

FEBRUARY 27<sup>TH</sup> 2026

SOUTHFIELD PARK

# NEWSLETTER



## Dear families

The children came back full of enthusiasm and ready to go which is a good job as this is a very short five-week half term.

Thank you to the KS2 parents and carers who made it to Miss Hannah Cook's Maths workshop this week and to those of you who were able to make it this morning for our information session about how we work to support children and families in school. Year 5 families were also invited in on Thursday and treated to a super year group assembly, which looked at their current learning through the eyes of Victorian children. Thank you, Year 5!

The sun was shining on Year 2 on Wednesday when they were out and about at the British Wildlife Centre. The children left school full of excitement and came back full of news. Read on to find out more about their trip.

Next week, we are celebrating the power of books with English Week and World Book Day on Thursday. It will be a week of exciting learning all based around one book across the whole school. There is going to be some froggy fun going on! Please note that we will not be dressing up this year (alternate years only).

The Summer Term dates have been added below so please add them to your calendar. Any additional dates will be included and highlighted in the newsletter, as there are still things in the planning stages.

Best wishes for a lovely weekend.

Sally Smith

## Dates for your diary...

### Mon 2nd March

- SEND Coffee Morning 9am
- Book Week

### Wed 4<sup>th</sup> March

- Friends Book Swap Book Sale

### Mon 9<sup>th</sup> - Fri 13<sup>th</sup> March

- Bikeability for Year 4

### Mon 16<sup>th</sup> & Tues 17<sup>th</sup> March

- Reception Parent Consultations -PM

### Fri 20<sup>th</sup> March

- Easter Discos



- **Worrying Social Media Trends**

We would like to ask parents and carers to be especially vigilant with their child's use of social media. We have been made aware of repeated trends and messages which are aimed at school-aged children that are coming from outside schools. The potentially pose safeguarding issues for families in the community.

- **Year 2 Review**

This week, members of the Senior Leadership Team have been focusing on the provision in Year 2: celebrating and highlighting the strengths of practice and looking for opportunities to improve. It was a very successful review, and we'd like to take the opportunity to thank the Year 2 staff for their continuing hard work.

- **World Book Week**

Next week is English Week across the school, and we are busy planning some exciting learning opportunities for the children.

During the week, the whole school will be exploring the text 'Tuesday' by David Weisner through drama workshops, art, music, reading and writing. There will be some surprises throughout the week so we will have lots of inspirational learning to share in next week's newsletter. The Friends will be holding a book swap on **Wednesday 4th March**.

- **Football Boot Donations Needed**

We are looking for donations of good quality second-hand football boots that are no longer needed. If you have any junior sizes 2, 3, 4 or 5 in wearable condition, we would greatly appreciate your support. **Please note that we only need a few pairs.**

Kindly ensure boots are clean and in good condition. Donations can be brought into the school office.

Thank you for helping support our young players!



### ● Friends Book Swap

The Friends have had a good response to their appeal for pre-loved, good quality books to sell at next week's book swap. I am sure that donations will still be accepted on Monday if you'd like to have a sort out at home this weekend.



### ● Summer Term Dates

You can now find the end of term dates listed at the end of the newsletter. There will be a few more additions coming as teachers are still arranging trips and events, so watch this space.

Please note that we have made some changes to the end of year productions this year. From now on, the summer shows will be End of Key Stage events, hosted by Year 2 and Year 6. The Year 2 children will be inviting their families to a big summer sing-a-long, and the Year 6 children will take part in a big Disney production. It has been a big decision to move away from our production for all of the juniors. Interest and numbers for the Junior Production have dwindled over the last few years, and last year we had more children who were not involved than those who were. This made it much harder to justify rehearsals during the school day. By moving our production to Year 6 only, we will ensure that all children in the year group will be involved putting on the big show when their turn comes in Year 6. There will also be more tickets available for Year 6 families to enjoy the show.

### Lost Property: Help needed!

**Could you spare 30 minutes a month?** We would really like to get a team of volunteers popping into school to help us get named lost property back to the right classes, and to sort through unnamed items. If we had four volunteers, we could rotate them so that everyone came once a month. If you could help, please get in touch with the school office: [info@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk)

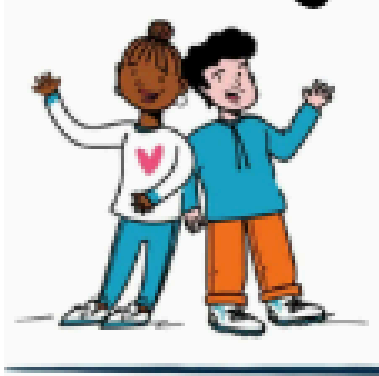


### Year 2's trip to The British Wildlife Centre

On Wednesday we jumped on a coach and travelled to The British Wildlife Centre in Lingfield! Once we arrived we met our keepers, Shannon and Jess and began to explore all of the different wildlife. We found out that Scottish Wildcats are much larger than the domestic cat and can grow up to 7kg, owls are able to rotate their heads 270 degrees and black rats have a much longer tail than brown rats. We had the opportunity to hold antlers which had been shed by one of the stags and see a tawny owl up close. This trip supported all of our learning in science as we learnt about how animals native to the UK have adapted to their habitats, saw how camouflage works up close and discovered some of the food chains which are happening all around us. We had a wonderful sunny day and can't wait to apply all of our learning in our future science lessons.



# Young Carer's Action Day 2026



Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>  
March 2026

#YOUNGCARERSACTIONDAY

Young Carer's Action Day highlights and promotes support for Young Carer's- children teenagers and young people that provide support and care for family members or loved ones due to illness, disability, mental health challenges or addiction.

**Dress down for a good cause!**

Wear your own clothes to school for a small donation.

All donations go towards a fun trip for the **Young Carers of Southfield Park** to say thank you for everything they do.



Any donation makes a difference! Thank you for all your support.





# Cake sale!

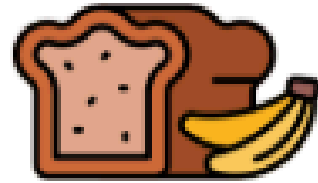


When: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Where: Southfield Park Infant Playground

Time: 3:05-3:45

Price: 50p a cupcake or a slice!



Join us after school to help raise money for a special trip for our **Young Carers**.

Staff, parents, carers and children are all welcome to bake and donate cakes - sweet or savoury!

Every cake sold helps give our Young Carers a well-deserved treat and a chance to relax and have fun.

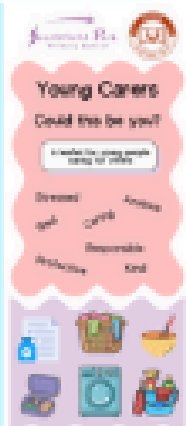
Thank you for supporting our school community. We look forward to seeing your bakes!

Reminder: please ensure all cakes are nut free and sesame free and provide a list of ingredients to stand next to your bakes!

**NUT-FREE**

**Let's eat  
CAKE!**

Grab one of our leaflets at our school office or at the cake sale to find out about Young Carers and all the amazing things they do.



For any more information please speak to Miss Radcliffe (ELSA at Southfield Park)



### Stars of the week

RC

Star of the week: **Maisie**

Year 1 HM

Star of the week: **Roman**

Year 2 GR

Star of the week: **Aron**

Year 3F

Star of the week: **Matthew**

Y4 K

Star of the week: **Karina**

Year 5BS

Star of the week: **Everybody**

Year 6N

Star of the week: **Aiden**

RF

Star of the week: **Bethany**

Year 1 CR

Star of the week: **Elise**

Year 2D

Star of the week: **Mina**

Year 3A

Star of the week: **Mia**

Year 4J

Star of the week: **Eesha & Loreta**

Year 5S

Star of the week: **Everybody**

Year 6C

Star of the week: **Tehya**



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# News From The Friends



## ● Pre-Loved Books Donation

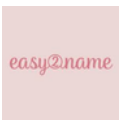
Thank you to everyone who has already given children's books for the Friends' pre-loved book sale next week. Please take a quick look at home this weekend for any last books you can donate. **Bring them in by Monday 2nd March** so the Friends have time to sort them.

Don't forget to **bring £1 on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March** to buy a book.



The Friends have sorted the Lost and Found box and returned everything named to the office. Sadly, the majority of items were not named. Remember to name them to ensure your uniform/coat/bag/bottle/etc. find their way back!

## Help raise funds when naming your child's belongings



Easy2Name: Name labels and stickers  
Get free postage +  
Contribution to the Friends  
code FR-SOUTHFLDPRK-16,  
<http://www.easy2name.com>



Stampastic: Naming Stamps  
Get \$4.99 off the deluxe bundle +  
Contribution to the Friends  
code KT198TF ,  
<http://bit.ly/STAMPKT198TF>



Stikins: multi purpose labels,  
no sewing required  
Contribution to the Friends  
code 36381  
<https://www.stikins.co.uk/>

## ● Upcoming Friends Events

20<sup>th</sup> Match - Easter Disco



## Spring Term 2026 - Key Dates

Mon 02.03		9am	SEND Coffee Morning
w/c 02.03		Book Week	
Wed 04.03		World Book Day including Friends' Book Sale (we are not dressing up this year)	
w/c Mon 09.03 – Fri 13.03		Bikeability for Year 4	
Mon 16.03 & Tues 17.03		Pm	Reception Parent Consultations
Fri 20.03		Easter Discos	
Mon 23.03		All day	Dress Rehearsal for Music Festival (Glee) at Epsom Playhouse
Mon 23.03		Open Classrooms 2:45 – 3:45pm	
Tues 24.03		Eve	Choir attending Dorking Halls Music Festival
Tues 24.03 and Wed 25.03		Eve	Music Festival (Glee) at Epsom Playhouse
Wed 25.03		Reports out to parents (years 1 – 6)	
Fri 27.03		Break up at 1:30pm	

## Summer Term 2026 - Key Dates

Date	Time	Event
Mon 13.04	8:35am	Children return to school
Tue 14.0.4		Duck egg experience arrives in Reception
Thu 16.04	Am	Grow, Cook, Enjoy planting with KS2
Fri 17.04	Year Group Newsletters out to parents	
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
<b>Mon 04.05</b>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	
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
<b>w/c Mon 25.05</b>	<b>HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	
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
Thu 11.06	9:00am	District Sports Track Events
Fri 12.06	Reception Trip to Bocketts Farm	
Fri 12.06	9:15am	Year 3 Year Group Assembly
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	
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		
<b>Fri 26.06</b>	<b>1:15pm</b>	<b>Year 3 finish early</b>	
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	
Thu 09.07	6:00pm	New Reception Parents information session	
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	
<b>Fri 16.07</b>	<b>1:30pm</b>	<b>Break up for Summer Holidays</b>	



# A helping hand for a *healthier* *family*

Do you need help to achieve a healthy weight for your child or teenager?

*Be Your Best is a funded healthy lifestyle programme for Surrey families with children & teenagers aged 5-17 years, who are above the healthy weight range.*

*We can help you make a positive difference to your child or teenager's health & wellbeing.*

*The programme is made up of one-to-one and group sessions:*

## Sessions include

Live cooking workshop  
Meal planning for the whole family  
Easy food swaps  
Managing screen time  
How to become an active family  
Importance of sleep

## One-to-one sessions

With a health & wellbeing advisor at a mutually agreed time & location

## Online group sessions for parents/carers

Week days after school via Zoom

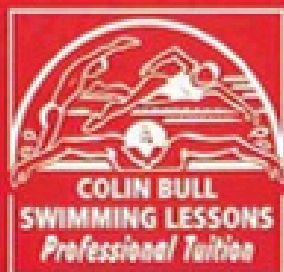
## Online physical activity sessions

Group sessions via zoom or on-demand video content

*"Me and my boys are really enjoying this programme and we are so grateful to be taking part." - Mum*

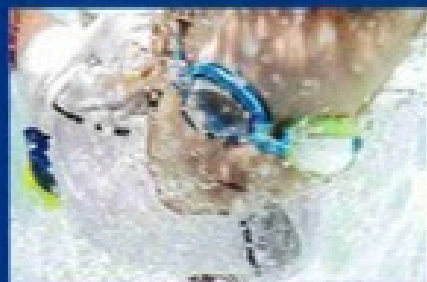
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# SWIMMING LESSONS

## QUALITY LESSONS FOR ALL AGES



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# FAMILY QUIZ

MAR 8TH

*Quiz starts at 16:30 PM*  
*Venue: The Metropolis*  
*in Epsom*

Join us for a family friendly quiz to help raise funds for our Star-Tastic Academy gymnasts competing at the USAIGC/IAIGC World Gymnastics Championships in Orlando

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Team size no bigger than 8  
£100 for winning team

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**OR SCAN**  
THE QR CODE

ADULT Tickets - £8  
CHILD Tickets - £4



# ADVICE CAFE

WelcomePack

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FRIDAYS  
10AM-12PM

Freedrop-in hub with cake and refreshments for advice on debt, benefits, and other important issues.

St Barnabas | KT19 8HA | 020 8224 9838

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Our regular advisors can help with:

Mental Health

Physical Health

Debt Help

Employment

Housing

Benefits

Other areas of support are also available, please get in touch to find out if we can help support you.

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## Club4 Parent Guide - Easter 26

Hey Parent/Carers! Looking for exciting ways to keep your kids active, creative, and full of smiles this Easter? Club4 is back—and we've got an incredible line-up of fully-funded holiday activities for eligible families across Surrey! The Holiday Activity and Food Programme, delivered by Active Surrey on behalf of Surrey County Council, is a fantastic Department for Education initiative offering places for children and young people from Reception to Year 11 who receive benefit-related free school meals. Funding covers up to 4 activity days per child. From high-energy sports and games to hands-on cooking, colourful arts & crafts, exciting outdoor adventures, and so much more — Club4 camps bring the fun every Easter, Summer, and Winter! Kids can explore new passions, build confidence, make amazing new friends, and create memories that stick long after the holidays.

There's something for every family... **SEND-specific** camps and family stay and play experiences, designed to be inclusive, supportive, and joy-filled **Teen days** out packed with adventure, teamwork,

and new experiences

**Family events** where everyone can get involved and make the holidays extra special

Bookings for Easter open at 7:30am on **Tuesday 24 February** – but why wait?

Register your interest now and get ahead of the **Scan the QR code or click here to book**

queue!  
today! [Eequ](#)



*We're so happy to see so many children and young people excited about our Club4 sessions!*

*But here's the challenge: some parents are booking spaces, and children aren't showing up.*

*Because these sessions are fully funded, every missed place means:*

- *A funded activity spot goes unused*
- *Another child misses the chance to join in, have fun, and enjoy a healthy meal*

*To make sure as many families as possible can benefit, providers may not be able to accept future bookings from families who regularly miss sessions without letting them know.*

- ✓ *Only book sessions your child is able to attend*
- ✓ *If plans change, cancel your booking on Eequ as early as possible so another child can enjoy the opportunity*

*Together, we can make this holiday active, creative, and memorable for every child!*



## Parent Highlights

*"A wonderful resource for families to ensure that all children have the opportunity to be active, social and have a chance for respite from additional needs siblings at home." **Parent***

*"These are amazing and I'm so so grateful as a single parent of three very young children to be given the opportunity to have my daughter go to these not just for her but for myself and her younger brothers. The staff are amazing and really have the children at heart." **Parent***



*"We had a fantastic time at the Stay and Play. The facilities are amazing and the staff so helpful and attentive, it's a perfect place for my daughter and her brother who has special needs to bond and try a new activity together. We will definitely be coming along again." **Parent***

*"Amazing, great staff, inclusive and great opportunities for kids activities." **Parent***

# strengthening families strengthening communities

For parents and other adult carers; **for Parents of Year Five Students Only**, group starting on Thursday 16 April at 10:00am

Want to get some new ideas to help you be the best parent you can be?

Enhance your relationship with your children?

Learning at a time that suits you?



**6 online sessions**



**6 group discussions**



**Certificate on completion**

## What to expect...

- Information on strategies and child development.
- Hear from other parents.
- Worksheets and hand-outs.
- Videos, quizzes and fun activities.
- Do sessions at a time that works for you.
- Expert help from a real person each week.
- Choose a course that suits your child's age.

## Topics covered...

- Healthy relationships.
- Understanding and managing behaviour.
- Enhancing children's self-esteem.
- Emotions and empathy.
- What to expect for the age of your child.
- Being part of a community.

## Group discussion...

1. Speak to a course expert and get answers to any questions you might have.
2. Talk about how the strategies are going at home and how to adjust them for you.
3. Address other difficulties relating to parenting.
4. Hear from others about what works for them.



Online  
Course

# Stronger Relationships

For parents and other adult carers living together or apart. **For Parents of Year Five Students Only, group starting Wednesday 1 April at 6:00pm**



- Do you want to get some new ideas to help you be an even better parent?
- Would you like to reduce the arguments and disagreements in your family and cope better with stress?
- Would you like to enhance your relationship with your current partner, or improve communication with your ex or the other people helping to raise your children?
- How about learning at a time that suits you?



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## What to expect...

- Information on strategies to identify and reduce arguments.
- Hear from other parents and carers.
- Downloadable worksheets and hand-outs.
- Videos, quizzes and interactive activities.
- Do sessions at a time that works for you.
- Weekly support from our course experts.

## Topics covered...

- Healthy adult relationships.
- Identifying and managing disagreements.
- Understanding how conflict affects your children.
- Enhancing parent-child relationships.
- Managing stress, anger and emotions.
- Strategies to resolve conflict and create a parenting agreement

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# Stronger Relationships

For parents and other adult carers living together or apart. **For Parents of Year Six Students Only, group starting Monday 9 March at 1:00pm**



- Do you want to get some new ideas to help you be an even better parent?
- Would you like to reduce the arguments and disagreements in your family and cope better with stress?
- Would you like to enhance your relationship with your current partner, or improve communication with your ex or the other people helping to raise your children?
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# An Overview of Dyslexia and how to Support Learners at home



Do you want to be able to support your child at home with dyslexia?

- Definition of dyslexia
- Characteristic areas of difficulty
- Potential impact on literacy (and numeracy) development
- Benefits of a multisensory approach to learning
- Supporting reading
- Supporting reading comprehension
- Supporting writing
- Supporting spelling
- Keeping self-esteem high.

There will be the opportunity to ask questions and to meet other parents in a similar situation.

At the end of the workshop, you will:

- Understand dyslexia better
- Understand what dyslexia means for your child and how it affects more than reading and spelling
- Have practical ideas about how to help your child with memory and organisation
- Have practical strategies for helping your child with
- reading, writing and spelling
- Have learnt ways to boost your child's confidence and
- self-esteem.

Find out more about other courses we offer please go to our [website www.helenarkell.org.uk](http://www.helenarkell.org.uk)