

SEPTEMBER 19TH 2025

SOUTHFIELD PARK

NEWSLETTER



Dear Families,

As well as our new Reception children, we have had several new starters across the school. Thank you to our whole community for making our new families feel welcome.

The breadth of learning around the school this week has been inspirational: from exploring the life of an evacuee during WW2 in Year 6, to finding out about the Great Fire of London in Year 2! The whole school has certainly been busy. Year 3 were treated to a special delivery from a historian who delivered artefacts from the Stone Age. The children were extremely excited as the artefacts helped them to learn to be historians. They used the sources to investigate what life might have been like in the Stone Age!

Next week, the Year 4 children are heading off to Sayers Croft for a residential. Many thanks to the staff team who have been busy preparing and who are joining me to accompany the children: Andy Batty, Emma Kirk, Alex Jenkerson, Helene Lebas, Zoe Bell, Gemma Carter and Laura Robins. Happy packing everyone!

Best wishes for a lovely weekend,
Fran Foley

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Dates for your diary...

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

Fri 3rd October -

Prospective Parent Tour

Fri 10th Oct -

World Mental Health Day



● **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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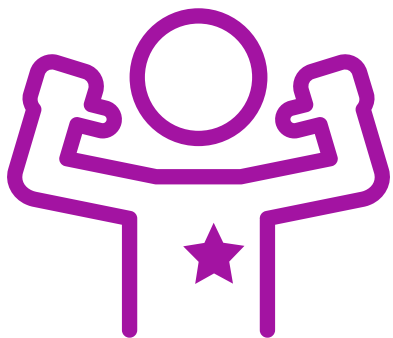
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Long Grove Road,
Epsom KT9 8TF

- **Second Hand uniform donations**

The Friends second hand uniform sale was a huge success- thank you for all your donations! Due to the space The Friends association have to store uniform, please can we ask that only purple items of uniform are donated. For example, jumpers, cardigans, fleeces or ties. Thank you.

If you are struggling with purchasing uniform, please speak to Mrs Pereira in confidence via the school office or contacts The Friends for second hand items.



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.

- **Southfield Park Reading Rangers**

We are looking for some new volunteers to become Southfield Park Reading Rangers. The role involves coming into school to listen to individual children read and talking with them about the book that they are reading. If you can spare 1-2 hours per week and would like to offer your support, please contact the school office info@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk Training will be given before you start the role and a DBS check will be provided.

"If you love children and reading, being a Reading Ranger is the perfect volunteer role. By giving up a small amount of time each week, you can help to build children's reading confidence and their love of books. Students enjoy the quiet reading time with their Reading Ranger, as well as the sticker and token rewards for their efforts!"

Quote from Diana current Reading Ranger

- **Phonics and Early Reading Information Session for Reception Parents- 24th September at 9am and 5:30pm**

Early reading and phonics play a part in all of our subjects here at Southfield Park and we know it is paramount for a successful learning experience. Mrs Karen Del Medico is going to be presenting a session for parents in phonics and Early Reading on 24th September. The session will run at 9am and then the same session will be repeated at 5:30pm. This is a fantastic opportunity to hear about how we teach phonics/ early reading and how you can support your child at home. We hope you can make it!

- **We want the best from you so that you can SHINE!**

This year we have reintroduced our children to the SHINE values and want to encourage our children to achieve them. To support this, we have designed a 'new look' SHINE certificate. Remember that teachers do not only need to give out one certificate a week, they can give multiple making our SHINE assembly on a Friday even more exciting. Read on to the end of the newsletter to find out who our SHINE winners were this week!



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Marco completed his first official kids 2k fun run last weekend in Ashted.

It was his first independent one with no parent running alongside. He truly enjoyed it and crossed the finish line with 12mins running time.

We all very proud of him!



- **Achievements Outside of School**

We know many of our children have busy lives outside of school and take part in a range of different activities. If you'd like us to help celebrate a particular achievement by your child e.g. football trophy, swimming badges, gymnastic success, music grades achieved etc, please email some info about it to info@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk and we'll put it in the newsletter for everyone to enjoy.



- **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.

- **Year 6 Pupil Leadership**

Pupil Leadership roles are available to all of Year 6 children and the strength of this program is often commented on by visitors to the school, including Ofsted. This week saw the House Elections with children in the different Houses voting for their new House Captains. These are always hotly contested positions, and this year was no exception. Thank you to everyone who participated and well done to you all.

Huge congratulations to the following children who were elected by their peers. Their first duties started today where they were able to announce the house token totals in SHINE assembly.

Red House - Jack, Theo and Emily

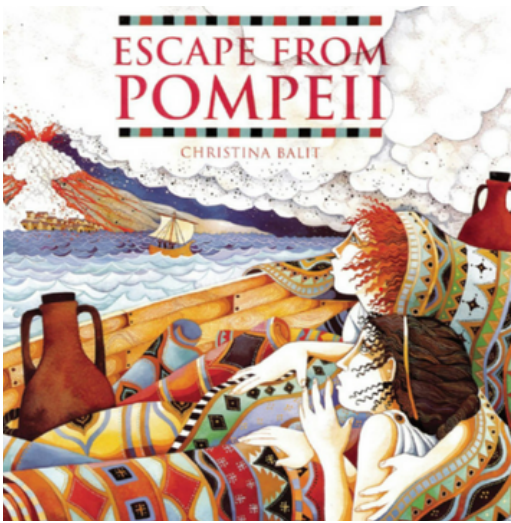
Green House - Nathan and Darcey

Yellow House - Euan and Sophia

Blue House - David and Evie



Pompeii



Year 4 have been busy exploring and practicing how to write a setting description since the start of the year. This week we were introduced to 'Escape from Pompeii' which we are using as a stimulus for our current learning.

We were introduced to Tranio, a main character, as he looked from his window across the bustling city of Pompeii unaware that the huge giant - Mount Vesuvius- who watched over them was about to explode and change lives forever!

We looked closely at pictures of the marketplace and imagined what we could hear, see, smell, taste and touch had we been there in AD79.



Here are a selection of the descriptions we then went on to write of innocent Pompeii.

YIn the busy streets, the potters tinkered merrily, while they made pots that were as shiny as pears in the sunlight. Beneath Mount Vesuvius, the smell of fresh fish filled the air like old brie. In the shade, the traders chatted as happily as a hyena at the circus.

Zachary

In the busy city of Pompei, people were going crazy to try to get fresh bread and fish that had just been caught. At a pottery shop, water jugs stood on a wooden counter waiting to be bought, in fruit stalls, exotic fruits and crunchy veg. People carried sacks of food as heavy as a bolder and the smell of fresh bread wafted through the town making people who sold bread get rich quickly.

Evie

On the street, a wealthy woman parades in her royal, rich carrying chair. High in the sky, Mount Vesuvius is resting. At the stall, the fish smell of a rotten apple. On the balcony, people stand and watch others carrying sacks as heavy as a bowling ball. At the fruit stall, the delicious fruit smells like a sweet shop. Th e city is not ready for what is going to come next.

Alice

In the centre of Pompeii, the bark of a dog echoed through the streets and the smell of exotic fruits filled the air. Inside the royal wooden carrying chair, a wealthy woman sat waiting to arrive at the market. Next to a little boy, the fish hung like washing on the washing line and fresh meat lay waiting to be cooked. Under the shade of the tree, two girls talked about how beautiful Mount Vesuvius looked, not knowing it would wake up with a massive

roar!

Nate

- **Driving and Parking**

Please can we ask that we are all prioritising the safety of our children at drop off and pick up times. We continue to see daily instances of double parking and parking on the double yellow lines outside the school, and we need your help to ensure that safety comes first. Our community has several families who need to use the disabled bays so please do not park in these without a disabled badge, even if just for a moment.

Going forwards we ask that you allow plenty of time so that you can drive courteously in the roads surrounding the school and so that you can park safely. We all lead very busy lives but if you live within walking distance, we'd love to see more families walking to and from school.

Occasionally, Epsom and Ewell send traffic wardens without warning. This has not been organised by the school, but by Epsom and Ewell council.

- **Hair**

Just a quick reminder – if your child's hair is shoulder length or longer, please do ensure it is fully tied back when they are in school. We've given out lots of reminders (and hair bands...) this week.

- **Scooter and Bikes in the Playground**

Also, for safety reasons, it is not permitted for children or adults to ride and scooters in the playgrounds.

Please can you hop off yourself and remind your children of the school rules as well.





Stars of the week

Year 1 HM

Star of the week: **Nadia**

Year 1 CR

Star of the week: **Roman**

Year 2 GR

Star of the week: **Rohan**

Year 2D

Star of the week: **Nora**

Year 3F

Star of the week: **Harry**

Year 3A

Star of the week: **JJ & Abi**

Y4 K

Star of the week: **Ana & Antonia**

Year 4J

Star of the week: **Ida-Mae**

Year 5BS

Star of the week: **Ved**

Year 5S

Star of the week: **Evalyn**

Year 6N

Star of the week: **Zain**

Year 6C

Star of the week: **Charlotte**



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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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News From The Friends

Pre-Loved Uniform Update

Thank you to all who helped out at, attended and purchased at our pre-loved uniform sale this week. Apart from being able to buy items at a bargain price, we made a whopping **£238** for our school!!

We are almost at capacity though with storing the uniform so please **only donate purple items**. No grey or white items. Thank you!

Save The Date

Make sure to mark **17 October** in your calendar for our Family **BINGO** Evening.

The rest of our dates are included on the following pages for those who like to plan ahead.

A vibrant red poster for 'FAMILY BINGO NIGHT'. The title is in large, bold, white letters. Below it, smaller white text describes the event: 'Join us for an evening of fun, excitement, and cash prizes at our Family Bingo Night!'. The date and time are listed as 'Friday 17th October 6-8pm (Doors Open 5:30) School Hall'. A list of activities includes '6 Games & Mini Games', 'Prizes for 1st line and Full House', 'Raffle', and 'BYO light tea / snacks and drinks'. It also states 'All ages welcome!'. At the bottom, it says 'Prebooking via PTA-Events soon' and 'Cash/cards accepted on the night (cash only for mini games, please)'. A small logo for 'Southfield Park Friends' is in the top right corner. The background features colorful confetti, streamers, and several bingo cards in blue, green, and red. In the foreground, there are large, colorful bingo balls with numbers 8, 9, and 24, and a white starburst that says 'LET'S JOIN!'.

Treasurer

We still need a Treasurer. If you are slightly keen, please reach out to us to discuss and obtain more information about what it entails, etc.

The Friends cannot operate without a Treasurer!

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Friends - Dates for Diaries

The Friends have agreed the dates for our main events with the School. Please make a note of them in your calendars now so that you are able to be prepared and keep the dates free to join us for the fun - plus volunteer to ensure the events can take place and be the best they can be! 🎉

October

3 Oct - **Artwork** and Order Forms **home** to order Christmas Cards and other items offered by Cauliflower Cards

8 Oct - **Artwork** attached to Order Forms to be **returned** (if order placed) otherwise the items can't be created!

17 Oct - **Family BINGO Evening** (Yes, everyone can join in!)

November

7 Nov - Christmas **Hamper Donations** (CRAZY HAIR DAY in exchange for any non-perishable items that could be linked to Christmas. NO NUTS OR SESAME please)

10-14 Nov - **Jolly Jars** (an empty jar filled with small non-perishable items or wrapped sweet treats. NO NUTS OR SESAME please)

17-21 Nov - **Token Sales** at drop off and pick up. For use at the Fair

20 Nov - **Bottle donations** for the bottle tombola at the fair. MUFTI in exchange for alcoholic or non-alcoholic items in a bottle (that does not need to be stored in a fridge before use)

22 Nov - **Christmas Fair** (indoors from 12pm - 2pm)

December

19 Dec - **Christmas Panto** during school for the children, funded by The Friends



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Friends - Dates for Diaries

January

30 Jan - Quiz Night (An evening event for the adults only)

February

13 Feb - Krispy Kreme doughnut sale at pick up

23-27 Feb - Book Donations (all children to please donate at least one book that they no longer need)

March

5 Mar - Book Swap on World Book Day. All children get to choose a new to them book for £1

20 Mar - Easter Disco in the evening

May

8 May - Family BINGO Evening (Yes, everyone can join in!)

15 May - Krispy Kreme doughnut sale at pick up

June

22 Jun - Rainbow Hamper Donations (MUFTI in exchange for any non-perishable items in the colour allocated to your Year Group. NO NUTS OR SESAME please)

July

29 Jun-3 Jul - Token Sales at drop off and pick up. For use at the Fair Family BINGO Evening (Yes, everyone can join in!)

2 Jul - Bottle Donation in exchange for MUFTI

4 Jul - Summer Fair from 12pm - 2pm



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

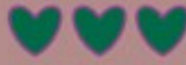
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Macmillan Coffee Morning



Catch-up & Cake

Whether you're new to the school or a familiar face, it's a lovely way to connect, relax, and make a difference – all over a cuppa and a slice of cake.

Come along and support a great cause while enjoying:

- Cakes & Bakes – bring a cake or just bring yourself!
- Fun Games & Quizzes
- A chance to catch up with other parents
- ☺ Meet our new Home School Link Worker

We'd love to see you there!



Scan QR code with camera to donate. All donations go to Macmillan Cancer Support.



Friday 26th September
9AM to 10AM
Southfield Park Primary School



Date: Wednesday 29th 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.



3-week trials available

SOUTHFIELD PARK
R-Y2
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Tuesday 3:10-4:10
£10.25/wk or
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(2% handling fee applies)

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