



Southlands School

Newsletter

Week Commencing 20th April 2026

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Letter from SLT

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another sunny week with lots of outdoor activities. Football has been very popular this week. It has also been reported from those who have been for walks to Pilley that the favourite thing is to stop and admire the baby goats, which have been born at a local farm. The farmer is very friendly and is always happy to talk to students about his animals.

On another note, we are all looking forward to our Activity Day at Tile Barn on Tuesday 28th April, a visual has been shared with our students and there will be an assembly on Monday morning to explain the structure of the day and answer any questions that students may have.

The Student Council met last week and have requested more 'drop down' days along with ideas for how we as a school can improve our recycling. It is fantastic to have such great input from our students, we will be looking into how we can action these requests including a request for more parent races during our Sports Day!

With only a few weeks to go before the first exam, we are offering the Year 10/11 parents the chance to join us next Friday 15th May at 13.45 for a 'drop in' session to answer any questions they may have around the exams and to share details of our residential trip to Wales which is in July and is open to all year 10/ 11 students. Emails have been sent to parents with the details.

We wish you a happy and enjoyable weekend.

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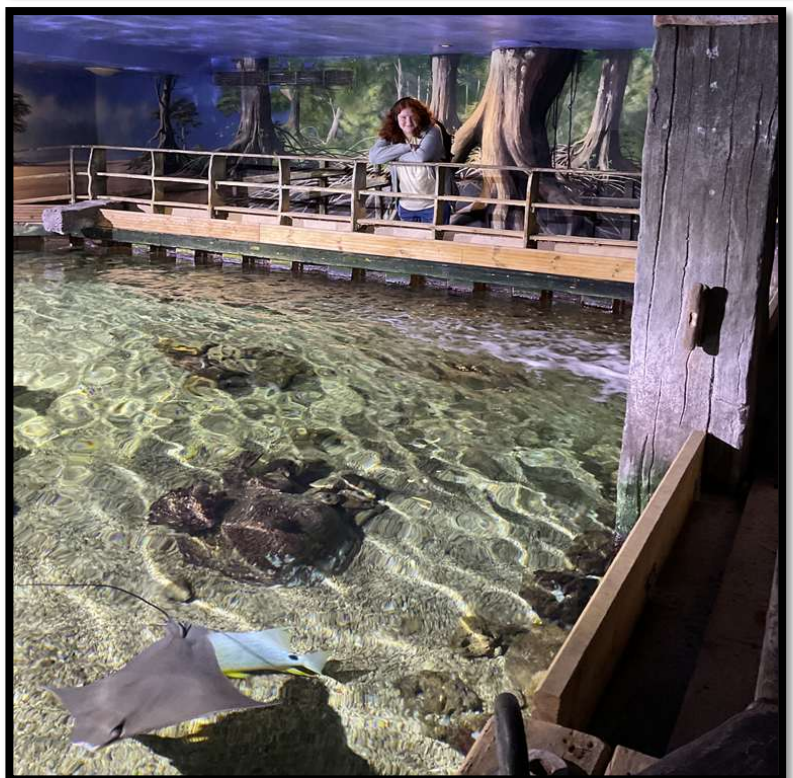
Fossil Hunting

This week Primary had the pleasure of being joined at the beach by a member of the South Coast Fossils crew. He taught us all about the different sharks that lived around the waters millions of years ago before showing us all different fossils he has collected. We then had a go at searching for our own fossils and many students found fossilised shark teeth and stingray teeth. The students showed great perseverance and thoroughly enjoyed the day.



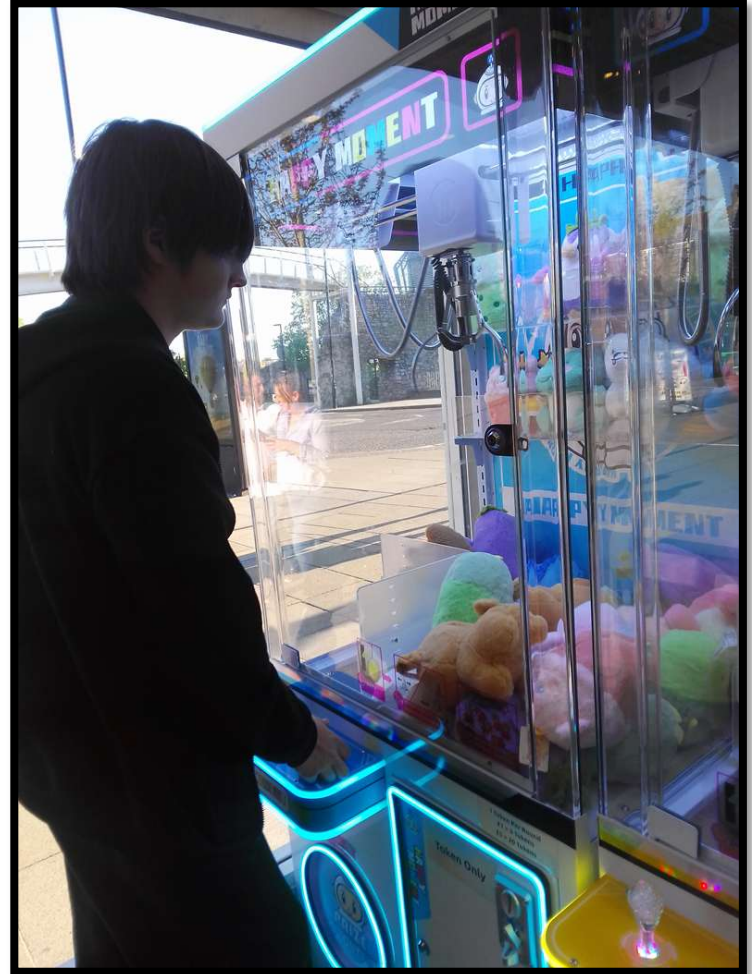
Bournemouth Oceanarium Trip

On Tuesday, Upper Phase Group went to the Oceanarium in Bournemouth as part of their learning for science and ASDAN. In Science, we have been learning about wildlife endangerment and in ASDAN, we are focusing on life skills. This involves researching, budgeting and organising, this trip was thought up by one of the students and they played a large part in deciding how the day looked. They even took everyone's packed lunch orders and we enjoyed a picnic lunch together in the oceanarium, looking out at the beautiful Bournemouth beach. Well done! It was a great day!



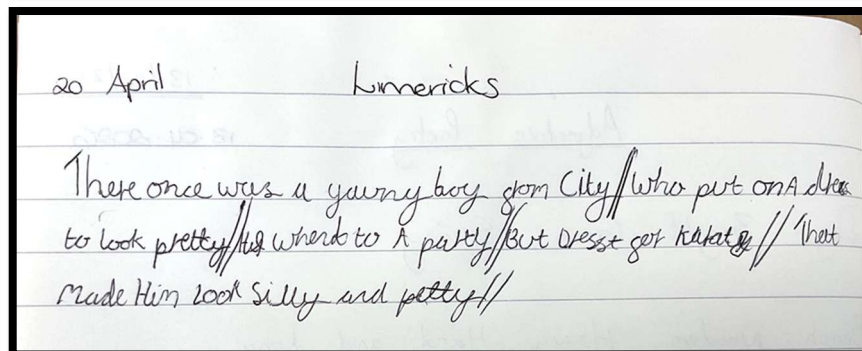
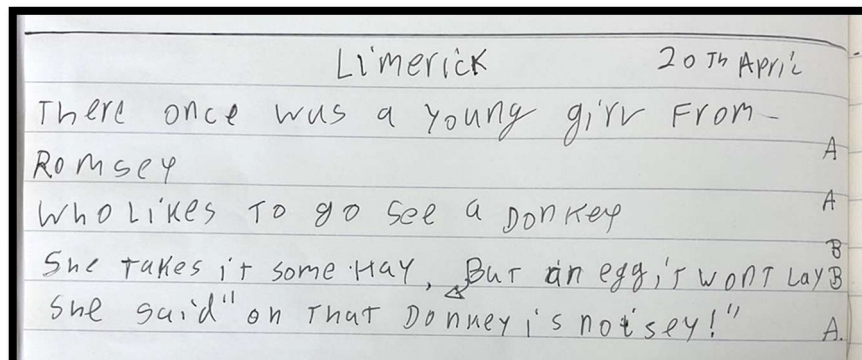
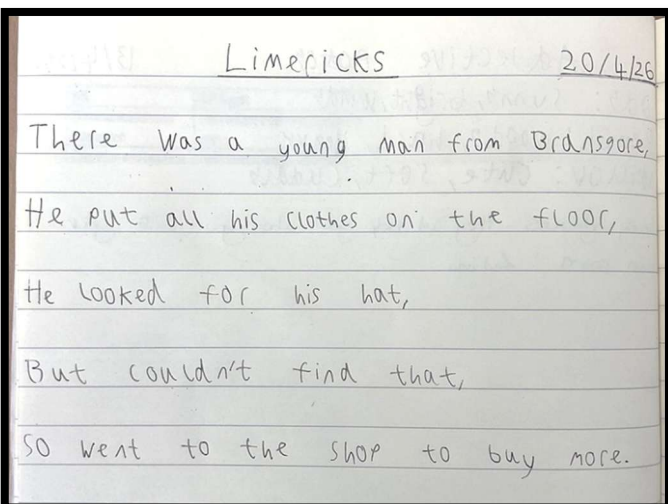
Coach Day Out

This week Eva took TRT, on a packed trip to Southampton, with stops including Tea Rex, Primark, the Asian Supermarket, and McDonalds!



Upper Phase Group Poetry

On Monday, continuing with our topic of poetry, Upper Phase Group got creative when learning about Limericks. They learnt about the rhyming scheme of AABBA, the syllables each line should contain, and had a go at creating one themselves, enjoy!



Outdoor Learning

Lower Phase Group went on a lovely walk to the local village park for outdoor learning. During the walk, staff and students picked out a variety of materials to make some 'Nature hats' trying hard to avoid any stinging nettles but creating a unique bundle of, Gallium aparine, (Sticky-weed) that worked a treat instead. LL thoroughly enjoyed plonking this hat onto Holly's head.



Setthorns

Setthorns have been busy this week with lots of exciting activities.

NB had some fun in Tesco while shopping. He has also completed his amazing bird house.

NB and DT took a beautiful trip to the bluebells. They took lots of photos and enjoyed nature.

MB has been busy in taekwondo this week. Playing football with his housemates and watching the football games live on tv.

He also went for a lovely walk around Lymington Quay while having a slushy.



Forest School

What a wonderful couple of sessions we've had at Forest School lately!

AN and HG took on the classic game of Capture the Flag — with a special twist this time, as HG stepped up to organise and lead the whole game. Brilliant leadership, HG!

Meanwhile, AG spent two sessions carefully stringing woollen thread across the entire Forest School area to model how electrical wires connect in real life. His key observation was a brilliant one: all wires form one continuous, uninterrupted network — and using nails and woollen thread joined together, he recreated this beautifully. AG was also shown how to hammer nails at a shallow angle to avoid damaging the trees, and he followed these instructions with great care and attention — showing real compassion for the natural environment around him.



In one corner, AD added a perfect finishing touch with a switch model, explaining three positions — one that cuts electricity off, one where the current flows in a single direction, and one that completes the full circuit.

It was fantastic to see such curiosity, creativity, and care on display.

The children were truly teaching *us* this week!



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 VPA ROOM

We need stuff like nature enrichment for rabbits, guineapigs 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.

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NOW!**

**AMAZING
LEGO DISPLAYS**

**NEW & RETIRED
LEGO SETS**

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FOR ALL AGES**

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LOOSE BRICKS**

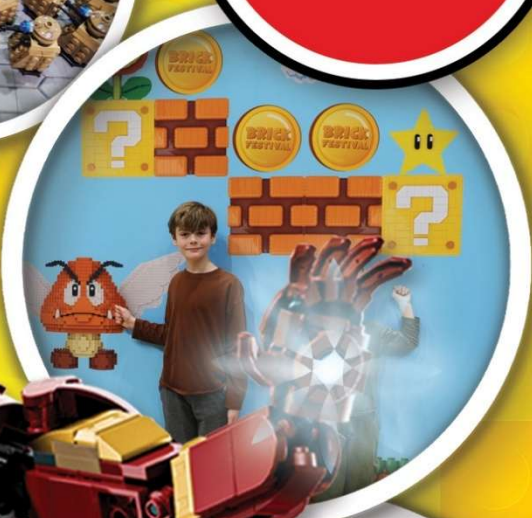
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Summer 2026 Exam Dates

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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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

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Southlands Children's Home —Safeguarding Poster

Who can I report a concern to?



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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