Southlands School Newsletter

Week Commencing 9th November 2026

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Letter from SLT

Dear Parent and Carers,

It is with mixed feelings we say 'au revoir' to Bianca Judd, our Primary Phase Lead and Teacher, at the end of this term. Whilst we are very sorry to see her go, we want to wish Bianca all the best in her onward career path, as she takes up her new role. Bianca has worked as part of our extended Leadership Team to ensure the children are held at the centre of all we do and worked closely with the teachers to improve the curriculum offer and practice, especially across the Lower Phase. I am sure you all will want to join me in thanking Bianca for all she has done to support our children here at Southlands and in wishing her well for the future. Please do take the time to read the letter from Bianca below and see the attached Social Story which has been shared with the children.

A Letter from Mrs Judd

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to let you know that Friday 18th December will be my last day at Southlands.

Southlands has been a huge part of my life, and it is difficult to put into words just how much being part of this school has meant to me. I have genuinely enjoyed my time here and feel very lucky to have been part of such a special school community.

Letter from SLT

Throughout my time at Southlands, I have had the pleasure of working with so many wonderful pupils, families and colleagues. It is the relationships, the little moments and the memories made along the way that I will take with me and remember for years to come.

One thing I will always be incredibly proud of is our pupils. Watching them grow, overcome challenges, develop confidence and achieve things they perhaps didn't think they were able to has been one of the most amazing parts of my job. Every pupil is different, and each and every one of them has their own strengths and talents. I hope they continue to believe in themselves, be proud of how far they have come and go on to achieve the best things in the future.

Although I am looking forward to a new chapter and new opportunities, I will certainly miss Southlands and the people who have made it such an important part of my life.

Thank you to everyone who has been part of my journey. I leave with lots of happy memories, a great deal of pride and the very best wishes for the future of Southlands and all of its pupils.

With best wishes,

Bianca Judd



We have also, today, said farewell to Claire Renton our Cook. Claire has done much to support the development of the school dinners at Southlands and the staff and children wish her well in her new place of work.

In today's assembly the children presented her with a card and flowers, she will be very missed.

It has been another busy and productive week! With just five weeks to go until our pantomime, preparations are well underway, with plenty of rehearsals and prop-making taking place. We are all looking forward to seeing the finished production on the 18th December at Pilley Hall. Parents, Carers and family members are warmly invited to join us for what promises to be a wonderful festive celebration.

Letter from SLT

This week, during our Celebration Assembly, three awards were presented by the Head of Education to ED, TW and JW. These awards recognised their excellent work in developing skills such as asking for help, building positive friendships, showing hard work and determination, and demonstrating resilience when problem solving. It is always a pleasure to see so many individual student postcards being shared and celebrated by staff, highlighting the fantastic achievements of our young people

Once again, we will be collecting food donations and selection boxes to create festive hampers for the New Forest Food Bank. Last year's collection was a great success, thanks to your incredible generosity. We are hoping to build on that success and beat our target this year. Any contributions would be very much appreciated and will help us to support local families in need.

Next week is Anti Bullying Week, which is being coordinated by our Behaviour Team. This week will begin with an assembly on Monday, followed by a range of activities throughout the week to promote kindness, respect and positive relationships. Monday will be Odd Socks Day and we would encourage all students to take part by wearing odd socks as a fun way of celebrating individuality and raising awareness of anti-bullying.

Finally, our year 11 students will have received their individual timetables for the GCSE mock exams, which begin on the 30th November. Please do take some time to go through this with your child to help prepare them for the weeks ahead.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

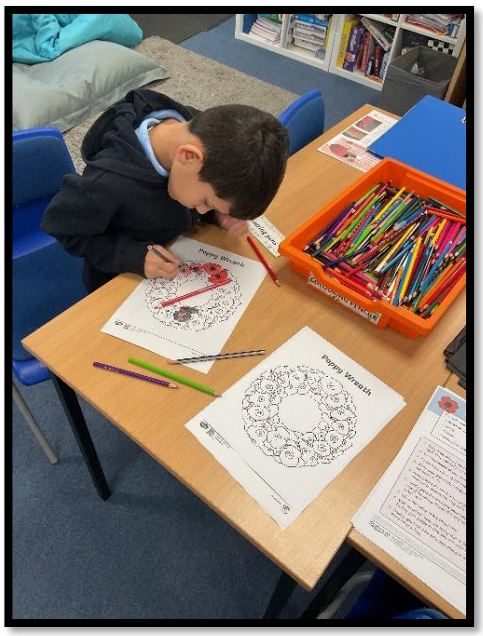
Dates to Remember

30th November - 10th December - Mock GSCE exams

10th December -	School Disco
18th December -	School Panto
18th December -	End of Term
1st February -	Southlands Career Fortnight
11th February -	Employability Skills Activity Session
18th March -	Meet and Greet with 6 Business Volunteers

Primary 1

This week in Primary 1, we have been learning all about Remembrance Day and why it is such a special time to pause and say thank you.



We talked about how King George V started the two-minute silence and created The Cenotaph monument in London so everyone has a place to remember brave people who helped us. On Wednesday, our class did a wonderful job joining in with a calm, quiet two-minute silence to think about the soldiers, animals and helpers who were hurt or lost their lives keeping others safe.

We also got creative in class! Have a look here at some of the lovely arts and crafts we made to help us remember them.





Primary 1 were also this week studying Diwali. We were learning about the story of Rama and Sita and how this linked with the festival of light. We created lanterns and Rangoli Sand Art.





Primary 3 Nature Find

This week some of the students made a fun discovery on our Astro Turf, a newt! Everyone was very excited about it:

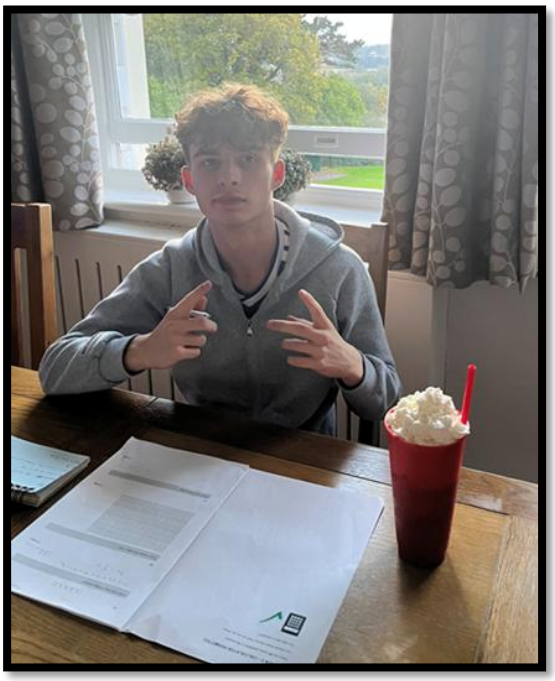
Quote from LJ "The newts are endangered and we didn't know that they might come to school so we were very excited that we rescued one."
WM "When I first saw it, I thought it was plastic but then it started moving. Mrs E scooped it with a leaf and took it to our school pond"





JW "I was playing one touch on the Astro and it looked like a centipede at first, I am glad we didn't run it over."

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Revision has started in the homes with a fancy drink to keep then energy up ahead of mock exams.



He also had some time this week at the local driving range, practising his technique.

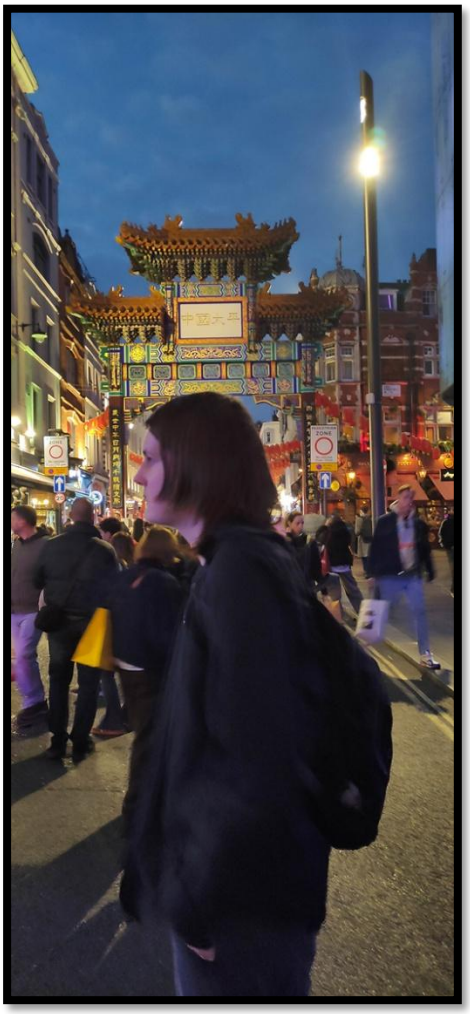
Visit to London

TRT's dream of visiting The Shard became true on the weekend. He was amazed by the London lights, the crowds, the enormous buildings and Chinese dishes from Chinatown. He visited the most iconic places: London Dungeon, Big Ben, 10 Downing Street, Buckingham Palace, Regent St Christmas lights and many other places. It was an incredible experience!











Career Events

Southlands Careers Opportunities

February 01

A fortnight for work experience opportunities before & after half-term. Fully managed & supported programme including suitability checks and review by ebp South.



February 11

An activity based session which helps students understand the importance of employability skills in the workplace and how they can demonstrate these.

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March 18

Meet & greet discussion sessions with 6 business volunteers from different local occupational sectors.

Southlands School

proudly present

Triple H

(Hansel, Hazel Heidi – an alternative Hans Christian Anderson tale)

Come and join us for a morning of fun, slap stick and lunchtime refreshments

on

Friday 18th December 2026

10.30am arrival for 11.00am start

at

Boldre War Memorial Hall

We look forward to seeing you!





ODD SOCKS DAY

PULL ON YOUR BRIGHTEST, BOLDEST AND MOST MISMATCHED SOCKS!

Celebrate individuality this

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Monday 16th November

ROYAL LYMINGTON YACHT CLUB

Christmas Fayre & OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2026

11.00AM – 4.00PM

FREE ENTRY

EVERYONE WELCOME



CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AT THE CLUB

Find the perfect Christmas presents

Oakhaven hospice

Lifeboats LYMINGTON

LOCAL MAKERS

JEWELLERY · CHOCOLATES
GIFTS · DECORATIONS
& MORE

Southlands School Term Dates 26 - 27

Southlands School

Term Dates 2026 - 2027

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School Holidays

Public Holidays

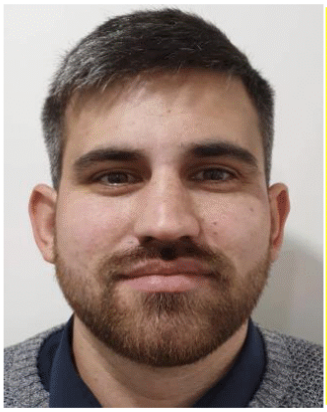
Inset Days

\# 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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Southlands School - (Education) Safeguarding Poster

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All safeguarding concerns to be reported to D/DSL's within 1 hour

Staf f concerns ONLY to be reported to DSL/Principal/Regional Lead