



Newsletter 16 – 9th January 2026

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 12TH JANUARY	- 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 13TH JANUARY	- Year 3 & 4 Swimming (packed lunches) - Life Education Team visiting school - Lunchtime Chess Club - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm - Year 1-6 Construction Club 3.15-4.15pm
WEDNESDAY 14TH JANUARY	- Worship in Church 9.00am - Mr Meade Music Lessons - Forest School Rec, Year 1 & Year 4 - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm - KS2 French Club 3.15-4.15pm
THURSDAY 15TH JANUARY	"Extra" Takeaway Coffee Morning - Art Club 3.15-4.15pm - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm
FRIDAY 16TH JANUARY	- Musical Mania - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm
MONDAY 19TH JANUARY	- 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 20TH JANUARY	- Year 3 & 4 Swimming (packed lunches) - Lunchtime Chess Club - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm - Year 1-6 Construction Club 3.15-4.15pm
WEDNESDAY 21ST JANUARY	- Mr Meade Music Lessons - Forest School Rec, Year 1 & Year 5 - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm - KS2 French Club 3.15-4.15pm
THURSDAY 22ND JANUARY	- Art Club 3.15-4.15pm - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm
FRIDAY 23RD JANUARY	- Musical Mania - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm

Stars of the Week

Cygnets: April for her positive attitude to learning.

Swans: Esme for her resilience and attitude to learning this week.

Message from Miss Davies

Welcome back to the Spring Term – I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break.

I would like to begin by thanking you very much for the kind cards, messages, and generous gifts received at the end of last term. Your thoughtfulness and support are greatly appreciated by all of our staff.

We are also delighted to share some fantastic news. Southrop C of E Primary School has been awarded Healthy School Status, recognising our commitment to pupils' physical and emotional wellbeing. In addition, we are incredibly proud to have been ranked 36th out of 300 primary schools in Gloucestershire, which is a real testament to the hard work of our pupils, staff, governors, and wider school community.

As we begin 2026, we are excited to be fully embracing the **National Year of Reading**. Developing a love of reading is central to everything we do at Southrop, and this national focus provides a wonderful opportunity to celebrate reading both in school and at home. We would encourage families to start the year with a visit to your local library and explore the activities, events, and reading initiatives they are offering throughout the year. We will also be sharing how we will be celebrating the National Year of Reading in school over the coming months.

Looking ahead to this term, there are two key areas we will be reviewing and seeking your views on:

- Our lockdown procedures, as part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding and ensuring our systems remain robust and up to date.
- Our homework approach, to ensure it continues to be meaningful, manageable, and supportive of learning at home.

Further information and opportunities to share your feedback will follow shortly.

Finally, a reminder that the deadline for applications for Reception places for September 2026 is 15th January. If you know families with children due to start school, we would greatly appreciate your encouragement in helping to promote Southrop C of E Primary School.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to another positive and successful term together.

Reports will be out Today

Your child's report will be available to view on the Portal later today. Please go to My Account, My Details, Childrens Record, then click on the blue bookmark next to your child's name. You will then be able to click on Reports to access the file. There will not be reports for any children who have joined the school this term.

Worship in Church Wednesday

You are invited to join the staff and pupils for Worship in Church on Wednesday 14th January, starting at 9.00am at St Peter's Church, Southrop.

Swimming Starts on Tuesday

Year 3 & 4 Swimming starts again on Tuesday, please remember a packed lunch or a school one can be provided.

Forest School Term 3

Miss Davis will be taking the children to Forest School on the following dates, please remember warm clothing and wellington boots:

14th Jan Rec, Y1 & Y4

21st Jan Rec, Y1 & Y5

28th Jan Rec, Y1 & Y6

4th Feb Rec, Y1 & Y2

"Extra" Takeaway Coffee on Thursday

There will be an extra Morning Takeaway Coffee on Thursday this week. We are pleased to have Yvette from the Coln Stores joining us for a photo opportunity and to show her our school. Coln Stores have very kindly helped by donating towards this initiative. If you are able to join us around 8.15am for coffee then please come along. Thank you.



This competition is coming up this term and it would be lovely to have some of our children participate. It is great opportunity to develop children's confidence. We can have a representative from Year 1&2, Year 3&4 and Year 5&6.

The children can talk about absolutely anything that they choose to for their two-minute slot! They cannot use technology but can bring any props that they wish to. Previous topics have included a

sport they have a passion for, a particular animal, Greek myths, a hot topic such as "Are electronics good for children?".

Please could you talk with your children about this and help them to think about a subject they could talk about for 2 minutes? Mrs McLellan will meet with those who are interest on the Monday 12th January and we will be holding the class heats on Monday 19th January.

Area heats against other local schools will take place by the beginning of March. Those who go through to the final will take part in a competition at the Guildhall in Gloucester on the 17th April. The prize is £150 for the school to use to encourage oracy skills.

Phonics Meetings with Miss Davis

Miss Davis would like to invite Reception parents to a meeting on Friday 23rd January at 2.30pm to talk about Phonics. On Friday 30th, Year 1 parents are invited to talk about Phonics Screening. Please let Mrs Simmons know if you are able to attend.