

APRIL 17TH 2026

SOUTHFIELD PARK



NEWSLETTER



Dear families

A warm welcome back to the summer term at Southfield Park. It seems a long way to the end of July, but plans are afoot for exciting learning, events and special weeks to get us there. Please make sure that you have the relevant dates in your diaries. Year 1 parents, your children would like to invite you to their year group assembly on 30th April at 9:15am. It is also never too early to get the Summer Fair prioritised in your diary: Saturday 4th July is the special day! Our Summer BINGO night is also coming up soon on Friday 8th May.

Read on to see how you can find out a little more about your child's learning this term. Look out also for this week's newsletters from the classrooms, which contain key information about the term ahead.

Happy Summer Term everyone, and best wishes for a lovely half term,

Sally Smith

Dates for your diary...

Tue 21st April

- Year 3 and 4 Girls' Football Tournament - pm

Fri 24th April

- Reception ducklings picked up

Thu 30th April

- Year 1 Year Group Assembly - 9.15am

Mon 4th May

- **BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED**



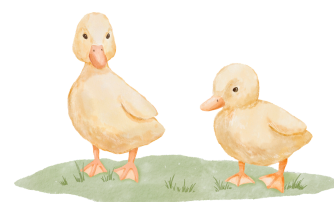
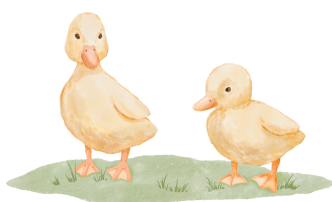
● **Change of date: Year 3 Assembly**

Several parents with children in both Reception and Year 3 have let us know about an event clash – many thanks. We will therefore be moving the Year 3 assembly to Wednesday 10th June. Apologies for this change.

Duckling Fun in Reception



We have had some exciting new arrivals in Reception. On Tuesday 14th March we had 5 eggs delivered. The children loved seeing them placed in the incubator ready for hatching. On Wednesday 15th March, all 5 ducklings hatched between 10.10am and 7:00pm in the evening. The children have decided to call them Sunny, Custard, Honey, Lemon & Splashy. We feel so lucky to have the opportunity to see new life and cannot wait for lots of cuddles and fun with our adorable new friends!



● **Staff News**

Many congratulations to Lizzi Fraser and her new husband, George, who got married over the Easter holiday. Miss Fraser has decided to keep her maiden name at work for the rest of this academic year before changing to her married name, Mrs Hyett in September. There were even some surprise messages from the children, which were shared on the special day and organised by Miss Emily Camfield.



- **Mysterious Delivery**



On Monday morning, we discovered a mysterious delivery at the school. Ten bird boxes had been dropped off by a local benefactor, and we have discovered that we are not the first school to have been lucky enough to receive such a lovely surprise. Our caretaker, Mr Alan Lumsden, is already finding homes for them, so keep an eye on some of the bigger trees around our site. If our secret benefactor is someone in our community, can we offer our thanks.

- **What is my child learning about this term?**

You can find out more about what the children are learning this term by visiting the 'Curriculum Page' of the school's website, where you can read termly overviews and see your child's timetable for this term. Knowledge organisers for each subject can also help you find out about the key learning from our wider curriculum subjects. Look out also for this week's newsletters from the classrooms, which have been emailed out and can also be found in the 'News from the Year Groups' section of the website.

Here is a brief summary of some of the things we are looking forward to:



Reception's learning this half term is all about 'Living and Growing' with lots of opportunities to find out about animals. A highlight will definitely be their trip to Bocketts Farm.

Year 1 are excited to be starting a unit of work in Science all about plants where they will be exploring different seeds and bulbs, planting and using their observation skills to watch things grow. They will be starting our planting next week so watch out for herbs, flowers and vegetables as Year 1 transform into mini gardeners!





Year 2 are looking forward to their historical visit to the Emily Davison memorial in Epsom. In Science we will be looking at and growing our own plants, and in DT we are making puppets! Lots to look forward to.

Year 3 are incredibly excited about their new topic 'Ancient Egyptians' and are already sharing fantastic facts they have learnt. There was even an archaeological dig going on earlier in the week! Year 3 are also looking forward to their upcoming sleepover!



Year 4 are looking forward to their trip to Horton Country Park to hunt for minibeasts and enjoy nature art activities. We are also excited about cooking traditional pizzas, coding their own computer games, learning a line dance to Cotton Eye Jo and drawing still life compositions with different media.

Year 5 also have lots to look forward to over the Summer Term. One of the highlights will be their PGL residential trip, where we'll take part in a range of exciting outdoor activities. We're especially excited about trying the zip wire and archery, as well as building confidence, teamwork, and resilience through these new experiences



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Year 6 are very much looking forward to finding out what their end of year production will be and already coming up with ideas as to what it could be and what parts they might play! Plus, we have the wonderful trips to look forward to: visiting the National Portrait Gallery and the River Mole and not forgetting a day trip to Chessington World of Adventures!



English Learning



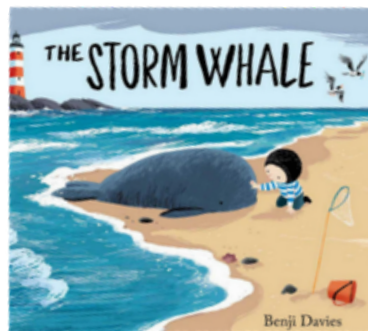
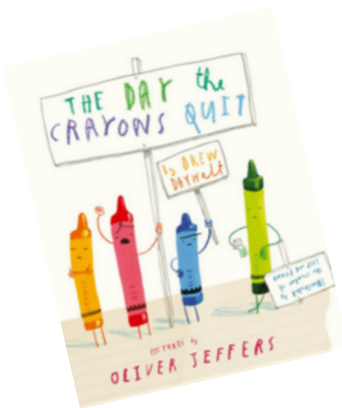
English Learning is based around high quality texts which are chosen to inspire writing. These are then used alongside further supplementary texts so that children have access to a broad range of models, genres and reading experiences. Key texts to start off the term are... (spoiler alert: NO READING AHEAD, CHILDREN!):

Year 6 are currently reading *The Wrong Shoes* by which is already providing an inspiring opportunity to write a balanced argument. This week, we filled our flip chart with post-it notes with reasons for and against Will's tricky decision, to form our plan. We are thoroughly enjoying this text and are already wondering whether or not Will's story will end positively or not!

This half term in English, **Year 5** are excited to be studying *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell. It's a thrilling adventure story set in the Amazon rainforest, and we're looking forward to exploring the characters, themes, and rich descriptions throughout the book.

This half term **Year 4** are finishing *Holes* next week and then moving straight on to *Varjak Paw* by SF Said.

Year 3's English has begun a new English unit 'The Story of Tutankhamun'. The children will be producing a range of pieces of writing including non-chronological reports and biographies.



Year 2 have already started their learning based on *The Day The Crayons Quit*, which the children are already really enjoying.

This term in English, **Year 1** are reading *The Storm Whale*. We are learning about proper nouns, using *and* to join clauses and past tense verbs. We will be writing our own diary entries in a couple of weeks in the role of the main character, Noi.

Reception do things slightly differently and have two key texts a week that learning is structured around. Some upcoming texts are: *Farmer Duck*, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, *My Butterfly Bouquet*, *The Bug Collector* and *Norman the Slug with the Silly Shell*



- **Year 6 News**

We are incredibly proud of all of our Year 6 children. They are a year group that certainly like to squeeze the fun out of school life and the progress that they have made this year in their learning has been superb. In the run up to SATS, the children, and their staff team, have been working incredibly hard. Our aim is always to prepare the children well enough so that they feel as confident and comfortable as possible. In the coming weeks the children will sit mocks. These give us a chance to fine tune the arrangements to give the children the best possible chance of being and feeling successful. During SATS week, which starts on **Monday 11th May**, the children will come in early for breakfast with us and will work through tests in English and Maths. There really is no need for the children to feel anxious, but if you are worried about your child, please do let us know.

SATs account for just four days of a very special term in Year 6. The staff have planned a fun-packed term with projects and events that we just don't have time to devote to at any other point in the year. With their own show to stage as well, it's going to be a very busy time for our oldest pupils.

- **Uniform and Lost Property**

As the weather turns slightly warmer, children tend to shed their layers. Please ensure that all items are named and children are encouraged to keep track of their belongings as lost property is already filling up.

Please ensure that your children have everything they need in order to comply with uniform expectations. There are some children who are becoming more relaxed in how they are dressing. We will challenge children if they are not wearing the correct uniform, which can cause embarrassment and upset.

Children are not permitted to wear boots or trainers to school and all school shoes should be black. Hair below shoulder length should be fully tied back for boys and girls.

Please note that some of our children have sensory requirements and we have special arrangements in place to accommodate these.

- **Creative Arts Week**

Creative Arts Week will take place during the week beginning **22nd June**. This much-loved event happens every two years and is always a highlight for children, families and staff.

During the week, we step away from the usual timetable to immerse ourselves in the creative arts, welcoming visiting professionals and running workshops ranging from dance and opera to textiles, CAD, cake decorating and more. Staff also share their own skills and passions across the school.

Planning is already underway, and we are delighted that the Friends will be supporting us with funding so we can be ambitious for our children.



Can you help?

Do you work in a creative industry, have a creative hobby, or know someone who does? Could you run a workshop for a year group? Do you have links with local arts groups? If so, please contact the school office at info@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk.



In Year 4 this week, we have finished reading the story 'Holes' by Louis Sachar and have begun writing a recount of the events which occurred 110 years ago in the town of Green Lake, when Katherine Barlow was the school teacher and Sam an onion man. Here is a selection of extracts from our setting and character descriptions.

One hundred and ten years ago, there was a huge lake which glistened in the sun like a gem. It was called Green Lake. The weather was scorching hot and the peach trees bloomed outside the town. [Eesha](#)



One hundred and ten years ago, the small town of Green Lake was full of life and nature like plants and trees and the particularly popular peach trees, which were used to make spiced peaches. On dirty, dusty roads, carts would be pulled by horses and donkeys. In the centre of the town, a beautiful sapphire lake glistened and boats would be rowed on it. Not far from the lake was a school room while on the other side was an onion field perched on a hill where onions sat rooted in the ground. The weather was warm and breezy and sometimes it would rain. [Poppy](#)



Kate was a well-known member of the community. She made her famous spiced peaches that no one else attempted to make as they didn't think they would be as good. She was a good teacher but her adult classes were filled with men who were more interested in her than learning. Everyone expected her to marry Charles the mayor's son. [Zachary](#)

Kate Barlow worked at the only school house in town as the only teacher. She taught children in the day and young adults at night. Her blond hair shone in the sun like a spotlight in a show and her spiced famous peaches were a bestseller. Most students of her classes loved the way she taught them. [Johaana](#)

In the town lived a young man named Sam the onion man. Sam was a thoughtful member of the town and he sold onions out on the roads. He had a donkey named Mary Lou who he surprisingly claimed was more than fifty years old. [Zoe](#)

Sam was the onion man and one of the most well known people in Green Lake. Everyday, he would sell onions, onion juice and onion paste but they were not all used in the same way. He was really good at mending things and was very generous. One thing he was really proud of was his boat, he made it himself. Surprisingly, Sam had a donkey called Mary Lou who he really cared for. [Karina](#)



All Year Groups

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8.35am

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8.55am

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9.00am

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9.15am

So what time do I need to get my child to school?

Arrival from

Register taken

'LATE' if arriving after

'UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE' if arriving after

What difference does arriving a few minutes late make to my child?

Every Minute Counts!

to your child's attendance at Southfield Park

8:35am	Your child has arrived in time to settle well and has the best possible start to their day
8:50am	Your child has probably arrived just after most children but is still in time for the register
9:00am to 9:05am	Your child is late and has missed the beginning of the school day. Being late, even if only a few minutes, can leave a child (of any age) feeling unsettled and can impact on their whole day
9:00am to 9:05am	5 minutes may not seem very long but the impact is 3 days lost a year
9:05am to 9:10am	10 minutes late a day results in 6 days lost a year
9:10am to 9:15am	15 minutes late a day equals 9 days lost a year

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Stars of the week

Year RC

Star of the week: **Brayden**

Year RF

Star of the week: **Kai & Zacharie**

Year 1 HM

Star of the week: **Lucas**

Year 1 CR

Star of the week: **Ernie**

Year 2 GR

Star of the week: **Francis**

Year 2D

Star of the week: **Jasper**

Year 3F

Star of the week: **Erin**

Year 3A

Star of the week: **Niesha**

Y4 K

Star of the week: **Darcie & Matilda**

Year 4J

Star of the week: **Hanvika**

Year 5BS

Star of the week: **Charlie**

Year 5S

Star of the week: **Armin**

Year 6N

Star of the week: **Isabelle & Ralph**

Year 6C

Star of the week: **Isma'il**



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News From The Friends

THANK YOU EVERYONE WHO DONATED PRE-LOVED CLOTHES AND ITEMS ON WEDNESDAY!

UPCOMING FRIENDS EVENTS:



8th May - Family Bingo



15th May - Doughnut Sale



4th July - Summer Fair

We are planning the next 2nd hand uniform sale and will communicate the date as soon as it is confirmed.

Please check the school office for any lost items, because anything not claimed will be put in the sale.

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- To understand the term 'resilience' and review of current ideas about resilience.
- To explore strategies to help develop your child's ability to deal with difficult situations.
- To use at least one strategy to help build your child's resilience.

Where: Southfield Park Primary School

Long Grove Road

Epsom, Surrey KT19 8TF

When: Wednesday 20th May

Time: 09.15 - 11.15



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QR code



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Summer Term 2026 - Key Dates

Date	Time	Event
Tue 21.04	Pm	Year 3 and 4 Girls' Football Tournament
Fri 24.04	Reception ducklings picked up	
Thu 30.04	9:15am	Year 1 Year Group Assembly
Mon 04.05	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED	
Thu 07.05	9:15am	Year 4 Year Group Assembly
Fri 08.05	9:00 - 10:30am	Reception Sports Day
Fri 08.05	6:00pm	Family Bingo Night with the Friends
w/c Mon 11.05		SATs in Year 6 including Breakfast Club
Fri 15.05	9:00 – 11:00am	Infant Sports Day (Year 1 and 2)
Fri 15.05	3:00 – 3:30pm	Krispy Kreme Donut Sale with the Friends
Mon 18.05	Class Photographs	
Thu 21.05	3:30pm	Year 5 PGL meeting for families
Fri 22.05	pm	Junior Sports Day at the Harrier Centre
w/c Mon 25.05	HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED	
Wed 03.06	9:00 – 9:30am	Open Classrooms
Wed 03.06	6:00pm	SHINE Show
Thu 04.06	Year 6 Geography Field Trip to the River Mole	
Fri 05.06	Reserve Junior Sports Day	
w/c Mon 08.06	Year 6 Bikeability Level 2	
Mon 08.06	3:00pm	District Sports Field Events
Wed 10.06	9:15am	Year 3 Year Group Assembly
Thu 11.06	9:00am	District Sports Track Events
Fri 12.06	Reception Trip to Bocketts Farm	
w/c Mon 15.06	Year 5 Residential to PGL Liddington	

Date	Time		Event	
Wed 17.06	Time tbc (early eve)	Choir event at The Horton		
Thu 18.06	6-7pm	New Reception Parents information session		
w/c Mon 22.06	Creative Arts Week			
Mon 22.06	Summer Fair hamper donations (MUFTI)			
Mon 22.06	Dance Festival rehearsals at Epsom Playhouse (daytime)			
Tue 23.06 + Wed 24.06	Evening		Dance Festival at Epsom Playhouse	
Wed 24.06	Grow, Cook, Enjoy cooking with Year 3			
Thu 25.06	Year 3 Sleepover			
Fri 26.06	1:15pm		Year 3 finish early	
Tue 30.06 and Wed 01.07	Year 6 Transition Days at Secondary Schools			
Tue 30.06 and Wed 01.07	15:00-18:30 16:00-18:00		Y1-6 Parent Consultations (no	
Wed 01.07	Grow, Cook, Enjoy cooking with Year 4			
Thu 02.07	Summer Fair bottle donations (MUFTI)			
Fri 03.07	Year 6 trip to London			
Sat 04.07	12:00 – 2:00pm	Summer Fair		
Mon 06.07	Grow, Cook, Enjoy cooking with Year 6			
Tue 07.07 and Wed 08.07	6:00pm		Year 6 Production	
Wed 08.07	Grow, Cook, Enjoy cooking with Year 5			
Thu 09.07	9:15am		Year 2 Summer Sing-a-long	
Fri 10.07	Year 6 to Chessington World of Adventures			
Mon 13.07	3:30pm		Sayers Croft information meeting (current year 3 parents)	
Wed 15.07	5:30pm		Year 6 Leavers' Party	
Fri 16.07	9:00am		Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	
Fri 16.07	1:30pm		Break up for Summer Holidays	



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Transition to

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Summer Holiday Support Sessions

Is your Year 6 child feeling anxious about starting secondary school?

Learning Space & YMCA East Surrey are offering 1:1 young person & parent/carers support sessions during the summer holidays to help ease the transition.

These sessions focus on addressing anxiety, worries, building resilience and celebrating each child's strengths.

Sessions are offered in various locations throughout East Surrey, as well as online. Please choose your preference on the form.

Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Parents and carers can sign up using the QR code/link
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YMCA EAST SURREY

Supporting your child with the transition from Primary to Secondary school

Join YMCA East Surrey's Family Wellbeing Service for an informative and supportive online workshop about how to support and prepare your child, and yourself, for the transition from Primary to Secondary school.

Three workshop days and times to choose from:

- u Tues 17 March | 12:00 - 13:00
- u Wed 18 March | 18:00 - 19:00
- u Wed 22 April | 18:00 - 19:00

1:1 tailored follow-up sessions are available after the workshop, please indicate on the sign-up form if you are interested.

To register interest, please scan the QR code or click

[Family Wellbeing Service - transition workshop contact form](#)

For further information or to book a place, email

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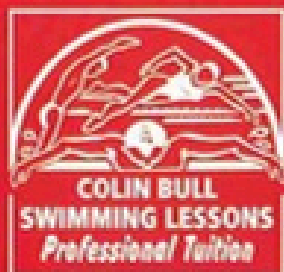
Employment

Housing

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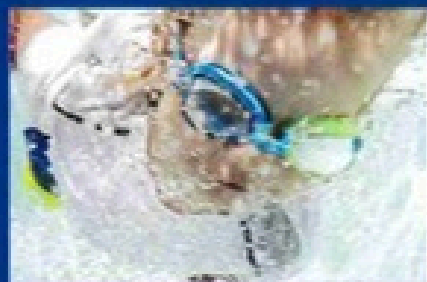
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