

SEPTEMBER 12TH 2025

SOUTHFIELD PARK

NEWSLETTER



Dear Families

It has been a busy week at school with the first full week of learning for everyone. The Leadership Team have been visiting the classrooms this week to check that the children are happy and settled. How exciting to see strong learning behaviours across the school in so many different subjects! There has been a dragon hunt in Year 2 and a lesson in a cave in Year 3, to name a few special moments. Thank you to all of you for preparing your children so well for the new school year.

So many of you were able to join us to Meet the Team in your children's classes on Wednesday. If you were unable to make it or need to review the information, you can find the slides for your year group on the school website by using the 'Parents' tab and navigating to the section 'News from the Year Groups'.

Well done to our Reception children who have bravely tackled lunch at school and are now in full time. We are all very proud of them and are really enjoying getting to know the newest members of our community.

Best wishes for a lovely weekend,

Written by Sally Smith

Dates for your diary...

W/C Mon 15th Sept -

- Prospective parent tour 9.15am

Tues 16th Sept -

- Mindworks Workshop with Year 5

Wed 24th Sept -

- Reception parents Phonics and Early Reading Information sessions. 9am & 5.30pm

Wed 24th - Fri 26th Sept -

- Year 4 Sayers Croft Residential

Mon 29th - Tues 30th Sept -

- Individual and sibling photos



Sally Smith

● **Reception 2026**

If you have a child who was born between 1st Sept 2021 and 31st August 2022 then they will be eligible for a Reception place in Sept 2026. As you can see from our Dates List, our tours for prospective parents are already in the diary and the first is next Monday; to book your place please email info@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk

Please share this information with your friends and neighbours who might also be looking for a school place for next year. Further information about the application process can be found here on the QR code below



**OPEN EVENTS FOR RECEPTION
2026 ADMISSION**

**COME AND VISIT OUR BEAUTIFUL
SCHOOL!**

- Stay & Play Drop In Session:**
Saturday 11th October 10:00- 12:00
- Open Mornings with a tour:**
Monday 15th September 9:15
Friday 3rd October 9:15
Monday 20th October 9:15
Monday 24th November 9:15
Wednesday 7th January 9:15



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- **Introducing Miss Nabihah Ahmed - Home School Link Worker**

Hello, my name is Miss Nabihah Ahmed, and I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Home School Link Worker across Southfield Park and Ewell Grove. My role is to support families/carers and young people, helping to strengthen the continuity between home and school life. I am here to listen, offer guidance and signposting, and provide pastoral support with any worries, big or small, that may affect your child's learning or wellbeing.

Before joining the school, I worked with Mindworks, where I supported families and young people using CBT-informed interventions.

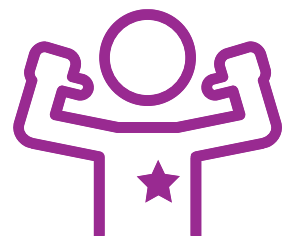
I am available on Mondays, Tuesdays, and alternate Fridays, and you can contact me easily through the school office. Whether you have concerns about your child's well-being, school attendance, behaviour, or emotional development, please don't hesitate to reach out if you feel I can help.

Fun fact: I absolutely love Lego which often comes in handy in my role!



- **Do you feel proud to be part of our community?**

We have been talking to the children this week about citizenship and feeling proud of their school. The children and staff have been keen to share why they are 'proud to be purple'. I have shared some of these insights on the large board in the atrium - please do have a look when you are next in. If you have any thoughts to share about what the Southfield Park community means to you, we'd love to hear them. Please send an email to the office.



● Other Staff News

We waved au review to Miss Courtney Bell this week as she went off to start her maternity leave. We send Miss Bell and her family the very best of wishes at this exciting time.

Following a medical procedure, Sally Smith will not be at work from Monday 15th September. In her absence, Mrs Fran Foley will be stepping up into an Acting Head role and she will be supported by Mrs Sarah Kober, the Deputy Executive Principle at the Lumen Learning Trust.

● News from Year 6

It has been a nail-biting week in Year 6, with the elections of our new Head Girl and Head Boy. We would like to thank everyone who was brave enough to stand up in front of their peers and make a speech about why they should be chosen. Experiences such as these will stand the children in good stead in their future lives. The whole cohort listened to each other carefully, showed the upmost respect and then voted in the election. Many congratulations to **Adhyut and Aoife** who have been elected this year. It is a real achievement to be chosen by your fellow Year 6 students. There are many more opportunities for the Year 6 children to develop their leadership roles with House Captain and Prefect roles being organised over the coming weeks.



Hello, my name is Aoife Li, and I am very proud to be elected as Southfield Park's head girl and I am excited to represent the school as a leader. This school means a lot to me, therefore I will try my best to keep it that way no matter what the challenges are that stand in my way.

Hello, Southfield Park community. I am Adhyut Ramprasad and I am absolutely privileged to have been elected as head boy of this prestigious school. I hope to make this school SHINE in the next year, support our school to succeed and make the most of our potential. I look forward to working with our staff and making our school an even better place.

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- Upon their return to school, Year 6 have thoroughly impressed us with their seamless transition and their commitment to their roles and responsibilities that come with being in the most senior position in our school. We are also keen to see who our new Head Pupils will be along with our new House Captains!

In our history lessons this week, the children have demonstrated their knowledge of a significant time in our recent history and fully immersed themselves in their World War Two topic. Last week, the children created timelines of the key events that shaped the war and discussed the circumstances which brought about the commencement of the Second World War. We very much look forward to our upcoming World War Two day which will allow the children to fully embody their learning and prior knowledge.

However, the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience our VR headsets offered them this week, and being able to visualise themselves in an evacuation situation.



● Spaces in other year groups

We have a handful of spaces across the school in different classes, which we are sure will not last long. If you know of anyone who might be interested, we would be very happy to give them a tour and talk through the process. They can email the office info@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk or give us a call on 01372 743104.



● Earrings in PE Lessons

As you already know, the children are permitted to wear a maximum of one small stud earring in their ears. The Association for Physical Education (AfPE) strongly recommends the practice of removing all personal effects at the beginning of PE every lesson to establish a safe working environment. This applies to all ear and body piercings. The national guidance issued by the AfPE has the best interests of our children at heart and is therefore something we implement to keep our children safe.

To keep everyone safe children will not be able to participate in PE lessons whilst wearing earrings or jewellery.

We accept that piercings take time to heal and this can be up to 6 weeks. We would therefore always advise that if a pupil is considering piercing their ears, this happens at the beginning of the summer holidays to maximise healing time. Any piercing that cannot be taken out at school will impact on the children's PE lessons which is an extremely important part of our curriculum.

If a child arrives to a PE lesson wearing earrings, they should take them out and place them safely with their belongings:

- **Children should not tape up earrings and tape will not be provided by the school. This can still result in injury.**
- If children are unable to remove a piercing, they will be offered an alternative role in the lesson.
- We recommend that on the days they have PE, they do not wear them for the full day. This helps reduce the time needed to get ready for a lesson. Your class teacher will be able to remind you of the PE days if necessary.
- Teachers cannot take responsibility for earrings or other valuables at any point.

Attendance & Fixed Penalty Notices

If families take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

·If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19th 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.

·If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19th 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.

·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.

Requests for exceptional leave need to be submitted using the form on our website, at least 2 weeks before the date being requested. All other exceptional leave will or will not be authorised on a case by case basis. A child's attendance and previous requests for leave will always be considered when making a decision.

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Fletcher played in his first ever football match on Saturday with his football team, Epsom & Ewell Colts Whites. Although the final score wasn't in their favour, they played a really good game! Fletcher even scored his first goal and managed to save a few too!

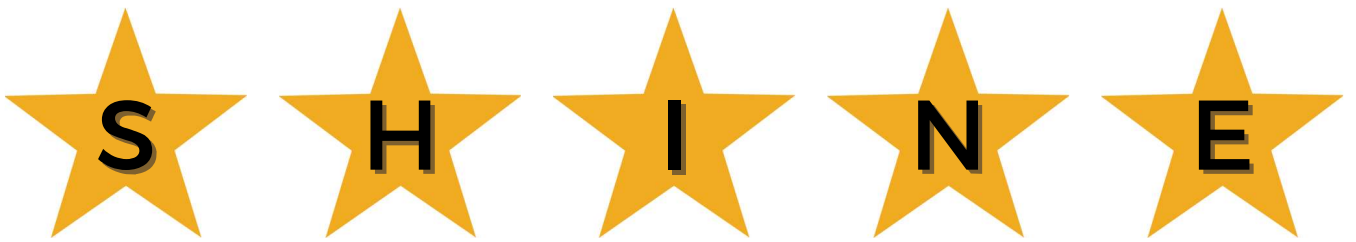


Dates and the Friends

The dates list below now also contains information about the Friends' events for the term, which are in green text. We really hope that you will be able to join us so get those dates in your diaries. The first event is a family BINGO night on 17th October 6 – 8pm. This was an extremely popular event last year and we excited to see it back on the calendar. Keep an eye on the Friends' section of the newsletter in the upcoming weeks for more information.

The Friends are our Parent Teacher Association and are a group of volunteers who arrange and run sales and events for the school. The funds raised make a significant contribution to the life of the school. Over recent years the Friends have funded workshops for the children such as the Grow, Cook, Enjoy Project; have provided vital new resources such as refitting out music room; and continue to provide memorable experiences for the children, such as a Christmas Panto in school and Creative Arts Week.

The Friends are a small group of dedicated volunteers and they are looking for more support. Could you help out at an event? Help organise pre-loved uniform organisation and sales? Offer some expertise or a willing pair of hands? If so, please consider becoming a 'friend of the Friends'. More details can be found in their section of the newsletter below.



Stars of the week

Year 1 HM

Star of the week: **Bonnie**

Year 1 CR

Star of the week: **Hailey**

Year 2 GR

Star of the week: **Annabell**

Year 2D

Star of the week: **Kiki**

Year 3F

Star of the week: **Afonso**

Year 3A

Star of the week: **Aiya**

Y4 K

Star of the week: **Analia**

Year 4J

Star of the week: **Poppy & Max**

Year 5BS

Star of the week: **Sophie**

Year 5S

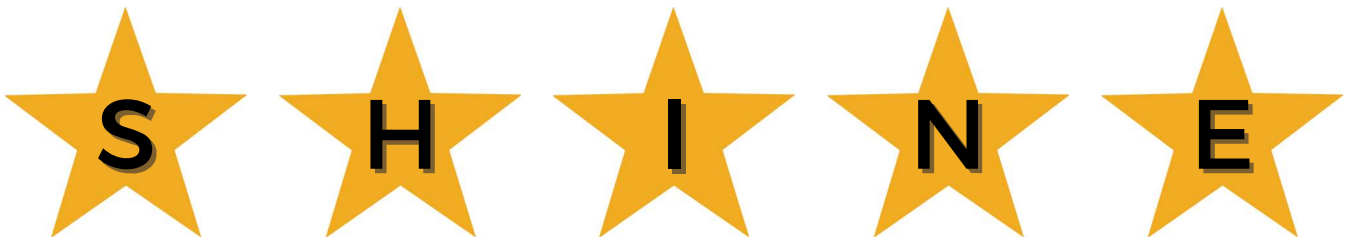
Star of the week: **Amy**

Year 6N

Star of the week: **Maya**

Year 6C

Star of the week: **Bella & Emily**



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● **Dates for this year**

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)





Recruitment at the School

We currently have some exciting job opportunities available at our school. If you—or someone you know—are looking to make a difference in a warm and welcoming school environment, take a look at our current vacancies:

- School Caretaker – Help us keep our school safe, secure, and running smoothly.
- Learning Support Assistant – Support our wonderful students with their learning journey.

If you're interested or would like more information, please use the QR code or visit our school website. We'd love to hear from you!



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Heritage Weekend
Open Day



Saturday 13th September
10am-4pm
Free Entry

Come and explore
the architectural and decorative
features of
Christ Church Epsom Common
along with a display of the
50th Anniversary of the
Epsom Common Association



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October Half Term Mindfulness Pony Day for Kids!

Date: Wednesday 2^{9th} October 2025
Time: 9am - 2pm
Location: Ponies 'n' Kids, Eaton Thorne Stables, Woodmancote, Nr Henfield, W.Sussex, BN5 9AG

Join us for a magical day designed especially for children ages 5-11! Dive into a world of peace, friendship, and mindfulness, all while experiencing the calming presence of our adorable ponies.

What to Expect:

- 🐾 **Mindfulness Time with Ponies:** Learn calming techniques and emotional regulation skills while spending quality time with our gentle ponies.
- 🐾 **Pony Care:** Discover the joys of caring for ponies through grooming, feeding, and building a bond.
- 🐾 **Riding and Mounted Games:** Experience the joy of pony rides and engage in fun, team-based games that promote confidence and cooperation.
- 🌿 **Connect with Nature:** Immerse yourself in the tranquility of our beautiful, quiet stables and serene surroundings.
- 👫 **Make New Friends:** Build connections and friendships with other children in a supportive, nurturing environment.

Scan the QR code or click this link to book: [Mindfulness Pony Day 29th October 2025](#)



Cost: £140 per child
Spaces limited to 15 children

We are an inclusive team and warmly welcome children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). We celebrate diversity and are committed to providing a supportive environment where every child can thrive.

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News From The Friends

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

We hope you all had an enjoyable Summer! It's great to be back and seeing all of the happy faces at the school gates.

A huge welcome to those families who are with us for the first time. We hope your children settle in quickly and we look forward to meeting you during our events throughout the year!



Unfortunately, Laura our lovely Treasurer is no longer part of The Friends as her child is now in Secondary and Laura has other commitments.

We therefore need to find a replacement.

If you have a little spare time and are willing to help us out, please let us know.

Laura has set everything up really well plus has a handover document. Laura is willing to provide support and guidance during the handover period and the rest of the Trustees group will be available for support throughout too.

Laura was really active and helped out with more than just the Treasury functions, which was amazing! It would be great to have someone able and willing to do similar but if you aren't able to provide that level of time commitment, we really do need someone to assist with taking on the Treasurer activities, which are not too time consuming.

Please reach out to one of the Trustees if you are interested or send an email to friends@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk.

The Friends can't operate without a Treasurer!

Autumn Term 2025 Dates

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
Thurs 27th Nov	9am and 5:30pm	RSE Parents Information Session
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

Privacy Notice:

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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