



Southlands School

Newsletter

Week Commencing 22nd September 2025

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Letter from SLT

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic week it's been! It was wonderful to see the whole school community come together and enjoy the team-building activities at Calshot. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day, giving students the opportunity to build relationships and try new challenges outside the classroom environment. We were especially impressed by the way teams supported one another — helping peers scale the climbing wall, working together to solve problems on the low ropes, and showing great perseverance on the ski slope. During archery, students listened attentively and took turns with maturity and enthusiasm. It was a proud moment to see our school values in action throughout the day.

Dave the Calshot Instructor stated, he really enjoyed having Southlands school there for the day. Our students and staff represented the school extremely well, were well behaved, polite and extremely engaged in every activity. They would welcome us back and time.

Looking ahead, our next activity day will take place later in the academic year at **Tile Barn in Brockenhurst** — another exciting opportunity for students to grow, connect, and explore.

This week also saw the final **Time Capsule** session as part of our outdoor learning programme. Students had the special experience of burying their time capsules

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and planting a commemorative plant to mark the spot — a lovely way to capture memories and reflect on their journey.

There is so much at Southlands to be positive about and thankful for. Whilst there has been quite a lot of viruses circulating the staff team have been so supportive of each other ensuring the needs of the children are met.

We are also delighted to share some staffing news:

Bianca Judd has been appointed as our new **Lower Phase Lead**. She will be overseeing the **KS2/KS3 tutor teams**, and we're confident she will bring great leadership and support to this role.



Dates to Remember:

- **Parent/Carer Drop-In – Tuesday 15th October**

Come and meet your child's tutor team and subject teachers from **3:00pm onwards**.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Have a lovely and safe weekend.

Coach

TRT and LJH went on to celebrate T's birthday on Pizza Hut where they enjoyed a nice pizza, drinks and salad bar together.



Then, Coach House organized a movie night, both CM and TRT agreed to watch *Murder Mystery 2*, they kindly shared their treats between them and with staff, while enjoying the film.

Calshot

Year 11

What a great day for the year 11 tutor group.

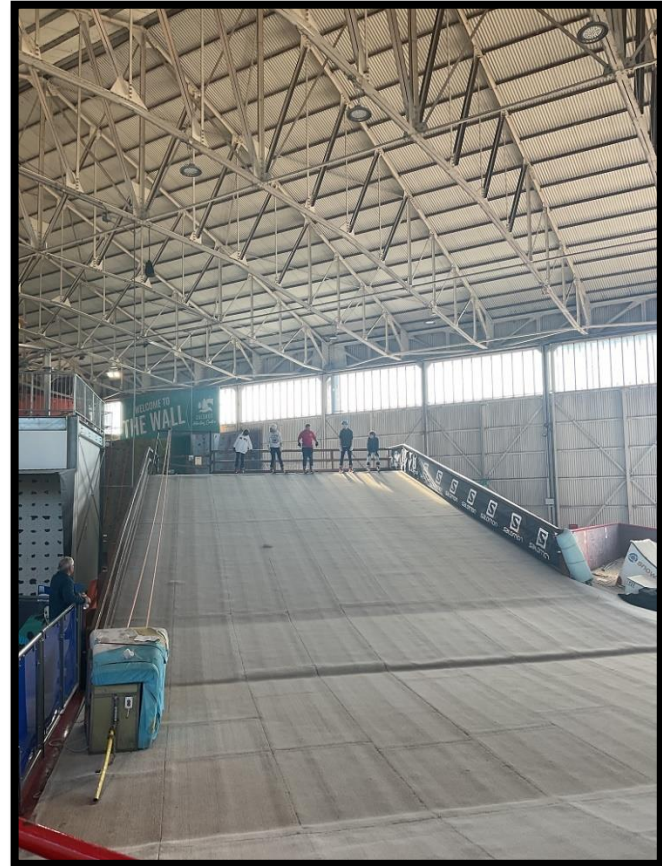
From some being apprehensive to climbing the wall and initially refusing to do it they conquered their fears and climbed to the top!

Skiing was a lot of fun with some very brave attempts at the biggest slope there.

Archery was a massive success and showed me that I need to remember they are all a great shot and not upset them, although I'm sure they will remember me hitting the flag hanging way above my target forever; they have already teased me endlessly. One of the young people demonstrated some amazing skills, missing their target but hitting the one next to theirs!

We showed excellent team work to complete the low ropes and it was so lovely to hear and see all the conversations and engagement from everyone whilst working together.

Overall, a lovely day for the year 11s and the year 11 staff.



Calshot

Primary Nurture

Primary Nurture had a fantastic time at Calshot, building friendships with other primary classes. They amazed us by getting fully involved in every activity, taking turns and being really patient at times.

One daredevil had a couple of goes at the pitch-black tunnel, putting the adults to shame. Another student overcame his nervousness on the climbing wall and almost had to be peeled off the wall by the end of the session. Primary Nurture staff couldn't be more proud of their students. Well done!!



Lower Phase Group

What a super day LPG had at Calshot. We were so proud of the students for trying all the different activities.

A particular highlight was the climbing walls, where all the students went further up the wall on their second climb as their confidence grew.



Upper Phase Group

UPG had a great day at Calshot, where they did low ropes, archery, skiing and climbing. They all appeared to especially enjoy the climbing, with them reaching the top of the walls. RF did well at skiing, making us laugh with his screams of 'terror', and NO entertaining us with his skill at 'crossing' his skis. IK also had a great climb and took part in the archery. There were many laughs and lots of challenges, making it a fun day for all.

Calshot

Primary 2

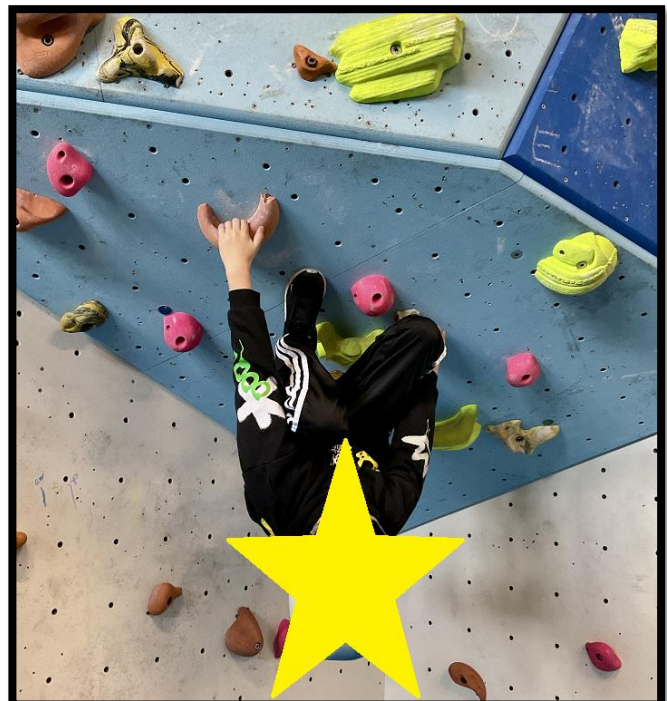
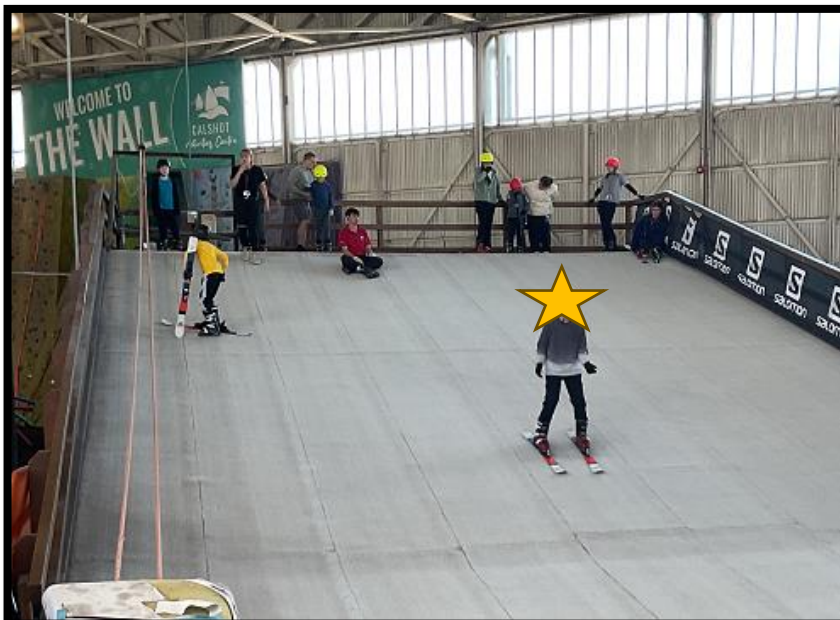
This week has been a busy week in Primary 2.

We have been working on our place value from 10s to 1,000,000s. We are practicing on representing these in different ways and working out what works best for us.

On Thursday we went to Calshot and had the most amazing time! ALL pupils pushed themselves out of their comfort zone and tried things they have never tried before or were too worried to do. ALL Primary 2 staff are incredibly proud of you!



Primary 1



Forest School

This year we have launched a Forest School, and Primary 2 and Lower Nurture are already taking part. Over the past two weeks, the children have explored sounds, mud, clay and leaves, as well as gone bug hunting to discover what lives on our school grounds.

Last week, Primary 2 took on an exciting new challenge – fire lighting – and managed to create their very first sparks. This week, we will continue experimenting with natural materials like mud, twigs and leaves while learning more about the nature of fire.



It's been a wonderful start, and we look forward to many more adventures outdoors. We will be sharing the Parents and Carers booklet with information about what Southlands Forest School is all about and what you need to know.

Setthorns

Setthorns has been all about hobbies the last few weeks, with guitar and Karate lessons every week

Setthorns also started to grow Coleus plants from seed, they have grown lots and last week we re-potted them into bigger pots to allow them to grow bigger. We are waiting to see what colour they will become; they could start showing colours such as pink, blue, red, orange, yellow, black or green. We think they will all be pink

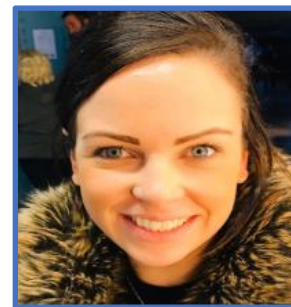


Lodge Home



Hello, as most of you know my name is Lauren Stubley and I am the Deputy Head of Care at Southlands and at the moment I am also the Home Manager of The Lodge.

Alongside me I have a very dedicated team in The Lodge which consists of Ben, Les, Libby, Kunjumol.



The Lodge is an action-packed enjoyable home to work and live in. Whether we are up and out the door early for fishing or out late playing laser tag we are always super busy. However, there is the odd occasion we have a quiet night in playing board games which is perfect for cosy season that is now just around the corner.

In the Lodge we finish off most of our evenings in the most holistic way we can with foot spas, essential oils humidifiers, black out curtains and the all-important audio books – the most perfect way to end a jam-packed day.

In the Lodge we are committed to healthy eating, we cook all of dinners from scratch and some of our favourite recipes include: lentil, vegetable and miso stew or Black bean, Mushroom and Avocado Burrito and later this week we will making a fish curry to try.

The homes' value is reflection, and we replicate this in The Lodge using the psychology of colour therefore the lounge, bathroom and hallway are all painted blue.

What we strive to encourage and develop is:

- Positive attachments and relationships either at school or at home
 - Self-regulation and new strategies to promote this
 - Basic life skills
 - Fun



About Us

Libby House

Senior Support Worker



Where are you originally from?

UK

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Socialise with my friends and ride my horse

What is your favourite music?

Do you have any pets?

A cocker spaniel called Guinness and a pony called Elsa

What is your favourite food?

Seafood

What made you want to work at Southlands?

Because I'd like to help improve the lives of others, giving them the best opportunities.

Leslie Millgate-Whitcher

Senior Support Worker



Where are you originally from?

The New Forest

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I like to play football, go on hikes, and read.

What is your favourite music?

I like all different kinds of music.

Do you have any pets?

I have a leopard gecko who is 17 years old.

What is your favourite food?

I like pizza, Indian and Mexican.

What made you want to work at Southlands?

I came back to Southlands as I enjoy the role supporting the young people and working as part of the Southlands team.

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

Southlands Children's Home —Safeguarding Poster

Who can I report a concern to?



Jack Murphy
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Lauren Stubley
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I can also report concerns to..



James Watson
Regional Care Lead

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Alison Priddle
Principal & Responsible Individual
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Alison.Priddle@cambianguroup.com

All safeguarding concerns to be reported within **1 hour**
Staff concerns ONLY to be reported to Registered Manager/Head of Care/
Principal/Regional Lead

Southlands School - (Education) Safeguarding Poster

Southlands Designated Safeguarding Leads



Holly Stevenson

Named Designated Safeguarding Lead

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Alison Priddle

Principal , Responsible Individual and DSL

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DDSL / DBSL

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