



Newsletter 4 – 26th September 2025

DAY	WHAT'S ON
EVERYDAY	Cygnets: bring reading books, reading records, spelling books, water bottles Swans: bring water bottles, a healthy snack Wear PE Kit on Monday and Thursdays
MONDAY 29TH SEPT	- Harvest Celebration in Church 9.00am - Mr Bateman Music Lessons - Sports Club 3.15-4.30pm - ASC 3.15-5.15pm
TUESDAY 30TH SEPT	- Reception 2026 Open Morning 9.30am - Year 3 & 4 Swimming. Packed lunches. - Lunchtime Chess Club - Year 3 & 4 Book Club 3.00-3.30pm - KS2 Science Club 3.15-4.15pm - ASC 3.15-4.15pm
WEDNESDAY 1ST OCTOBER	- Mr Meade Music Lessons - Forest School Whole Cygnet Class Celtic Day – Packed Lunches - KS2 French Club 3.15-4.15pm - ASC 3.15-5.15pm
THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER	- Year 5 & 6 Book Club 3.00-3.30pm - Country Dancing Club 3.15 – 4.15pm - ASC 3.15-5.15pm
FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER	- Musical Mania Lessons - ASC 3.15-5.15pm
MONDAY 6TH OCTOBER	- Mr Bateman Music Lessons - Sports Club 3.15-4.30pm - ASC 3.15-5.15pm
TUESDAY 7TH OCTOBER	- Year 3 & 4 Swimming. Packed lunches. - Lunchtime Chess Club - KS2 Science Club 3.15-4.15pm - ASC 3.15-4.15pm
WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER	- Forest School Rec, Year 1 & Year 6 - KS2 French Club 3.15-4.15pm - ASC 3.15-5.15pm
THURSDAY 9TH OCTOBER	- Country Dancing Club 3.15 – 4.15pm - ASC 3.15-5.15pm
FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER	- Musical Mania Lessons - ASC 3.15-5.15pm

Coming UP Mon 13th October Y3&4 Cheltenham Literature Festival, Thursday 16th October Year 5&6 Cheltenham Literature Festival, Friday 17th October Cygnets Cheltenham Literature Festival, Monday 20th October Swans visit to the Ashmolean Oxford.

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week:

Swans – Molly for her fantastic attitude towards her learning.

Cygnets – Remy for being so happy in class.

Message from Miss Davies

Last night we headed to the circus, and it was everything we hoped for! There were dazzling tricks, daring jumps, fire, horses, dogs, even aeroplanes — and of course, plenty of giggles. As always, the Southrop children were a delight, though a few bleary eyes could be spotted this morning. Thank you Mrs McLellan and Mr Scrivener- enrichment is key to our curriculum.

This week has been a busy one for both staff and children. Four members of staff completed their paediatric first aid training, an essential for any setting with under-5s and all teaching staff attended their second session of Understanding Autism Level 2.

Our school council has been busy too, helping to collect names for the chickens. Voting is taking place this afternoon, and we look forward to announcing the results soon. The chickens themselves are beginning to roam a little further afield, keeping us all entertained.

Congratulations to Charlotte and Connie for your wonderful entries into the Thank-You Card Competition. These will now be made up and shared — well done!

At Southrop, we know that books open doors. A good story doesn't just build imagination, it develops vocabulary, sparks curiosity, and helps children make sense of the world around them. Reading regularly also strengthens focus, empathy, and critical thinking, skills that serve children well far beyond the classroom. We encourage families to make time for shared reading at home, whether it's a bedtime story, reading aloud over breakfast, or exploring a new library book together. To support and celebrate this, we are tracking progress through Page Ticker. This allows us to see how often children are engaging with books and to celebrate milestones along the way. We'd love for families to join us in this journey, if you know you haven't logged in yet please reach out to your child's teacher.

To encourage a range of genres and text the children in Key Stage 2 are invited to book club – they start next week.

... the chickens are called Honey, Cookie & Waffle

Book Club

In the Swans there are two Book Clubs. I would like to be part of these again this year, and I would like you to be too. I would like you and your child to share the book and both of you to attend the club meeting. You could have it as their bedtime story, read a bit each, read it separately and discuss. It could be their book, from library, or download it onto a kindle. The aim is you, as a family, are sharing the book and the love of reading. The clubs will at 3.00pm, obviously some parents will be working so I understand if you cannot come to each meeting but maybe you could email your thoughts, zoom in or send a note with your child.

Year 5 & 6 Book Club will be on Thursday 2nd October 3.00-3.30pm

Year 3 & 4 Book Club will be on Tuesday 30th September 3pm – 3.30pm

Please email Miss Davies at mdavies@southrop.gloucs.sch.uk if your child wants to take part in Book Club.

Harvest Festival

We will be holding our Harvest Celebration on Monday 29th September at 9.00am in Church and collecting dry goods for the Cirencester Food Bank. Please bring any items for the foodbank into school for the children to take to the service. Everyone is welcome to attend and come to hear the Harvest songs the children have been practising.



- SUGGESTED FOOD ITEMS:
- Angel delight
- Cat food
- Chocolate

- Tinned meat
- Instant coffee
- Long-life juice
- Multipack crisps/ snacks
- Snacks (e.g. crisps, cereal bars, etc)
- Sponge puddings
- Tinned curry
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned ham
- Tinned meat
- Tinned mushrooms
- Tinned peas
- Tinned potatoes
- Tinned soup
- Tinned sweetcorn
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned vegetables
- ITEMS NOT NEEDED AT THE MOMENT Baked Beans, Dog Food, Pasta, Tinned Custard, Tinned Fish, Tinned Pulses.

Open Mornings

Our open mornings for Reception 2026 are:

Tuesday 30th September, Tuesday 14th October with the PTA, Sat 8th Nov (10.30-12.30), Tuesday 18th November, Tuesday 18^h Nov, Tuesday 2nd Dec & Tuesday 6th Jan 26, starting at 9.30am.

Forest School Next Week – Celtic Day

Next week Forest School will be Celtic Day for the Whole Cygnet Class and the following week, 8th October will be Rec, Year 1 & Year 6. Please look out for the message from Miss Davis which gives details of the day, if you want to order a school packed lunch please let the office know by first thing on Monday, otherwise please send your child to school with a packed lunch. Thank you.

Fellowship Walk



Despite trips to the circus, cross country and Farmor's open Evening we had a few early birds ready for a walk this morning. Thank you Judith, Lisa, Dolly and Hector for joining me. We went on a circular walk along the footpaths at the back of Thyme, through the woods and along the fields. Hector and Molly found the biggest stick they could and carried it all the way. We hope a few more people might come and join us next time as it was a lovely way to start the day. The next fellowship walk will be on Friday November 7th at 8.00 am. We do hope you can join us!

Giffords Circus



Our long-awaited trip to the circus took place yesterday evening. Year 3&4 made a long journey to the Giffords Circus base at Fennells Farm near Stroud to experience a magical evening - we all agreed it was well worth the wait. The children were really appreciative and a credit to us, but as we didn't get back till 8pm there were a few tired faces this morning! A huge thank you to our volunteer minibuss driver, Mr Scrivener, for getting us safely there and back, despite the challenge of two road closures.

Report by Molly Year 3

Yesterday Year 3 and 4 had an amazing day at the circus. First we got there by mini bus, then we saw Tweedie the clown and the tent was ginormous with a yellow sign saying Giffords Circus on it. When we go in it was dark and it was such a long trip but it was definitely worth it. We all got squirted with water in the ice cream bit. We had acrobats who skipped through fire. The cool guys there were mean to Tweedie and he got chased by a shark. A dog leapt on a horse and did tricks on the horse like sitting and the dog walked backwards on two back paws on the floor. Thank you to our parents for our healthy teas.

Snack Money for Cygnets

Miss Davis & Miss Davies provide a healthy snack for the children each morning to supplement the School Fruit Scheme. Please can you bring £1 a week donation per Cygnet child the help cover the cost. Please leave this with Mrs Simmons in the school office. Thank you.



Please take a look at the PTA news attached to this newsletter.