# Southlands School Newsletter

Week Commencing 17th November 2025

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# Letter from SLT

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week which has seen so much fun and learning across Southlands for staff and children.

With the cold weather here now it is important for the children to have appropriate clothing available on site, especially when they are participating in outdoor activities. Please do feel free to send in additional jumpers or coats to be kept here for your child should you wish to. As you will see from the Newsletter our children continue to develop their skills in Forest School and we wish to thank Kateryna for her hard work in overseeing this aspect of the curriculum.

We continue to support the children in their day-to-day social activities and relationships, including keeping safe online. The impact that unmonitored negative use of social media can have on children is well documented. We have had a number of occasions recently where online interactions outside school have impacted on the children's relationships. Whilst staff are supporting children to navigate the complex situations, they find themselves in. We would encourage you as parents to continue to be vigilant whilst children have access to the online world at home. You will find information regarding the Qustodio App, which we are aware of on site can support with the monitoring of online activity, so have included a helpful guide.

There are many alternatives and also some providers may be able to support further with specialised SIM cards or restrictions.

Please do contact <u>MikeGiles@cambiangroup.com</u> or <u>Guy.Strath@cambiangroup.com</u> should you wish to have a conversation or some additional support in relation to online monitoring.

Thank you for the contributions so far for the Christmas Hamper Appeal. Please do continue to send in contributions during the forthcoming week. We gratefully receive all donations; this supports in teaching our children about kindness and supporting others.

#### **Upcoming Festive Events:**

- 1st December: Last date for donations to the Christmas Hamper Appeal
- 11th December: Join us for our festive fundraising day, featuring Christmas Jumper Day, a special Christmas Lunch, and a School Disco.
- 16th December: Students will explore "Christmas Around the World" with a themed day celebrating global festive traditions.
- 19th December: We warmly invite all parents and carers to our Christmas Pantomime at Pilley Hall! Come and enjoy the students' hard work before picking them up for the holidays.

We wish you an enjoyable and safe weekend.

# **Safeguarding Alert!**

We have been made aware of a pop-up that is appearing on Roblox, encouraging children to download an app called **pollybuzz** (or **pollyfuzz** in some spelling cases). The app seems quite simple where children are asked questions, and it generates an Artificial Intelligence 'friend' – this starts off quite innocently but then begins to show extreme content (including suicide, self-harm and pornography). It may be helpful to remind children about not clicking on pop-ups in games and to report anything that is worrying or inappropriate to a trusted adult. Roblox has parental controls and instructions of how to put these on can be accessed via this link:

<u>Parental Controls Overview – Roblox Support</u>

https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/30428310121620-Parental-Controls-Overview

Parental controls will stop some pop-ups, but not all, so appropriate supervision is still required.

# **Engineering**

A few of our dedicated staff and enthusiastic students have been conducting practical investigations into the principles of how ropes and pulleys can provide a significant, yet simple, mechanical advantage.



Through a series of hands-on experiments using various weights, they successfully determined how straightforward it is to employ these simple



machines when tasked with lifting heavy objects. The group explored all the basic pulley configurations and actively participated in using each system during the lesson, gaining a clear, practical understanding of physics in action.

# **Christmas Tree Festival**

This year we have been invited back to participate in St Thomas Church's 'Christmas Tree Festival'. Our wonderful and creative YP have been decorating tree ornaments that will be showcased in the Magical Courtyard Garden. We are thrilled to be included again this year.



# Cooking

The lower school students excelled in this week's independent cookery task, successfully preparing easy tomato pasta and garlic wraps. Applying knowledge gained from the previous week's wrap lesson, they took excellent control of their tasks, requiring minimal assistance throughout. The result was a great-looking pasta dish, much of which was enjoyed at lunchtime. Well done to all the students for their excellent effort!







# **ASDAN**

LJH as part of his ASDAN project has been working with Mike to create and edit the weekly newsletters this term. This is working towards his Level 1 CoPE award (Certificate of Personal Effectiveness). LJH will be working on this until Christmas to gain enough credits to achieve a module in the qualification.

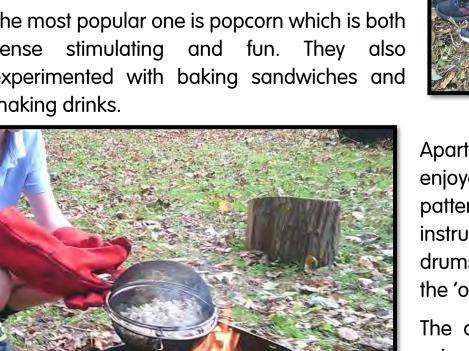


# **Forest School**

These last couple of weeks at Forest School, the children have been busy exploring nature, fires, and themselves.

As the weather got more chilly we moved from just lighting fires to actually learning how to keep them burning. Children were practising cooking a range of different foods.

The most popular one is popcorn which is both stimulating and fun. They experimented with baking sandwiches and making drinks.





Apart from fire activities children enjoyed playing basic rhythmic patterns with the wooden musical instruments – wooden mallets, small drums and whistle were used to play the 'our tribe' music.

The children have recently started using peelers and knives to sharpen sticks and enjoyed this activity very much.

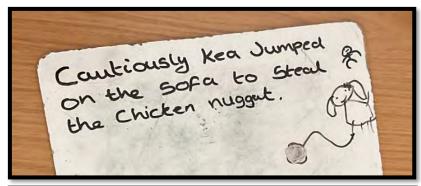
Alongside the physical activities the children worked hard on communication skills: thev negotiated, listened to each other and staff, took turns different games.

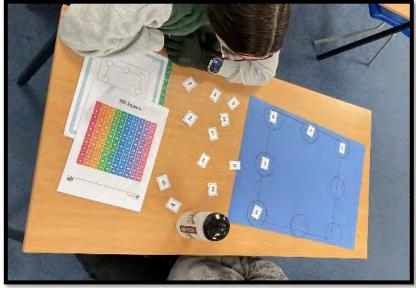
All of them enjoy being outdoors and are looking forward for their next sessions.



# **Primary 2**

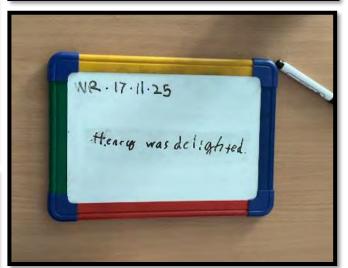
This week in Primary 2 we have continued our focus on recounts and adverbial phrases. For a warm up activity pupils had to create their own adverbial phrase from a bank of words on the board.





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nuggets!!!!!!!



In hands on Maths, we have been practicing our adding skills. Can you make the square work? Only using numbers 0 to 7 each side must add to 10. You can only use the numbers once!

# **Upper Phase Group**

RF and teacher Lynn Short went go karting this week at South Coast Karting. The competition was intense, but not very close! You can see from the photo to the right who ruled the road!



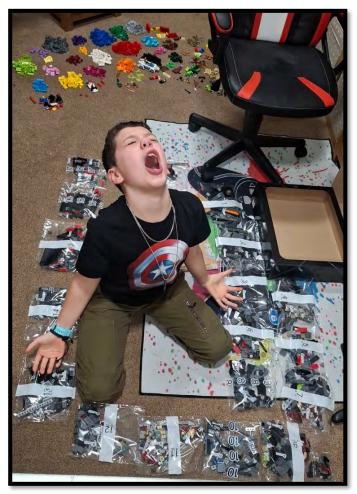
Upper Phase Group are also preparing some hand-made beautiful Christmas cards for charity and hoping everyone will bring some money along to the Panto on 19th December!



# **Setthorns**

This week NB from Setthorns understood a mammoth project! Building a whole Dark Falcon by himself! At first overwhelmed by this huge task he knuckled down and managed to complete it in record time.

The final result can be seen here.





Meanwhile TRT was up bright and early making pancakes for everyone as he had a hard day ahead learning a new song on his guitar.

He can now play Creedence Clearwater Revival – Fortunate Son! I cant wait to hear





# Hamper Appeal

Southlands School Cake sale- all proceeds to support the hamper appeal

> PLEASE BRING ANY DONATIONS TO SCHOOL SITE BY 01/12/2025



Date: 10.12.2025

Time: 13:15pm

Venue: Common Room



Any donations are greatly appreciated



# Keeping Our Children Safe Online: A Guide to Qustodio for Home Use



Shields against unwanted outside influences & strangers.



Blocks harmful content and inappropriate interactions.



Supports healthy daily routines and reduces screen-time struggles.

#### **HOW IT HELPS PARENTS**

(Peace of Mind & Oversight)



#### Clear Visibility:

See exactly where they go online without hovering.



#### Manage Connections:

Prevent contact from unknown or unsafe people.



#### Reduced Anxiety:

Know they are protected when you aren't right there.

#### HOW IT HELPS YOUR CHILD

(Safety & Structure)



#### A Safer Digital Space:

Free from cyberbullying and predatory risks.



#### Clear Boundaries:

Helps them understand limits and transition easier.



#### **Privacy Protection:**

Stops accidental sharing of personal information.

#### WHERE TO FIND IT





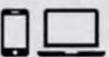
Download on iOS & Android App Stores or Qustodio Website.

#### **COST & PLANS**



Free basic version available. Premium plans required for advanced safety features (approx. £40-£80/year).

#### COMPATIBILITY & SUPPORT



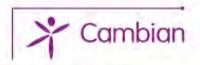


Works on Phones, Tablets, Computers. Contact School IT for setup help.

# Southlands School Term Dates 25 - 26

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



Jack Murphy
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#### I can also report concerns to..



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All safeguarding concerns to be reported to D/DSL's within <u>1 hour</u> Staff concerns ONLY to be reported to DSL/Principal/Regional Lead