27

Southlands School

Term Dates 2026 - 2027

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School Holidays

Public Holidays

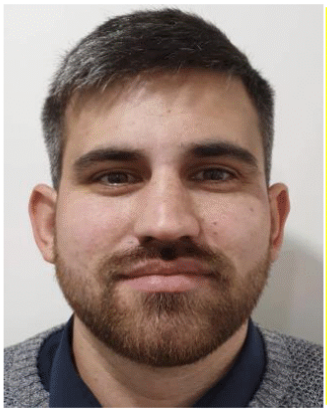
Inset Days

\# 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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Alison Priddle
Principal & Responsible Individual

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Southlands School - (Education) Safeguarding Poster

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Alison Priddle
Principal , Responsible Individual and DSL
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Regional Lead - James Watson / James.Watson@cambiangroup.com

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

Staf f concerns ONLY to be reported to DSL/Principal/Regional Lead