



Southlands School

Newsletter

Week Commencing 6th October 2025

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* Kindness * Respect * Resilience * Safety * Cherish *

Letter from SLT

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we have been focusing on expectations for using the AstroTurf (please see the attached poster for full details). It's been wonderful to see so many students enjoying break and lunchtime football. By following the expectations, students are helping to create a respectful and inclusive environment, showing the team spirit that makes the game so enjoyable for everyone.

Another popular activity this week has been fishing at the pond with Bob from *Fun2Fish*. Sixteen of our students took part on Thursday, and we're proud to say that every single one of them caught at least one fish—one student even managed to catch six! We're also excited to share that a new species of fish was discovered during the session, one that has never been caught at the pond before!

Thanks to the hard work of Claire Bartlett, the Scholastic Book Fair has been a huge success. Every student has had the chance to select a book to read during Tutor time. As part of our focus on developing a strong reading culture, all children are encouraged to read for 15 minutes, after lunch, each day.

Claire also accompanied a group of GCSE students to a production of *Lord of the Flies* this week, which was a thoroughly enjoyable and enriching experience for all involved.

Letter from SLT

Parent Drop-In Wednesday 15th October 2025

Looking ahead, we're really looking forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to our informal **Parent Drop-In next Wednesday**. From 3:00pm onwards, you are warmly invited to visit with your child, explore their Tutor room, meet their Tutor Team, and pop into subject classrooms to put faces to the names of the staff supporting your child's learning. You're also welcome to look through your child's workbooks. Parents of residential children are also very welcome to visit the home and meet with the Home Team. Please do let the Care Team know if you would like to. Refreshments will be available in the dining room.

INSET Day

Please remember the last day of this half term is Thursday 23rd October 2025. The staff will be engaging in training on Friday 24th October 2025.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Safeguarding - Urgent Book Recall

The children's publisher Puffin has issued an alert regarding books authored by Andy Cope including those in the Spy Dogs, Spy Cats, and Spy Pup series. Within the books, there is a link which encourages children to find out about additional information told during the story. The link is intended to take children to Mr Cope's web-page; however, the domain is no longer owned by him and instead the link will direct children to a webpage now owned by a third party. This third party is publishing pornographic content. There is no suggestion that Puffin or Mr Cope are responsible for the pornographic materials, and the content of the actual stories are fine to read, however if any children access the link with the intent to learn more about the story online, they will be exposed to highly inappropriate materials.

Primary Nurture

Primary Nurture had a brilliant time in forest school this week, the staff engaged in child led activities using items from the natural environment to create games. MJK was super inventive, using some twigs and acorns to create a game of noughts and crosses on a tree stump.

They have really been embracing all aspects of forest school.



ASTRO TURF EXPECTATIONS

For Everyone – Let's Keep It Safe, Fair and Fun!

WHAT WE EXPECT

1. Be Kind and Respectful

- ✓ Treat everyone with kindness – players, staff, and opponents.
- ✓ Follow adult instructions calmly and without arguing.

2. Play Safely

- ✓ Keep hands, feet and footballs to yourself.
- ✓ No pushing, hitting, or dangerous play.
- ✓ **The referee has the final say!**

3. Use Kind Words

- ✓ No swearing or hurtful language.
- ✓ Speak politely – even when you're frustrated.

4. Use Equipment Properly

- ✓ Not throwing or kicking intentionally towards people
- ✓ Look after the pitch and equipment.

● Physical behaviour

(e.g. hitting, kicking or throwing a ball at someone)

→ 24-hour time out from the pitch.

→ You can return the next day when you're ready to follow the expectations.

● Poor or aggressive language

→ You'll get 1 warning.

→ Continued behaviour will lead to being asked to leave the pitch.

Hospitality

Year 10 & 11 hospitality students this week have started to serve the lunch to their peers, going towards their customer service elements for their City & Guilds course, this will be an ongoing activity. This, for some, was a massive step out of their comfort zone and they have done an amazing job, surprising themselves with how capable they are. We are all extremely proud of their communication, serving and organisation skills to complete this hard going part of the school day with such ease and confidence. Proud is an understatement!



Student Outdoor Learning

Below we have a special writeup of an Outdoor Learning trip written by one of our students!

"Hi everyone, this afternoon myself and Holly J went on a walk in the woods off hundred Lane to see what mushrooms we could find and we saw some toadstools, but you should never touch them because they are poisonous. We saw lots of other varieties of mushrooms like parasols, turkey tails and many more. After we exited the woods, we went on a walk down the farm path and looked at the lovely view from the top of the field by the Walhampton Arms to take a moment to enjoy some time outside. We then had a nice walk back to site"

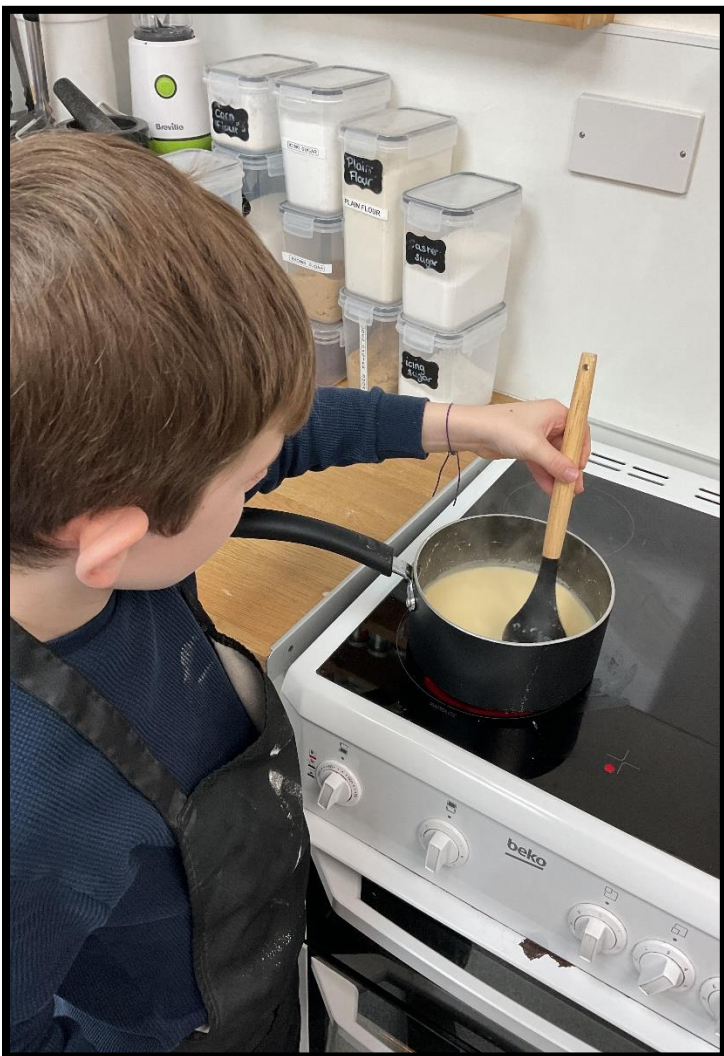
As a note, they took so many wonderful photos I have to pick only a handful otherwise we could fill the newsletter! Apologies for anyone with mycophobia.



Cookery

This week the older year groups have been experimenting with soup making. We used the left-over broccoli and potatoes from the week before to make broccoli and cheddar soup. This was a great way to keep the theme going on budgeting and what we can do to utilise foods that would potentially be thrown away. They used a blender to ensure it was a nice smooth soup and added herbs and spices they deemed appropriate. This ranged from oregano and parsley to chilli or nutmeg. They all looked and tasted delicious.

The younger year groups made banana bread and some completed the additional task of making home-made custard. This, again, was an opportunity to use the old bananas that may be thrown away to make a delicious, tasty treat. It was also an opportunity for them to showcase the skills they have been learning in cookery and see how much they could do without needing any extra help. They all did a great job.



Next week we will be looking at Jewish dishes and making Kugel to run alongside with the RE lesson on Yom Kippur being delivered by Mr Halford.

Outdoor Learning

This week in Outdoor Learning lessons we have completed some forest litter picks, with a focus on our environment. All the young people participated well and were surprised with how much litter there was lying around. We had discussions about the impact of the animals and how their contributions this week, even though small, will have made an impact.

Next week we move onto a beach clean-up 😊



Setthorns

Setthorns are continuing to craft up lots of exciting things in preparation for Halloween!

As well as their wall posters and decorations they are painting up spooky models to put on display all around the home.

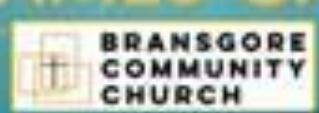


ALL WELCOME!!!



UNPLUGGED

GAMES CAFÉ

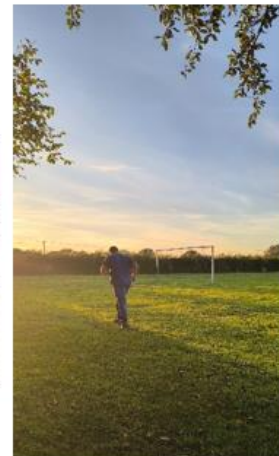


BRANSGORE
COMMUNITY
CHURCH

SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER
3-5PM

Decorative elements including dominoes, playing cards, and chess pieces.

Wilverly



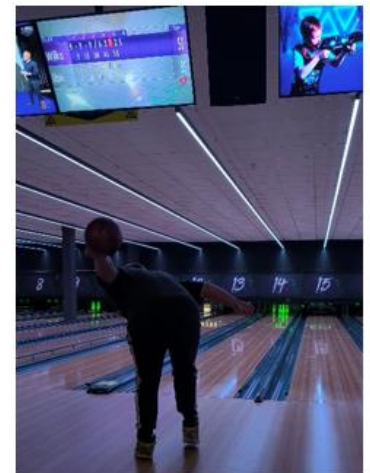
Wilverley is home to the oldest young person here at Southlands and he sure does let us know that he is now 17. The home is super busy with not a moment to sit down, the evenings are spent between golf, bowling, beach walks and metal detecting with sometimes a bite to eat whilst we are there. The days are spent searching the local charity shops for little gems that can be either cherished or sold on for more money than they were purchased for, the collections within Wilverley are something to admire.

Wilverley has a solid team of Anita, Louis and Jibin and they all work super hard to ensure that the young person is entertained for every moment of the day. Sometimes when we don't go out the evenings, we spend it playing pool, metal detecting on the back field or in the summer months we spend warmer evenings in the swimming pool.

Wilverley home is full of laughter and joy and the days and nights are spent making fond memories for all of us to treasure. We all have many experiences, and we love to reminisce on the times we have spent together whether that is on the rare occasion inside over a cup of tea but mostly outside getting those important steps in. Walking and talking will also be a favourite pastime and we are very lucky that we can do that and admire the views that Southlands grounds and the local areas have to offer.



Charity Shop Treasures



Wilverley is a busy and active home but most of all it is full of devoted staff who really do care about the children we look after.



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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I can also report concerns to..



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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



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