



Southlands School

Newsletter

Week Commencing 20th October 2025

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* Kindness * Respect * Resilience * Safety * Cherish *

Letter from SLT

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic end to our term! In Education we had a Halloween-themed day filled with a variety of fun activities — apple bobbing was especially popular! For our children residing on site at Southlands we had a wonderful evening judging the entries for the Home Halloween Competition where each home was challenged with creating the best Halloween decorated home with as much as possible being home made. Lodge made an incredible effort, creating a crime mystery which had to be solved, which earned them recognition as this year's winners. Well done, Team Lodge!

This week has also been packed with reward trips and pumpkin-based activities. It's been wonderful to see so many students earning the opportunity to visit exciting places like Paultons Park and Wonderland, or enjoying a meal out together in Southampton.

Southlands Pantomime

Looking ahead to next term, pantomime rehearsals have already been underway for several weeks and will continue after the break. Students will also be involved in designing the scenery and creating costumes, all in preparation for our school pantomime performance on **19th December** at **Pilley Hall**. Family and friends of Southlands will be warmly invited to join us for this festive event.

Letter from SLT

Staff Leaving

We are saying au-revoir to Holly Giblin, as she moves to take up a new challenge working with much younger children. Many of the children, especially Year 9 where she has been specifically supporting, will miss her. Holly is remaining with us on a 'Bank' contract so may well be back to support at times over the coming term. We wish Holly G every success in her new job.

New Staff

We're also excited to welcome our new science teacher, **Kit Rogers**, who will be joining us on **3rd November**.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half-term break from us all

Science Teacher

Kit Rogers

Science Teacher



Where are you originally from?

Born and bred in Lymington

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I enjoy sports like football, running, sailing and skiing. I also enjoy films of almost any genre and hanging out with friends and family.

What is your favourite music?

I have pretty broad musical tastes, but I have become a big Bruce Springsteen fan in recent years.

Do you have any pets?

Yes, two dogs, a Cairn cross toy poodle (a cairnoodle!) called Bonnie and a Staffordor called Marley.

What is your favourite food?

If I had to choose one, it would have to be pasta!

What made you want to work at Southlands?

I wanted to return to teaching after a break for a few years whilst I was running a local boatyard. Southlands looked like a good fit!

Student Council

Upon meeting with the Student Council, they have decided they would like to run a shop every Friday during afternoon activities, where students can purchase treats such as sweets & chocolate, stationery and small toys.

All purchases will be made with their achievement tokens and will be run each week by a student and member of staff.

As a nut-free site we will have no nut-based products for sale. There will be a limit on how much students can purchase every Friday.

If you are happy for your child to make sweet and/or chocolate purchases from the tuck shop, please reply with your consent to

ross.halford1@cambianguroup.com

Likewise, if you would rather your child only purchases certain things, please let us know so that we can collate the information.

If we do not get this information then we will assume that your child does not have permission to purchase anything sweet based from the shop but they will be permitted to purchase other items with their ROADS points.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

Ross Halford

Home Halloween Competition

For the home Halloween competition Jack Murphy was put through a rigorous escape room style test to figure out which of the three prisoners in custody was the culprit. His first clue came via some fun apple bobbing, the second one was at the bottom of a container of icing sugar! And the third one was inside a piñata which contained clues and compliments, as well as sweets. It turns out Libby was the bad guy!



Halloween Celebrations

This terms Halloween celebrations were frightful! With the fantastic costumes, from both staff and students, and the face painting as the cherry on top, everyone looked the part. As part of the fun and games, we turned the canteen into a mummification room, and everyone had great fun wrapping up their classmates very enthusiastically.



Halloween Celebrations

At the same time, other groups were away in the science lab carving scary pumpkins to put out. Later-on in the morning people got the opportunity to decorate biscuits in imaginative and creative ways.



Local Art Exhibition

SELECTED ARTIST

**RED HOUSE
OPEN 2025**

My artwork will be on display at the
Red House Museum, Christchurch UK
25 October to 7 December 2025

Free admission

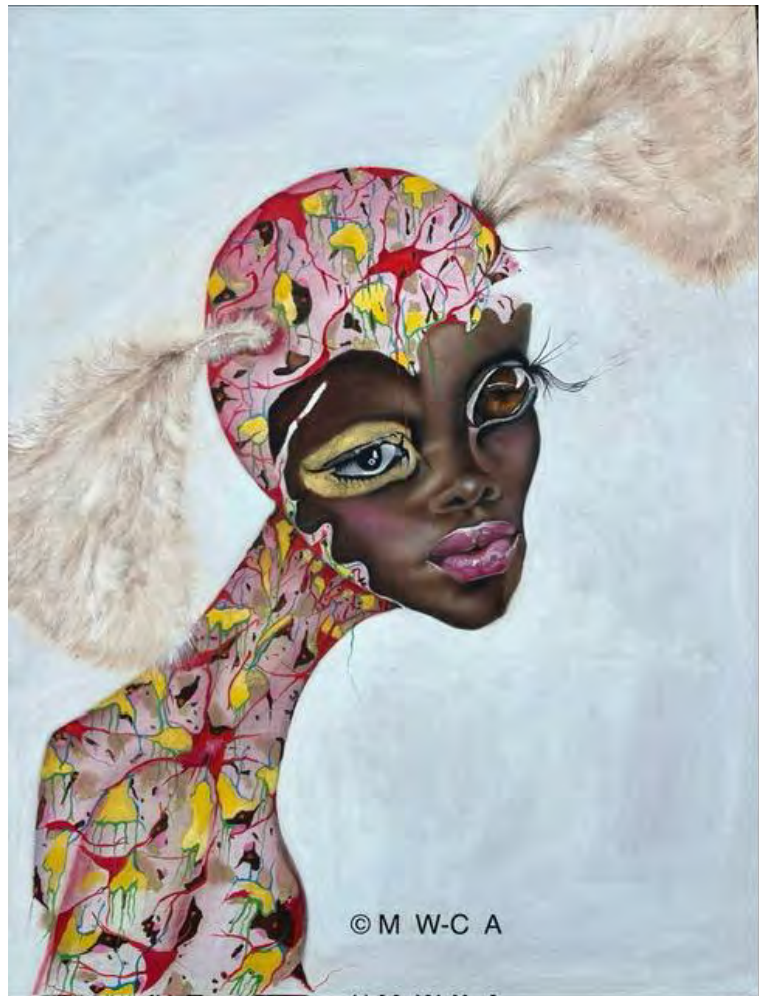
Artworks for sale

Vote for your best in show and the chosen artist will win a
guaranteed place in the Red House Open 2026



RED HOUSE
MUSEUM AND GARDENS

Red House Museum and Gardens,
Quay Road, Christchurch, BH23 1BU



If you are seeking something to do over half term then there is an open exhibition at Red House Museum and Gardens in Christchurch.

The above art work created by our very own Michele Waldron-Cooper is being exhibited there.

'This painting was about capturing the majestic spirit and beauty of a horse which is fused with the grace and purity of a figure from my imagination. The large furry ears contain my sense of humour' Michelle Waldron-Cooper

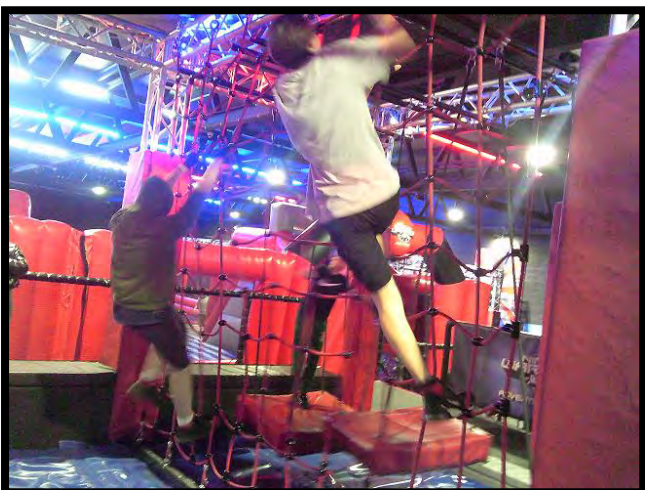
Primary Nurture Group

On Thursday last week, Primary Nurture visited The National Motor Museum at Beaulieu, as Part of our Transport topic. We had a fabulous time viewing the amazing collection of historic vehicles including Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and an Outspan Orange car! We even saw the Rolls Royce Silver Ghost being driven around! We went on the monorail and the Veteran bus and, of course, enjoyed the play park but the highlight was being able to sit in a whole range of cars – we could even be drivers. Students behaved impeccably and we agreed we may have to go back to see some of the bits we missed!



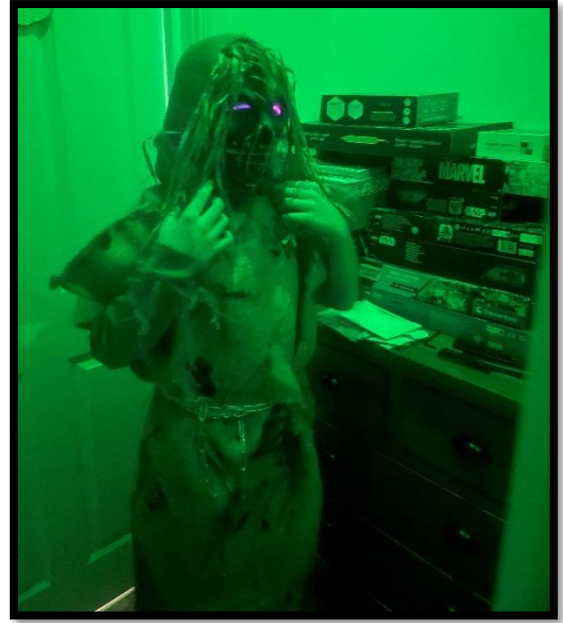
Year 10

On Monday, Year 10 headed to Ninja Warrior Adventure for their reward trip for excellent attendance and engagement in lessons this half term. They showed great agility and fitness and even managed to conquer the wall! We had great day, and they were all a credit to the school.



Setthorns

DT and NB got dressed up ready for Halloween day today. NB has been making his outfit over the past few weeks himself and scaring the staff at every opportunity!



Cookery

In cookery this week we have been making Halloween cookies. This was a great time for them to show their piping skills and be creative. What a fun week in cookery!



Pumpkin Picking

For Outdoor Learning this week, the three Primary classes ventured off to the Cat and Fiddle Farm to pick our own pumpkin in the spirit of Halloween. All of the students had the best time browsing through all the varieties of different size, shape and colours of pumpkins. One student found it especially fun to find all the mushy pumpkins and jump onto them! After this we headed over to play hide and seek amongst the wildflowers. Pumpkin hunting was such tiring work that some of the children took a rest on the pumpkins!



Lower Phase Group

This week LPG visited Paultons Park as a reward for completing a handwriting and spelling task daily for the duration of the half term. The wet weather didn't dampen our spirits and the students were able to ride their favourite rollercoasters repeatedly throughout the morning.



We took a break for lunch and a hot chocolate (with cream and marshmallows of course!) before braving the Haunted House and the Cyclonator. Well done to all of LPN for their hard work this half term!



Year 10 Reward Trip

We had a lovely reward trip to tenpin bowling last week as a tutor group followed by games in the arcade and then pizza and a film in the tutor room. A fun day out to celebrate the end of this half-term.



Academic Work from This Term

Please find below some of our favourite work from our classes this term.

Primary 2



Year 7 – Yom Kippur

How could you be a better friend?



Is there something you can do to be a better friend?
Be kind to your friends.

Yom Kippur

Academic Work from This Term

English

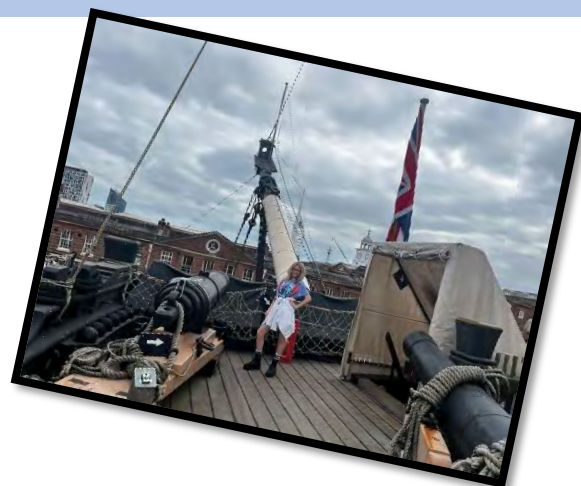
The icepires gathered in a clan. They decided that the village of Spooksylvania would have to be destroyed, its people turned into them and they should rule over Treemanian. They all ran at a pace of 60m/s, so it was impossible to outrun them. Their leader could run 100 metres in a second. This was it. The icepires gathered at the outskirts of the village, where the villagers slept, blissfully unaware.

A great battle then ensued. The village leader, Miss Pyre, (the short-lived hero), the icepires and the volcanopire gathered in the village centre. The icepires attacked Miss Pyre a young 20-year-old, and she fell dead. The volcanopire attacked the icepires, killing a dozen of them. Devastation was inevitable. The icepires had already entered 10 of the 30 houses, each containing at least two people. The icepires then attacked all the villagers in these houses and turned them into icepires. Screaming ensued. The remaining 60 villagers ran outside. They fell like dominoes. In minutes they halved once, then they halved again. Nobody could stop the icepires.

The mad scientist ran into the village. The volcanopire was testing out her abilities. The volcanopire turned into a fire cloud, one that could only damage icepires, so the villagers were fine. For 1 minute it literally rained fire. The night sky was a blood red. The icepires were screaming and just like the villagers they halved twice within the minute. Only the strongest ones were left. The villagers thought they had won. But they were wrong.

The leader icepire and the last of the other icepires, then attacked the other villagers. One, by one they fell, until only 4 were left. These 4 were Mrs Jains and her friends, who loved mythology. They were the least surprised by all of this.

Coach House



Welcome to Coach House, our kind and sociable home that offers a super snuggly environment to the teenagers of Southlands. Coach House is our most relaxing home where calm lighting and beautiful décor compliments their peaceful home environment. Coach House value is **Kindness**, which is linked to the colour pink, in line with our use of colour psychology across the homes.

Coach House has a very experienced team of Anita, Lyn, Naomi, Carlos, Eva, Anjana, Kunjumol and Mel. I think there must be a competition of who can work at Southlands with the longest with Anita being here for 18 years, Lyn having a whopping 17 years' experience, Naomi has loved her support worker role for 10 years, and Eva and Carlos have both been with us 6 and 7 years with Anjana, Kunjumol and Mel joining us more recently. It's safe to say the teenagers in Coach House are in very knowledgeable hands.

Coach House children are all independent with most of their interests and, as teenagers do, they spend some of their down time in their beautifully personalised bedrooms socialising with friends. However, the team encourage them all out and about as much as we can and this is usually to enjoy shopping, bubble tea, cinema or sometimes a meal out.

One of the girls in the home has a special interest in music and the team support her to travel up and down the country to see different bands, we been to The Summer Time ball and The Jingle Bell Ball, Anne-Marie, Tom Grennan, Enypen, and the DEPOT in the Castle – we look forward to more musical adventures later in the year.

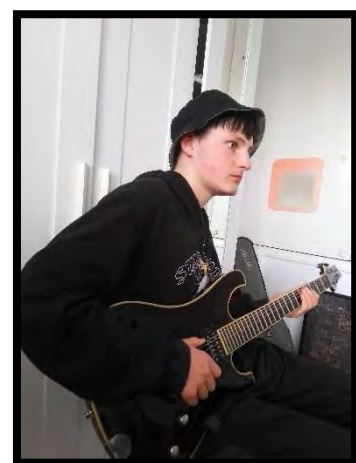
Downtime In Coach House is often spent watching movies, having lush bubble baths and sometimes the occasional face mask. But a key focus in the evenings is meal time - all of the teenagers like to try different foods from Korean specialists, Swedish meatballs, Lyn's Famous Sticky Ribs, gyozas, and the occasional home-made pizza. There are also a few home-made recipes that the teenagers love to eat which consists of Lyn's famous Viennese Whirls, Christmas dinner and her once a year treat of the chocolate yule log which everyone loves.

Coach House we promote kindness, supporting the young people to be kind to each other and people in the community.

What we strive to encourage and develop is:

- Understanding how to treat others
- Building a relationship with the local community
- Forming strong positive relationships at school and at home
- Creating fun and exciting memories

Coach House is a calm and tranquil home that offers kindness to all, the home is known for being peaceful and welcoming and we cannot wait to make it home for more children in the future.



Southlands School Term Dates 25 - 26

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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?



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I can also report concerns to..



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Alison Priddle
Principal & Responsible Individual
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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

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