



Newsletter 10 – 14th November 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 17TH NOV	- Monday Breakfast and Takeaway Coffee starts - Mr Bateman Music Lessons - Sports Club 3.15-4.30pm pick up from School - ASC 3.15-5.15pm
TUESDAY 18TH NOV	- New Reception Open Morning 9.30am. - Year 3 & 4 Swimming. Packed lunches. - Lunchtime Chess Club - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm - Crochet Club 3.15-4.15pm
WEDNESDAY 19TH NOV	- Mr Meade Music Lessons - Forest School Rec, Y1 & Year 4 - KS2 French Club 3.15-4.15pm - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm
THURSDAY 20TH NOV	- SIAMS Inspection - Cookery Club 3.15-5.15pm PLEASE BOOK BY MONDAY - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm
FRIDAY 21ST NOV	- Musical Mania - Reception & Year 6 Heights & Weights
MONDAY 24TH NOV	- Monday Breakfast and Takeaway Coffee starts - Mr Bateman Music Lessons - Sports Club 3.15-4.30pm pick up from School - ASC 3.15-5.15pm
TUESDAY 25TH NOV	- Year 3 & 4 Swimming. Packed lunches. - Lunchtime Chess Club - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm - Crochet Club 3.15-4.15pm
WEDNESDAY 26TH NOV	- Mr Meade Music Lessons - Forest School Rec, Y1 & Year 5 & 6 - KS2 French Club 3.15-4.15pm - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm
THURSDAY 27TH NOV	- Cookery Club 3.15-5.15pm PLEASE BOOK BY MONDAY - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm
FRIDAY 28TH NOV	Musical Mania

Coming up 5th December Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Crafternoon, 9th December Year 3&4 Book Club, 11th December Year 5&6 Book Club, 12th December Carol Singing in Southrop, 14th December PTA Tractor Run.

Stars of the Week

Swans – Roxi for her hard work in class this week.

Cygnets – Ava-Lilley for always giving 100%



Kiera won a silver medal in her recent Gymnastics competition. Well done Kiera.

Message from Miss Davies

The weeks are starting to merge into one, but what a wonderfully busy time we have had!

Despite the absolutely soaking weather, Friday evening's Little Farringdon Fireworks was a fabulous event. The PTA did a brilliant job supporting its running, and it was lovely to see so many familiar faces braving the rain.

We then moved straight into our Open Morning on Saturday. This was very well attended, and it was exciting to hear such positive comments from visitors about our school.

On Monday, we visited the church to mark Armistice Day. The service followed the traditional pattern, and the children observed the two minute silence with respect and reflection.

On Tuesday, our Year 5 and 6 children joined the Royal British Legion's Festival of Remembrance online. Kiera in Year 5 has written:

This was an amazing experience and was a time to really think. Dave and his daughter Poppy do art all about Armistice Day, they talked to a different school and did art with wet wipes! Then they went to a famous building near the Cenotaph to put their paintings there and celebrated the two minutes silence with The Last Post. Though it was very unusual that they used a steel pan to open and close the two minute silence. We all did very well being silent during the service because we knew that we needed to be respectful. Here are some quotes from pupils ...

Juliette said: Very good because you got to see all the different people that served or are serving and what they did or do!

Freya said: She liked it because it had lots of memorial statues and there meanings.

Kiera said: It was a perfect celebration and was a really good way to learn more about Armistice Day Noah said: He really like the wet wipe painting of poppies.

On Thursday, we received a phone call from the Church of England informing us that our Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) will take place on Thursday 20th November 2025. Although inspections naturally make us pause, they are an important opportunity to share the journey Southrop is on. You will find a letter attached from our inspector, Christian McGuinness. He is keen to speak with parents, possibly at drop-off and pick-up, so please do make yourself available if you would like to share your thoughts.

Monday Breakfast

Just a reminder Monday Breakfast starts next week with a takeaway coffee for parents too.

Book Clubs

Our book clubs continue to grow! The children have really enjoy sharing stories and recommending books to each other, as well as the hot chocolate and biscuits! Our next book clubs are:

Tuesday 9th December:

Year 3 and 4 - Pippi Longstocking Ingrid Lindgren

Thursday 11th December:

Year 5 and 6- The Raven Edgar Allen Poe and The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood Howard Pyle

Reception 2026 Applications

Applications for Reception 2026 are now open and will close on 15th January 2026. Please help us spread the word about the wonderful community here at Southrop by sharing this information with friends and family who may be considering school places.

We will also be hosting Open Mornings for prospective families on

Tuesday 18th November 2025

Tuesday 2nd December 2025

Tuesday 6th January 2026

[Admissions to Reception at Primary School – Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Christmas Lunch Survey

Please complete the Christmas Lunch Survey to book a Christmas lunch by Monday morning at the latest.

<https://portal.thesystem.cloud/survey/bac30da8494eb9fbc1d149f6cac04c4>

Forest School Dates for Term 2

A reminder of the dates:

19th Nov plus Year 4, 26th Nov plus Y5 & 6 and 3rd Dec Cygnet Whole Class Nativity.

Library Visit Postponed

Due to the SIAMS inspection on Thursday Year 5&6 will not be going to the library. We will let you know once we have a new date.

Year 4-6 Residential June 2026

A letter was sent out earlier in the week with details of next year's residential. Please let us know that your child is going to attend by paying the deposit on the Portal under the Shop by Monday 24th November. Thank you.

Whole School Trip to the Panto in January

We will be taking the whole school to see Beauty and the Beast at Chipping Norton Theatre on Thursday 8th January 2026. The PTA are kindly covering the cost of the coach but we are asking for a contribution of £14.50 towards the cost of the ticket and an ice cream or sorbet. Please register on the Portal under the Trips tab by Friday 12th December. You can also book a school packed lunch when you make the booking. Please see the attached letter.

Carol Singing in Southrop – Date for Your Diary

Please keep Friday 12th December free for Carol singing around Southrop in aid of Shelter. Details will follow.



K'NEX Challenge – By Juliette, Y6

On Wednesday 12th November a member from STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) came to give us an understanding of what engineer's do. We set to work in pairs, working on a design that was based entirely on robots. When finished, we presented our designs to the rest of the class. Afterwards, the winners were announced and the winners... Esmée and Phoebe! Their design worked efficiently, followed the criteria necessary and was shaped to win! They will be attending the final on the 18th May. Good luck to them both!







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Recipe Books £10 each

Be the proud owner of the first ever Southrop School PTA Recipe Book! An amazing collection of over 40 recipes chosen and illustrated by the children! Orders can be made using an order form or by emailing pta@southrop.gloucs.sch.uk

Smarties Challenge

A huge thank you to those that handed back their smarties tubes. We made £24.39. If anyone is yet to hand in their tube, please return it to reception or a PTA member. We hope all the children enjoyed their treat!

Tractor Run

We are organising our first Tractor Run! We are aiming for 50 festive tractors travelling from Southrop to Cirencester, through lots of villages on Sunday 14th December! Are you able to help collect donations along the route?! Let us know!

Little Farrington Fireworks

A massive thank you to Kim, Judith, Imogen, Mr and Mrs Simmons, Miss Davies and Mrs Martyn for all their help at the Fireworks event. Despite the soggy weather the organisers feel they have made a similar amount to last year! They will be deliberating which local organisations they will share the funds with soon, fingers crossed!

Christmas Festivities

We will be holding our Christmas Hamper Raffle, Mince Pie and Gingerbread sale and supporting the school at the Christmas Crafternoon. If anyone would like to help with a festive activity, please let us know.

As part of the Crafternoon, children will be welcome to wear Christmas Jumpers and asked to bring an item from the Hamper List. This will be shared shortly.

Jumble Sale - 7th March

Get ready for a good clear out! If anyone is able to help set up on the Friday or to do on a stall on the Saturday that would be great!

Open Days

We had a great turn out at our Saturday Open Day, with six families visiting. Thank you to everyone that promoted and to the PTA helpers at each event,

Next PTA meeting:
Wednesday 19th November, 2pm