



Newsletter 17 – 16th 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 19TH JANUARY	- Monday Breakfast and Takeaway Coffee - Looks Whose Talking Presentations - 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 - Reception Parents Phonics Meeting with Miss Davis 2.30pm
MONDAY 26TH 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 27TH 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 28TH JANUARY	- Mr Meade Music Lessons - Forest School Rec, Year 1 & Year 6 - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm - KS2 French Club 3.15-4.15pm - Parents' Consultations in School 3.30-5.00pm
THURSDAY 29TH JANUARY	- Art Club 3.15-4.15pm - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm - Parents' Consultations online 5.30-7.00pm
FRIDAY 30TH JANUARY	- Musical Mania - Year 1 Parents Phonics Screening Meeting with Miss Davis 2.30pm - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm

Stars of the Week

Cygnets: Penny for her blending.

Swans: Kiera for her resilience, April for working so well in class.

Message from Miss Davies

First of all, I would like to thank our whole school community for their support this morning. We experienced an incident on the playground that required medical attention for a child. The children responded calmly and sensibly, coming into school quietly and settling initially in the Cygnet classroom, where they were supported by our resident storyteller, Poppy, Luna's Grandad.

Thank you to the parents who helped manage this process and supported not only their own children but others as well. A special thank you to Mrs Giles, Connie and Hector's mum, for helping to organise and reassure the children. We are also very grateful to the parents who noticed staff feeling the cold and kindly collected coats, as well as those who checked in to make sure we were all okay. Your kindness and thoughtfulness were greatly appreciated.

Although we have robust medical procedures in place and all staff receive regular first aid training, situations like this do not occur often. I am always keen to reflect, adapt, and improve. If anyone would like to share feedback, please feel free to email me at mdavies@southrop.gloucs.sch.uk

We also had some more good news to share this week in recognition of the fantastic work of our PTA. Kelly, our Chair of the PTA and Juliette and Rupert's mum, recently wrote an article for *Parentkind* magazine, *PTA Extra*. The article highlighted the work of our PTA from its formation in 1973 through to last year's successful campaign to secure a school minibus.

It emphasised both the small size of our school and the significant time, commitment, and effort that goes into ensuring our children receive the very best support during their time at Southrop. We are incredibly proud of our PTA and grateful for everything they do for our school community.

At Southrop, we provide a packed and fast-paced curriculum designed to make the most of every school day and give children rich learning opportunities. Last week, we sent out your child's autumn interim report, which highlighted their school attendance. Being in school every day helps children keep up with learning, build confidence, and feel connected to their class and teachers. In a fast-moving curriculum, even short absences can make it harder for children to catch up on lessons, routines, and important social time.

We understand there are times when children are unwell and need to stay home, and we appreciate the efforts families make to keep us informed. By working together, we can help ensure every child gets the most out of their time at Southrop.

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:

21st Jan Rec, Y1 & Y5

28th Jan Rec, Y1 & Y6

4th Feb Rec, Y1 & Y2

Phonics Meetings with Miss Davis

A reminder that Miss Davis has invited 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.



Look Who's Talking Presentations on Monday

We are delighted that so many children have put themselves forward for this. Please could you make sure that your child brings in any props and notes to deliver their performance on Monday.

Pantomime Thursday 8th January



Last Thursday the children had a fantastic visit to Chipping Norton Theatre to watch their production of Beauty and the Beast. This has become a much loved January tradition and the Chippy production never fails to impress. This year there was a French theme which included Fifi Fromage, the panto dame, a comedy version of the tour de France and even two remote control snails who fell in love! Romance was in the air and Mr Jones caught the eye of Fifi Fromage much to the delight of all the children. After a very welcome ice cream in the interval, the children enjoyed watching a slap stick cake fight, the beast turned into our handsome prince and an invisible dog helped to save the day.

Thanks to all the parent helpers who came with us and to the PTA for supporting the trip.

We had such a wonderful trip to the pantomime last week. The children laughed and booed the whole way through whilst we were transported to a magical world of fairy tale.

The children have talked non-stop about the characters and the experiments that they witnessed.

Penny- "I loved Wee Wee the dog- she was so funny!"

Lily- "My favourite character was Fifi."

Arabella "I liked it when the magic hat turned the man into a frog who was cross."

Esme- "I liked it because Fifi liked Mr Jones and it was very funny."

Ottilie- "I really liked how the tea pot, candle and the clock moved around the stage dancing it was so much fun!"

Life Education Visit Tuesday 13th January

We were excited to welcome back Tom from Coram Education, the leading provider of relationships, health, wellbeing, and drugs education, to deliver sessions to all our year groups, to help the children make healthy choices. It is a lovely opportunity to have great fun and learn at the same time.

Year 3&4 got to catch up with Harold the giraffe and learn from him about the elements that contribute to a healthy body and mind, the digestive system and to take a trip to planet Conformatron to learn about the value of diversity.





Year 5 and 6 spoke about decisions. We began by discussing physical and emotional needs before discussing the factors that contribute to our general well-being. We then watched a scenario in which some of these factors were removed and discussed the effect this would have. We discussed different drugs and the differences between medical and non-medical, as well as legal and illegal drugs. We finished by returning to the scenario and seeing how this could be resolved in a way that supported well-being.



The Cygnets had a wonderful time meeting Harold and Tom in the life Education tent. The children learnt lots about how to keep ourselves healthy and happy.

Ottillie - "It was so much fun going in the tent and learning about our bodies."

Lily "I liked seeing inside the body and how we could add the body parts."



The children have shown great creativity and enthusiasm exploring the possibilities of a range of construction equipment in this club. So far they have enjoyed creating a vehicle for a soft toy out of Knex and a challenge to build the tallest earthquake proof Lego tower. They will go on to look at Meccano and Lego motors.



Mental Health Workshops

Below is a flyer for some face-to-face workshops designed to help parents who have children who are struggling with poor mental health. These sessions are aimed mainly at parents of Secondary Aged Children but can support parents with a child over the age of 8. Although session 3 more suited to parents who have a child in year 6+

There are three sessions:

- 1) 'Healthy Coping Strategies and building resilience, ending with looking after my own wellbeing.'

16/3/26 10-12 midday

- 2) 'Social Media and mental Health.'

13th April 26 10-12 midday

- 3) Communicating with teens - understanding their mental health

11th May 2026 10-12 midday

All sessions will be taking place at the Cirencester Impact Centre - 47 Lewis Lane, GL7 1EB

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Supporting parents to understand their children's mental health through therapeutic interactive workshops

Face-to-face workshops are designed to support parents through every stage of their child's journey. Gain confidence and practical skills to navigate challenging moments with ease.

Healthy coping strategies & building resilience, ending with looking after my own wellbeing
10- 12 midday
16th March 2026

Social media and mental health
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Venue address
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The Oxford Brookes Science Bazaar will be held on Friday 21st February, 9:30am-4:00pm, the Headington Campus (OX3 0BP). The event is designed to inspire curiosity and excitement around science through hands-on, interactive activities, and is most suitable for children aged 5–12, though all ages are welcome.



With over 70 drop-in activities, families can explore science together in a relaxed and engaging environment. On the day, visitors can enjoy:

- Hands-on science activities led by real scientists, researchers, and students.
- Live science shows and demonstrations throughout the day.
- Interactive workshops covering topics such as psychology, medicine, engineering, robotics, coding, nutrition, and more.
- STEM games and challenges, with prizes to be won.

The Science Bazaar is a great opportunity for children to experience science outside the classroom, ask questions, and see how science connects to everyday life and future careers.

Event details

- Date: 21st February 2026
- Time: 9:30am-4:00pm
- Location: Oxford Brookes University, Headington Campus, OX3 0BP
- Cost: Free
- Booking required: [\[booking link\]](#)



PTA WhatsApp group

Stay up to date with school life and join our WhatsApp group. Please email the PTA or the School Office with your mobile number and you will be added to the group!

Jumble Sale 2026!

Our Jumble Sale will be on the 7th March, Southrop Village Hall! Get ready for a clear out, as well as amazing bargains to be had! Any helpers on the day would be very much appreciated!