



Southlands School

Newsletter

Week Commencing 13th April 2026

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Letter from SLT

Welcome back — we hope you all had a wonderful Easter break.

It has been a busy and positive start to the Summer term at Southlands. Staff and students are making the final preparations for our whole-school activity day at Tile Barn on the **Tuesday April 28th**. We are very much looking forward to a day of team games, low-ropes challenges, climbing, and archery, as well as the chance to have fun and enjoy time together as a community.

With only a few weeks to go until the first GCSE exam on **Monday 11th May**, our focus has also been on supporting students through the exam period. Bee Chandler, our Exams Officer, has met with Year 10 and 11 to go through exam rules, expectations, and to answer any questions. Students have now chosen their pre-exam breakfast (bacon and sausage butties proving very popular), and our Wellbeing Team has been running supportive workshops around managing exam stress and anxiety. Please do contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

This week, a photographer from Cambian has been on site, shadowing staff and speaking with students as part of the work on our updated website. He has captured a wonderful range of moments that reflect the essence of Southlands — from fishing at the pond and cookery sessions to our Student Council meeting and we look forward to sharing this with you once completed.

After-school clubs will continue as normal this term, and we are delighted to confirm the return of Wednesday sailing at Lymington Yacht Club, starting next week.

Letter from SLT

We are pleased to inform you we will be running a Residential Trip to Wales for years ten and eleven from Tuesday 30th June – Friday 3rd July. We will be sending out further details and there will be an invitation coming to attend an information afternoon in relation to this.

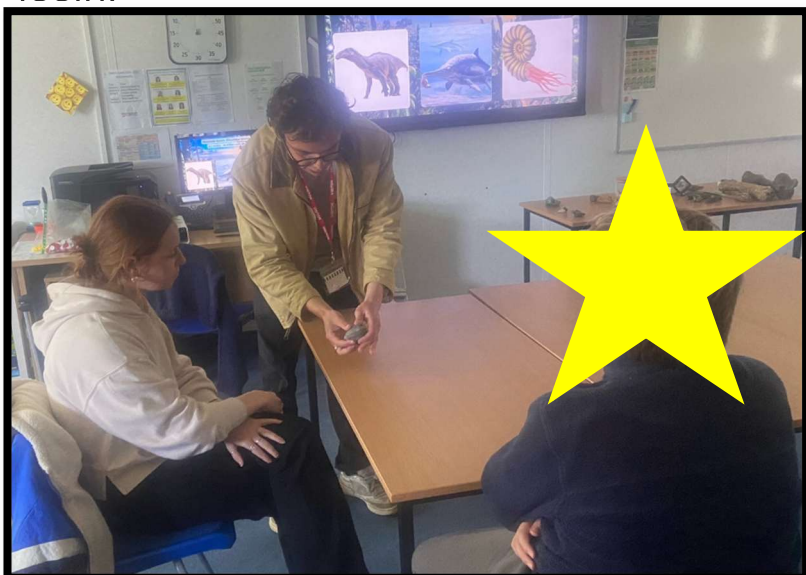
We wish you all a happy, enjoyable and safe weekend.

Key Dates

- 28th April - Whole school visit to Tile Barn Activity Centre
- 18th June - Southlands Colour Run (sponsorship forms to be sent out closer to the time)
- 30th June – 3rd July - Yr 10 &11 Residential Trip to Wales
- 17th July - Celebration Day
- 20th July - Whole School Inflatable Fun Day at Lymington Open Air Swimming pool

Palaeontologist Visit

This week Primary Phase Group and Primary 2 had a visit from a real palaeontologist. We learnt about what Palaeontologists do and how they find evidence of dinosaurs and other extinct animals. We saw and held lots of fossils including a woolly Rhino tooth, teeth from a megalodon, ammonites, dinosaur bones and mammoth tusks. We then used an identification sheet to identify which fossils we had in our pots. We identified marine reptile teeth, fossilised reptile bones, Sharks teeth and stingray teeth.



Wales Trip

In the Easter break, DT, CM and NB went to Wales for a long weekend, they started their trip in Trecco bay, and visited Barry Island and Cardiff Bay, following different Dr Who locations. They had a great time staying in a caravan, visiting the long beaches, swimming, hover boarding, bowling, building a bear, participating in archery sessions and many more exciting activities.



In Setthorns, MB and DT went to practice their golf swing at the local driving range.

In addition, MB had an evening at Tenpin, enjoying Bowling and the Arcade Games.



Lower Phase Group

This week in Sensory Explorers, LPG spent some time walking around the school grounds collecting plants and flowers that we liked the smell of. We then used these to scent and colour playdough, which we made from scratch. The result was some marvellously scented dough, which the students enjoyed using.



Upper Phase Group Donations

IK was given a day to plan an activity for ASDAN independent life skills, and, through her love of animals, she has chosen the above as a group outing, so we would greatly appreciate any donations towards this valued charity! 'In UPG we are taking a trip to St Francis Charity-run shelter, because it will be nice to help a shelter out by giving them stuff for the animals who don't have a home where they can get stuff to play with. This will teach us to help out animals in need of some stuff to make them feel loved, and to help the workers out by getting things they need. I'm looking forward to helping the workers and giving the animals things to play with or have as a treat. Also, to make them feel happy, like people care enough to help.'



We need these donations
before the 1st May

We will be really
thankful for the
donations



*These donations will be
donated to st francis animal
welfare*

Foster homes needed

Want to help animals in need but can't commit to permanent adoption?

Fostering is vital for many of the animals in our care



Would you kindly
donate some stuff to
help

Donations wanted



Bring Donations to VPR ROOM

We need stuff like nature enrichment for rabbits, guinea pigs and other small animals also some treats for rabbits small animals, dogs and cats even dog toys and cat toys would be good and some dog dental treats and pet beds can be donated.

Summer 2026 Exam Dates

Date	Time	Exam
May 2026		
Monday 11th	AM	GCSE English Literature Paper 1
Tuesday 12th	PM	GCSE Biology Paper 1
		GCSE Combined Science Biology Paper 1
Wednesday 13th	AM	GCSE Geography Paper 1
Thursday 14th	AM	GCSE Maths Foundation & Higher Paper 1
Monday 18th	AM	GCSE Chemistry Paper 1
		GCSE Combined Science Chemistry Paper 1
		GCSE English Literature Paper 2
Thursday 21st	AM	GCSE English Language Paper 1
June 2026		
Tuesday 2nd	AM	GCSE Combined Science Physics Paper 1
		GCSE Physics Paper 1
Wednesday 3rd	AM	GCSE Maths Foundation & Higher Paper 2
	PM	GCSE Geography Paper 2
Friday 5th	AM	GCSE English Language Paper 2
Monday 8th	AM	GCSE Biology Paper 2
		GCSE Combined Science Biology Paper 2
	PM	Level 2 Cert in Further Mathematics Paper 1
Wednesday 10th	AM	GCSE Maths Foundation & Higher Paper 3
	PM	GCSE Design and Technology
Thursday 11th	AM	GCSE Geography Paper 3
Friday 12th	AM	GCSE Chemistry Paper 2
		GCSE Combined Science Chemistry Paper 2
Monday 15th	AM	GCSE Combined Science Physics Paper 2
		GCSE Physics Paper 2
	PM	Level 2 Cert in Further Mathematics Paper 2

Please note that 24th June 2026 is this year's GCSE Exam contingency day. Students must be available on this date.

The contingency day is in the event of national or significant local disruption and is part of the awarding bodies' standard contingency planning for exams.

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Term Dates 2025 - 2026



March 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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Southlands School - (Education) Safeguarding Poster

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