



Newsletter 6 – 10th October 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 13TH OCTOBER	- Mr Bateman Music Lessons MOVED TO WEDNESDAY - Year 3 & 4 to Cheltenham Literature Festival – Bring a packed lunch - Sports Club 3.15-4.30pm pick up from School - ASC 3.15-5.15pm - DEADLINE for Yr 5&6 and Cygnets to book packed lunches for the Literature Festival.
TUESDAY 14TH OCTOBER	- PTA Open Morning - Year 3 & 4 Swimming. Packed lunches. - Lunchtime Chess Club - KS2 Science Club 3.15-4.15pm - ASC 3.15-4.15pm
WEDNESDAY 15TH OCTOBER	- Mr Bateman Music Lessons - NO FOREST SCHOOL - KS2 French Club 3.15-4.15pm - ASC 3.15-5.15pm
THURSDAY 16TH OCTOBER	- Year 5&6 Cheltenham Literature Festival – Bring a packed lunch or order school packed lunch. - Country Dancing Club 3.15 – 4.15pm - ASC 3.15-5.15pm
FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER	- Cygnets Class to Cheltenham Literature Festival – Bring a packed lunch or order school packed lunch. - Musical Mania Lessons - ASC 3.15-5.15pm
MONDAY 20TH OCTOBER	- Mr Bateman Music Lessons moved to Wednesday - Swans trip to the Ashmolean, Oxford, bring a packed lunch - Sports Club 3.15-4.30pm pick up from School - ASC 3.15-5.15pm
TUESDAY 21ST OCTOBER	- Year 3 & 4 Swimming. Packed lunches. - Lunchtime Chess Club - Parents to view books in the classrooms 3.00pm. - KS2 Science Club 3.15-4.15pm - ASC 3.15-4.15pm
WEDNESDAY 22ND OCTOBER	- Mr Bateman Music Lessons - NO FOREST SCHOOL - KS2 French Club 3.15-4.15pm - ASC 3.15-5.15pm
THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER	INSET DAY
FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER	INSET DAY

Coming UP Monday 3rd November Start of Term 2, Parent Consultations Tuesday 4th Nov (3.30 -5.00pm in person) & Thursday 6th Nov (5.30-7.00pm online), Thursday 6th Nov Yr 3&4 Library visit, Friday 7th November Little Faringdon Fire Works, Saturday 8th November School Open Morning, Monday 10th November Remembrance Service 10.35 in Church.

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week:

Swans – Dolly & Luna for working so hard on their times tables.

Cygnets – Rudi for settling so well into the Reception class this term.

Head Teacher's Lunch

Congratulations to Roxi, Charlotte, Hector and Mia who had lunch with Miss Davies today.



Message from Miss Davies

It has been another wonderful week here and I am so pleased to see how well the children have settled into their routines. Classrooms are full of energy, curiosity and enthusiasm for learning, and it's lovely to see the children growing in confidence and independence each day.

A particular focus across the school this week has been on new texts, reading and phonics. Our younger children have been working hard to develop their phonics knowledge through daily, focused sessions — recognising sounds, blending words, and beginning to read simple sentences with increasing confidence. It's been a joy to see their excitement when they discover new words and begin to apply their learning in their reading books.

Across the school, we continue to place a strong emphasis on reading for pleasure. Teachers have been sharing a range of engaging stories and encouraging children to talk about what they read — predicting, questioning, and discussing the characters and plots. Please continue to support this at home by setting aside a few minutes each day to read together; this simple routine makes a huge difference to your child's progress and enjoyment of learning.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone about the importance of good attendance. Being in school every day really does make a difference. Children who attend regularly are more settled, make stronger friendships, and achieve better academic results. At Southrop, our expectation is that every child should achieve at least 96% attendance over the school year. To put this into perspective, 95% attendance means your child is missing almost two weeks of school

across the year — that's ten full days of learning lost. When attendance drops below 90%, this equates to nearly a month of missed lessons, which can have a serious impact on progress and confidence.

We understand that illness can't always be avoided, but please do make every effort to ensure your child is in school whenever possible. Every day truly counts towards your child's success and sense of belonging here at Southrop.

As always, thank you for your continued support and involvement in school life. Together, we are helping our children to build a strong foundation for their learning and future success.

Open Mornings

Our open mornings for Reception 2026 are:

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. Please spread the word to anyone looking for places in Reception 2026.

Forest School

Forest School has finished for the term.

Cheltenham Literature Festival

A reminder that Year 3 & 4 are going to Cheltenham on Monday, please bring your child to school for 8.30am so they are ready to get on the minibus and leave by 8.45am. The children will need a packed lunch and drink for the day. They can bring money to buy a book, please put this in a named purse or envelope.

Year 5&6 will be going on Thursday (leaving school at 9.30am) and the Cygnet Class on Friday (leaving school by 8.45am). Please book a school packed lunch by Monday 13th for these trips or bring your own packed lunch. Again, money for books should be in a named purse or envelope.

Please book and pay the £8.50 contribution for these trips under the Trip tab on the Portal. Thank you.

Cygnets Trip to the Cotswold Wildlife Park

Miss Davies will be taking the Cygnets to the Wildlife Park on Wednesday 22nd October, for this trip we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £8.50 towards the cost of the trip. If your child has an annual pass then there is no charge. The children will need to wear jogging bottoms or leggings with their school tops and to bring a warm coat. If you would like to book a school packed lunch this can be ordered on the Portal. Bookings will be open from 6.00pm today, please register and pay via the Trip tab on the Portal. Lunch choices need to be made by Friday 17th October. Thank you.



The children have had a marvellous time floating boats, inspired by Isambard Kingdom Brunel, creating chain reactions, making and flying hoop gliders and creating structures, inspired by Gustave Eiffel. We enjoyed flying the hoop gliders so much, that at Hector's request, we had an additional week making and testing paper aeroplanes.



Recipe's at the Ready!

We are getting ready to put our PTA Recipe Book together! Please can you choose a recipe with your child and send it into school next week. This could be anything from sweet treats, a family favourite, or a recipe handed down from generations! Some examples may be, 'Speedy Chicken Tagliatelle', 'Golden Baked Beef and Ale Pie', 'Stuffed Mushrooms', 'Lemon Cake'.

If it is easier to email a copy, please email it to PTA@southrop.gloucs.sch.uk

A drawing form will be sent home with all the child next week!

Little Faringdon Fireworks - Friday 7th November

Thanks to those that have volunteered to help at the Fireworks Event. We could really do with 2 or 3 more helpers if possible, to show our support for their generous donation.

5.30pm - help with Parking

6pm - help on the Food or Children's stalls

Please let Kelly know if you can help, thanks!

PTA Open Days

Please share our Open Days poster on our facebook page with anyone you think may be interested. Thank you 😊