

OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup> 2025

SOUTHFIELD PARK

# NEWSLETTER



**Dear Families,**

We have made it through eight weeks of learning and fun at school this half-term.

I have been out and about in the school this week and the children are so well settled and are working hard. Even our Reception children now feel like they are fully part of our purple community.

Staff and children alike need a well-deserved break and we wish you all a happy half term. School will be open as usual on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. That will be our first day of business as a school within the Lumen Learning Trust. We have been working with the Trust for over a year now and I really hope that you can feel the positive pathway that the school is on. It is a very exciting time for Southfield Park and we feel proud to have reached this point.

In the first few weeks back, we have planting going on in the veggie patch, Anti-bullying Day and a ramble in Horton Country Park for the whole school for Children in Need. Read on to find out more...

Best wishes for a lovely half term break,  
Sally Smith

## Dates for your diary...

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov -**

- Children return to school 8.35am

**Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Nov-**

- Anti Bullying Day
- Crazy Hair Day in exchange for Christmas hamper donations

**10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> Nov-**

- Jolly Jar donations for the Christmas Fair

**Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Nov-**

- Remembrance Day

**Thur 13<sup>th</sup> Nov-**

- Year 2 Assembly 9.15am

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Nov-**

- Children in Need House Event: Ramble



- **SAVE THE DATE! Horton Country Park Ramble**



This term's House event will be a ramble in Horton Country Park to celebrate and raise money for Children in Need. Children will be split across the school into their coloured Houses and will be taking part in a walk with their House around the park, with things to look out for on the way.

**We will need plenty of parent support through the morning to join our whole school walk.** If you can lend us a hand on the morning of Friday 14th November, please contact the office and we will be in touch with more details nearer the time [info@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk)

- **From Mrs Lauren Andrews, our PSHE Lead**

On Friday 7th November, as part of our Anti-Bullying Day, we are inviting the children to wear a pair of odd socks to school! Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

During the week, the children will be having anti-bullying assemblies as well as taking part in different activities on Anti-Bullying Day.



- **BINGO**

Thanks to everyone for coming along to the Friends' Bingo Night last week. There was fantastic audience participation and a lot of fun to be had. Thank you to Mrs Foley who joined me to call the numbers, and to the Friends for putting on such a fun and family-friendly evening.

- **Poppy Sales for the Royal Legion**

We have ordered our usual selection of poppies to sell on behalf of The Royal British Legion in the run up to Remembrance Day. The Year 6 children will be selling a range of products straight after half term. There will be a limited stock per class and it will be sold on a first come, first served basis.



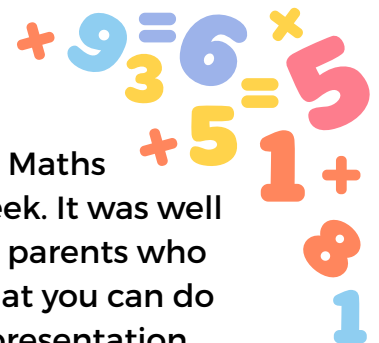
A poppy will be 50p  
 Snap bands will be £1.50  
 Stickers - 10p  
 Zip poppy - 50p  
 Fabric bands - £1  
 Metal badges - £3

- **It's getting cold outside**

Now that the weather is turning colder and wetter, it is essential that children bring a suitable coat to school. This week, many children arrived at school without a coat on a pouring wet day and were soaked through before lessons started. A warm, waterproof coat with a hood is essential wear and should be in school every day. If you are struggling with the financial pressure of providing your child with a coat, please get in touch with our Home School Link Worker, Nabihah Ahmed by emailing the office [info@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk)

- **Maths Workshop**

Thank you to Miss Hannah Cook, our Maths Lead for running a Maths information session for our Reception and KS1 parents this week. It was well attended, and the feedback was really good. Thank you to the parents who joined us to find out more about how we teach Maths and what you can do to support your child on their Maths journey. Slides from the presentation can be found on our website: [Southfield Park Primary School - Parent Workshops](#)



### ● Art adventures in year 3



This half term Year 3 have been on a fascinating journey through the history of art—from the very first artists to modern-day creators. We began by learning about the mysterious Lion Man—an ancient sculpture carved over 40,000 years ago! The children explored how this incredible figure may have been made, what materials were used and why people might have created it. We even asked ourselves: if Lion Man had been made from sticks or stones like Andy Goldsworthy's art, would it have survived this long?



We then turned our attention to cave paintings, comparing examples from around the world and asking big questions—how were they made? Why do they look so similar, even across continents? What stories were they trying to tell?

This week the children used charcoal to sketch animals and discovered how to mix different shades of brown using primary colours. We even used our fingers to paint—just like early humans may have done!



It's been a half term full of creativity, curiosity and connection to the past. We can't wait to see where our next artistic adventure takes us!



### ● Have your Voice Heard

On Wednesday 12th November (at 9am) Family Voice Surrey are coming to hear from parents about how children with additional needs are supported in the school.

Southfield Park has committed to inclusion of neurodiversity through the national PINS project and this is your chance to be heard, work in collaboration with the school and share experiences with other parents. More details to come – or email [anna.d@familyvoicesurrey.org](mailto:anna.d@familyvoicesurrey.org) for more information. (More on Family Voice <https://familyvoicesurrey.org/>)

- **The Harvest Table**

Thank you for your donations for our Harvest collection this year which is going to the Epsom Foodbank. Our Harvest table is overflowing this year and we really appreciate every generous contribution at a time when we are all facing increasing prices in the shops. Thank you for thinking of others at this time of year.



- **Achievements Outside of School**



Congratulations to Emily! She made her debut and competed at the IGA gymnastics competition in Liverpool last Sunday. Competing in four events, she walked away with four medals, securing 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th places, and finished in an impressive second overall!

Congratulations to Thea and Amelia!

Both girls competed at the IGA Gymnastics Competition in Liverpool last Sunday. Thea impressed with two 2nd-place finishes and a 3rd, while Amelia achieved 1st, 2nd, and was crowned All-Round Champion! Fantastic effort from all gymnasts – well done!





### Stars of the week

Year 1 HM

Star of the week: **Astrid**

Year 1 CR

Star of the week: **Amelia**

Year 2 GR

Star of the week: **Chayanna**

Year 2D

Star of the week: **Esmee**

Year 3F

Star of the week: **Kiera**

Year 3A

Star of the week: **Elizabeth & Jacob**

Y4 K

Star of the week: **Mina & Poppy-Ife**

Year 4J

Star of the week: **Sofia**

Year 5BS

Star of the week: **Thomas & Samuel**

Year 5S

Star of the week: **Laila**

Year 6N

Star of the week: **Aiden, Myra, Ralph & Robert**

Year 6C

Star of the week: **Noah**



- **Attendance Matters**

Good attendance is directly linked to children's progress, confidence, and friendships at school. Every day really does count. Attending school just 90% of the time means missing half a day of learning every week – that's the equivalent of four whole weeks across the school year. Research shows that children who attend regularly are more likely to achieve higher results and develop stronger social skills. Even being late by ten minutes each day adds up to over six hours of lost learning per term.

Please ensure that your children are maximising their attendance and are on time for school. Our drop off time is between 8:35 and 8:50. If your child arrives in the classroom after 8:55, they are marked as late.

We understand that sometimes children are unwell and need to stay home. However, we often find that children can still attend with minor coughs, colds or tiredness, and we are always here to support them through the day if needed. The NHS has created a really helpful guide for parents to decide whether a child should stay at home or come to school. [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

- **Attendance and Fixed Penalty Notices**

Amount Payable for a Penalty Notice and Consequences for repeat unauthorised absences:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996. Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

- **Secondary School Places**

Year 6 parents, please remember to apply for a secondary school place for your child by 31st October 2025. Please see link below for application form: [Secondary school admission applications - Surrey County Council](#)



- **Vegetable Patch News**

This week a dedicated group of parents (and even the odd ex-pupil) were digging and clearing so that our veggie patch could be ready for re-planting. Thank you to all of them for lending us their time and hard work so that we are all ready to go again. Straight after half-term, the junior children will be out replanting with seeds and young plants ready for this year's Grow, Cook, Enjoy Project. What will be on the menu this year? Keep an eye on the vegetable patch for clues!

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# News From The Friends



A huge THANK YOU to everyone who joined us for BINGO! We filled the hall once again, even though we added more tables and chairs. Together we raised an amazing £570 for our school! Well done! An additional thank you to all of the staff who joined us too, especially to Mrs Smith and Mrs Foley for being our fabulous bingo callers and Mr Batty for helping out with the technology and running the heads or tails game.



Yesterday a group of The Friends (one of our Trustees, some parents and a past pupil!) worked really hard to clear the planters in the school and refill them with manure and compost ready for replanting after the half term holidays. Plus they also reinforced the planters and cleared the pond area.  
THANK YOU!

## OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup> 2025

- **Term Dates 2025-26**

### **Autumn term 2025**

Start of term: Wednesday 3rd September 2025

INSET days: 2nd and 3rd September (school closed to children)

Thursday 4th September 2025 – first day for children

INSET day: 24th October (school closed to children)

Half term break: 27th October to 31st October 2025

End of term: Friday 19th December 2025 (school closes at 1:30pm)

### **Spring term 2026**

Start of term: Monday 5th January 2026 (children in school)

Half term break: 16 February to 20 February 2026

End of term: Friday 27th March 2026 (school closes at 1:30pm)

### **Summer term 2026**

Start of term: Monday 13th April 2026

Half term break: 25th May to 29th May 2026

End of term: Friday 17th July 2026 (school closes at 1:30pm)

INSET DAYS (made up earlier in the year) 20th, 21st and 22nd July 2026 (school closed)

- **Term Dates 2026-27**

### **Autumn Term 2026**

**INSET days: 1st and 2nd September (school closed to children)**

Start of term: Thursday 3rd September 2026 (children return to school)

Half term break: Monday 19th to Friday 30th October 2026 (**two weeks**)

End of term: Friday 18th December 2026 (school closes at 1:30pm)

### **Spring Term 2027**

**INSET days: Tuesday 5th Jan (school closed to children)**

Start of term: Wednesday 6th January 2027 (children return to school)

Half term break: Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February 2027

End of term: Thursday 25th March 2027 (school closes at 1:30pm)

### **Summer Term 2027**

Start of term: Monday 12th April 2027

Half term break: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2027

End of term: Tuesday 20th July 2027 (school closes at 1:30pm)

**INSET days: Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd July 2027 (school closed)**



## ARE YOU STILL FINALISING YOUR CHILD'S RECEPTION PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2025?

We have a handful of September 2025 Reception places remaining.

We understand choosing the right school is a big decision. If you've accepted a Reception place elsewhere but are having second thoughts, it's not too late to make a change.

Our nurturing environment and individual attention mean your child will be known, valued, and inspired every day.

Whether you're newly considering us or rethinking your current place, we would love to welcome you into our community.

**CONTACT US TO BOOK  
A TOUR!**



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## Orpington Chinese Language School

# Epsom Branch

- Term Time Saturday 1.00 - 3.00pm
- Address: Epsom Downs Primary School, St Leonards Rd, KT18 5RJ
- Admission: Non-native speaker class: Year Reception and above,  
Native speaker class: 3.5-5/6-7/8-10/ 11-15 years old,  
Cantonese speaker class: 5 years old above

### WHY CHOOSE US

- Top Chinese Language School in the UK for many years.
- Experienced mandarin teachers with DBS checked.
- Bringing culture awareness into our class at important Chinese festivals through arts and crafts, cooking Chinese food and performing at Chinese New Year gala.
- Our students consistently won top prize in nationwide Mandarin Reading, Writing competitions.
- Interactive and fun mandarin lesson for non-native students by immersion techniques pioneered in our school.

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**— Exams & Qualifications**



**Does your child need a confidence boost to bring them out of their shell?**

**To be able to speak to adults, in front of their classmates and hold conversations?**

**To improve vocabulary? To Speak loud and confidently?**

**To have fun and enjoy drama and performance skills?**

**Speech and Drama Public Speaking**  
Graded exams in  
**Musical Theatre**

- **AMAZING QUALIFICATIONS • LOTS OF FUN!**
- **1-TO-1 LESSONS CONFIDENT BOOSTING**
- **SPEAKING IN PUBLIC SKILLS**

**For more information on one-to-one drama, verse and public speaking lessons within school, contact the school office or email: [southfieldparklamda@gmail.com](mailto:southfieldparklamda@gmail.com)**

<b>Autumn Term 2025 Dates</b>
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Date	Time	Event
Tues 2nd & Wed 3rd Sept	8:30	INSET days (school closed to children)
Thu 4th Sept	8:35	First day of term for Years 1-6 Reception story and play am or
Fri 5th Sept	AM/PM	Reception groups am/pm
Mon 8th Sept	Various	Clubs start
Mon 8th Sept	AM	Reception children in and home at 12pm
Tues 9th Sept	AM	Reception children in and stay for lunch (home at 12:30pm)
Tues 9th Sept		Mindworks Workshop with Year 5
Wed 10th Sept	AM	Reception children in and stay for lunch (home at 12:30pm)
Wed 10th Sept	9 – 9:30 am	Meet the Teacher (yr1 – 6)
Thur 11th Sept		Reception in full time
Mon 15th Sept	9:15am	Prospective Parent tour
Tues 16th Sept		Mindworks Workshop with Year 5
Tues 16th Sept	After school	Pre-loved uniform sale
Wed 24th Sept	9am and 5:30pm	Reception Parents Phonics and Early Reading Information
Wed 24th-Fri 26th Sept		Year 4 Sayers Croft Residential

**Autumn Term 2025 Dates**

Date	Time	Event
Monday 29th and Tue 30th		Individual photos
Fri 3rd Oct	9:15am	Prospective Parent tour
Fri 3rd Oct		Christmas Card artwork sent home
Fri 10th Oct		World Mental Health Day
Sat 11th Oct	10am – 12pm	Prospective Reception Stay and Play
Mon 13th		Flu immunisations
Mon 13th – Fri 17th Oct		International Week
Fri 17th Oct	6 – 8pm	Family Bingo Night
Tue 14th Oct	9 – 9:30am	Open Classrooms (All)
Tues 14th – Fri 17th Oct		Harvest Collection for the Food Bank
Mon 20th Oct	9:15am	Prospective Parent tour
Wed 22nd Oct	5:30pm	Early Maths Parent Meeting for Reception and KS1 parents
Thur 23rd Oct	End of school	Break up for half term
Fri 24th Oct		INSET Day (school closed to children)

Half Term Mon 27th Oct- Fri 31st Oct		
Mon 3rd Nov	8:35am	Children return to school
Fri 7th Nov		Anti-Bullying Day
Fri 7th Nov		Crazy Hair Day in exchange for Christmas hamper donations
Week of 10th Nov		Jolly Jar donations for the Christmas Fair
Tues 11th Nov		Remembrance Day
Thur 13th Nov	9:15am	Y2 Assembly
Fri 14th Nov	All day	Children in Need House Event: Ramble
Tues 18th Nov		Year 1 trip to Brooklands
Week of 17th Nov		Buy your tokens for the Christmas Fair
Thurs 20th Nov		EYFS and KS1 Road Safety Trips
Thurs 20th Nov		MUFTI day in exchange for bringing a bottle for the
Friday 21st Nov		KS2 Road Safety Trips
Saturday 22nd Nov		Christmas Fair
Mon 24th Nov	9:15am	Prospective Parent tour
Mon 24th Nov	15:00 – 18:30 16:00 – 18:00	Parent Consultations
Tue 25th Nov	15:00 – 18:30 16:00 – 18:00	Parent Consultations
Mon 8th Dec	9:15 am	Year 2 and Year 3 Christmas Performance to Year 3 parents

Tue 9th Dec	9:15 am	Year 2 and Year 3 Christmas Performance to Year 2 parents
Wed 10th Dec	9:15 am	EYFS and Year 1 Christmas Performance to Reception parents
Thur 11th Dec	9:15 am	EYFS and Year 1 Christmas Performance to Year 1 parents
Tues 16th Dec	10am	Phase 3 rehearsals at the Church
Wed 17th Dec		Christmas Lunch and KS2 Party afternoon – party wear or Christmas jumper
Thurs 18th Dec	10am	Phase 3 Carol Concert at the Church
Thurs 18th Dec		EYFS and KS1 Party afternoon – party wear or Christmas jumper
Fri 19th Dec	am	Christmas Panto for the children
Fri 19th Dec	1:30pm	Break up for Christmas Holidays

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We collect and use personal information about pupils in accordance with the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR), section 537A of the Education Act 1996 and section 83 of the Children Act 1989.

Please [click here](https://www.southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk/parents/gdpr) to go to see the full information in our Privacy Notice for Parents, Carers and Pupils which can be found on our website under the Parents / GDPR

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