



Newsletter 11 – 21st 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 24TH NOV	- Monday Breakfast and Takeaway Coffee - Mr Bateman Music Lessons - Year 5&6 Visit to the Fairford Library - 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	- Thursday Porridge at Before School Club 8.00 – 8.20am - Cookery Club 3.15-5.15pm PLEASE BOOK BY MONDAY - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm
FRIDAY 28TH NOV	Musical Mania
MONDAY 1ST DEC	- Monday Breakfast and Takeaway Coffee - Mr Bateman Music Lessons - Sports Club 3.15-4.30pm pick up from School - ASC 3.15-5.15pm
TUESDAY 2ND DEC	- Open Morning for Reception 2026 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 3RD DEC	- Mr Meade Music Lessons - Forest School Cygnet Nativity - KS2 French Club 3.15-4.15pm - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm
THURSDAY 4TH DEC	- Thursday Porridge at Before School Club 8.00 – 8.20am - Cookery Club 3.15-5.15pm PLEASE BOOK BY MONDAY - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm
FRIDAY 5TH DEC	- Christmas Jumper Day - Musical Mania - Christmas "Crafternoon"

Coming up 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, 16th December Cygnet Nativity and Swans Carol Singing, 17th December Christmas Lunch and School Party, 18th December Carol Service 1.00pm and end of term 1.30pm.

Stars of the Week

Swans – Arianne for her hard work in Maths this week.

Cygnets –Rudy for fantastic work in phonics.

Message from Miss Davies

This has been a busy week children and parents have enjoyed our first Monday Breakfast and Takeaway Coffee and we have prepared for our SIAMS Inspection which took place on Thursday. I am extremely proud of how the children responded to the inspector, who was present for the whole day, in and out of the classrooms and speaking directly with children. Thank you to the all the staff and governors for their hard work in preparing for the day and to the parents for their valuable input. The results of the inspection will be published in a few weeks.

Today we said goodbye to Mrs Richards who has been with us since September. Although she has only been with us a short while the staff and pupils will miss her and wish her well in her new position at Down Ampney School.

Next week as well as Monday Breakfast and Takeway Coffee, Mrs Martyn will be holding Porridge Thursday. On Thursdays there will be hot porridge available if you arrive before 8.20am.

Book Clubs

Our book clubs continue to grow! The children have really enjoyed 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 2nd December 2025

Tuesday 6th January 2026

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

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

Forest School Dates for Term 2

A reminder of the dates:

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

Library Visit - Monday 24th November

The Year 5&6 Library visit will take place on Monday afternoon.

Year 4-6 Residential June 2026 – Deposit Due

A letter was sent out last week with details of next year's residential. If you have not already done so please let us know that your child is going to attend by paying the deposit on the Portal under the Shop tab by Monday 24th November. If you know that your child will not be attending please let Mrs Simmons know. Thank you.

Carol Singing in Southrop – Friday 12th December.

Please keep Friday 12th December free for Carol singing around Southrop in aid of Shelter. We will be meeting at Dawes Close in Southrop to start singing at 6.00pm and hope to end the evening around 7.15pm at the Swan for hot drinks and mince pies. Please confirm to Mrs Simmons if you are able to take part. Thank you.

Christmas "Crafternoon" – Friday 5th December

We are looking for a few more volunteers to help on Friday 5th December with the Christmas "Crafternoon". If you are able to help please let Mrs Simmons know. Thank you.

Swans

In English, Year 5& 6 completed our unit on The Island by Armin Greder by writing a short narrative sequel to continue the experience of the characters. We have now begun reading

The Tempest by William Shakespeare. We have used noun phrases to describe a storm and relative clauses to describe the main characters.

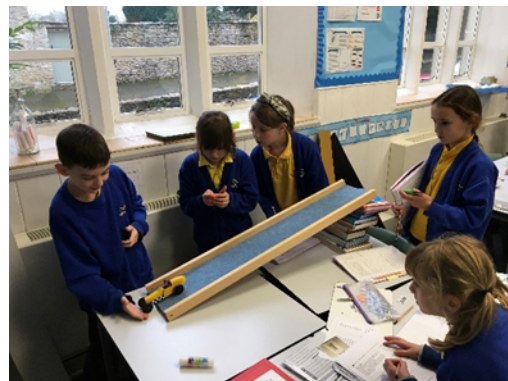
In Maths, Year 5 have been working with addition and subtraction, with a focus on written methods. We have applied these methods to both whole numbers and decimals. Year 6 have been looking at angles rules and used them to calculate missing angles.

In Science, Year 5 and 6 have begun exploring light. We drew scientific diagrams to demonstrate how light travels in straight lines and then investigated which materials reflect light the best. In Computing, we are writing code that can be downloaded to a micro:bit.

In English, Year 3&4 have been continuing their work based on the book The Heart and the Bottle, and innovating their own versions. We have The Curiosity in the Bottle, The Love in the Pocket, The Hope in the Locket and many more. We are just completing our final edits and looking forward to publishing them as concertina books.

In Maths, Year 3 and 4 have been practising mental methods for addition and subtraction, including partitioning and rounding to the nearest 100 and adjusting, for example when you are adding or subtracting numbers like 99. At the moment we are working on bridging 100 or 1000, using equipment and number lines.

In Science, Year 3&4 have started their unit of Forces and Magnets by looking at how different surfaces provide different amounts of friction to slow down a car and how the South and North poles of a magnet attract and repel. Please send in any everyday objects from home which utilise magnets for our Science lessons on Tuesdays.



In Computing, Year 3 and 4 have been enjoying coding in Scratch, using existing blocks of code and adding more code to extend a story for 2 sprites. Remember the children can access the Scratch website for free at home at scratch.mit.edu

In PSHE the children have been thinking about volunteering and community action groups.

Our Art this term is focussing on how art is displayed. We have found out about the 4th Plinth in Trafalgar Square and the work of the sculptor Thomas J Price, who creates imposing bronze figures of everyday people to prompt consideration of who is represented and why? This week we enjoyed creating temporary clay figurative sketches.



Cygnets

What a busy and exciting start to the term!

The children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring our new class text, *Astro Girl*. Inspired by the main character's dream of travelling to space, we've been researching animals that have journeyed beyond Earth as well as learning about famous astronauts.

Maths

- **Year 2** have been developing their subtraction skills using strategies such as counting backwards and rounding.
- **Year 1** have been learning key number facts, focusing on all addition and subtraction facts for the numbers 7, 8, and 9.
- **Reception** have been working with numbers to 10—counting objects, ordering numbers, and comparing which amounts are more or less.

Geography

The children have been learning about the United Kingdom and its four countries. We explored aerial maps to locate where we live and discussed the features of different places, understanding that a physical feature cannot be moved.

Science

In science, we have been investigating the four seasons and learning how many months make up a year. The children have been thinking carefully about the changes that happen in each season.

Computing

This term, the children have begun learning how to log on and log off laptops independently. They've also been creating digital pictures and practising how to use a mouse to navigate computer programs.

Religious Education

The children have learnt about the very first Christmas. We have thought about all the characters and how they would feel when they were given the very exciting news.



Recipe Book Orders

Don't forget to order your recipe book, email the PTA at pta@southrop.gloucs.sch.uk to order your copy. Copies are available at £10 each. There are only 50 copies so order quickly to secure your copy.



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