Southlands School Newsletter

Week Commencing 15th September 2025

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Letter from SLT

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a fantastic week full of exciting opportunities and hands-on learning for our students.

S Fishing Lessons with Fun2Fish

Groups of students enjoyed their first fishing lesson this week with Bob from *Fun2Fish*. Bob will be visiting every Thursday to teach both students (and even staff!) how to fish. We were thrilled to see many students catch their first fish — mainly roach and carp — and even more proud of the respect they showed towards the fish and the natural environment. A big well done to everyone involved!

TOUTOOT Learning Adventures

Our outdoor learning groups have been busy continuing their *time capsule* project. This week, they visited a local garden centre to choose a plant to place above their buried capsule — a lovely way to mark the occasion and connect learning with nature.

Mobile Phones – Important Reminder

A reminder that **mobile phones are not allowed in school**, even if the SIM card has been removed. All phones must be handed in at the school office upon arrival, where they will be kept securely in a locker for the day. We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a focused and safe learning environment.

Letter from SLT

Calshot Team Building Day – Coming Up!

We are very much looking forward to our team-building trip to Calshot next week! Activities will include:

- Skiing
- Archery
- Low ropes
- Climbing

This is a brilliant opportunity for our new tutor teams to bond and build positive relationships. If you haven't yet returned the consent form, please do so as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support. Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Warm regards,

The Senior Leadership Team

Research Project

An exciting research project is being run by Cambridge University. You have hopefully received an email, inviting you to participate. The study is aimed at understanding the unique challenges faced by autistic children. This study seeks to identify the factors that contribute to the challenges autistic children face, with the goal of identifying and developing targeted support.

If you would like to speak with the principal researcher before taking part, or just to find out more, there will be an online meeting via Teams on 30th September 2025 at 12.30pm with Dr Jenny Parker. Here is the link:

Meeting Join Link

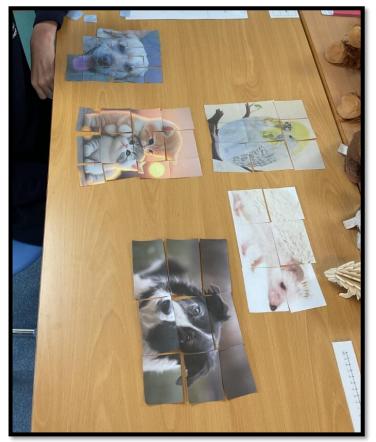
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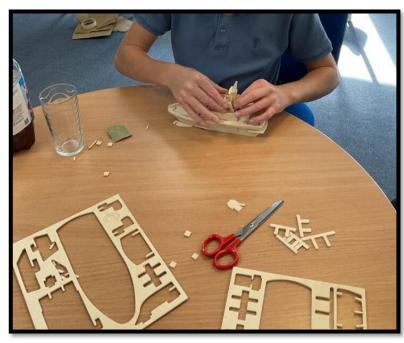
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We would like to encourage you to participate as such research often improves practice which can have a positive impact on children.

Upper Phase Group

UPG have been building paper and wooden puzzles, including those of pets and vehicles. They have done really well and used their fine motor skills, as well as followed instructions to complete.







Primary 1



This week we have been looking at Mangroves in Topic. Mangroves are trees that grow near the sea where the land is muddy and salty. This helps to protect the coastline, provide a home for local wildlife and keeping the water clean. We have explored this by making our own mangroves in a bottle to imitate this. The students had a lot of fun doing this.

Primary 2

This week in Primary 2 we have started our electricity topic; we have enjoyed creating open and closed circuits but also have discovered that our batteries/cells are unable to manage huge amounts of power.





We have also been enjoying forest school where we have been creating a variety of foods and snacks, staff don't seem too keen to eat them though! We were able to use flint to create a spark and then transfer this to the cotton wool causing a small flame; some of us felt we could make fires from this, but we are very aware that this in not the expected thing to do!

Cookery

This week in cookery we have made many lovely things across the year groups such as falafels, chicken and mushroom pie, strawberry and banana smoothies and reduced sugar cookies. The children have demonstrated excellent knife skills and really shown their listening skills. Everyone this week has worked so hard and as always they have made me proud, which is why they are having a sweet treat week next week in cookery lessons.







Fishing

Year 8 and LPG really enjoyed their first fishing session of the new term with Bob. Bob spent time explaining how to use the equipment as well as talking about the conditions of the pond with the students. As you can see, the advice and tips worked well as two fish were caught!





Lots of our students enjoyed their first fishing session with Bob, he worked with groups of students across the school. Most students managed to catch a fish today; in these photos we caught a roach and a carp.







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You can book in directly on the website or for more details...speak to Louise (OT)

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Term Dates 2025 - 2026



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Southlands Children's Home —Safeguarding Poster Who can I report a concern to?



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I can also report concerns to..



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All safeguarding concerns to be reported within <u>1 hour</u>

<u>Staff concerns ONLY to be reported to Registered Manager/Head of Care/</u>

<u>Principal/Regional Lead</u>

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