



Newsletter 19 – 30th 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 2ND FEBRUARY	• Cygnet packed lunch orders due for Forest School day on Wednesday. • 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 3RD FEBRUARY	• 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 4TH FEBRUARY	• Mr Meade Music Lessons • Forest School Rec, Year 1 & Year 2 – Whole Day, packed lunches • 12.30pm Cross Country at Farmor's for some pupils. • ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm • KS2 French Club 3.15-4.15pm
THURSDAY 5TH FEBRUARY	• Art Club 3.15-4.15pm • ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm
FRIDAY 6TH FEBRUARY	• Musical Mania • ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm • PTA Uniform Sale 3.15pm.
MONDAY 9TH FEBRUARY	• 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 10TH FEBRUARY	• 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
WEDNESDY 11TH FEBRUARY	• Mr Meade Music Lessons • ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm • KS2 French Club 3.15-4.15pm
THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY	• Art Club 3.15-4.15pm • ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm
FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY	• Musical Mania • Book Viewings in the Classrooms • ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm • End of Term 3

Stars of the Week

Cygnets: Penny for concentrating hard in Phonics.

Swans: Amber for her continual editing of her work.

Wings

Congratulations to Ari, Kiera & Luna who gained their wings last week but were off poorly.



Message from Miss Davies

The Secretary of State for Education, Bridget Phillipson, has recently been clear that schools are expected to be fully phone-free throughout the school day. This is a national expectation rather than a school-specific preference, and it is something that Ofsted will now consider when looking at behaviour, school culture, and how consistently policies are applied in practice.

In line with this guidance, and as already set out in our ICT Acceptable Use Policy, Southrop C of E Primary School is a phone-free environment for children. This means that mobile phones are not permitted to be used at any point during the school day, including during lessons, between lessons, at breaktimes, or at lunchtime. Phones are also not used for educational purposes such as research, calculators, photographs, or communication.

We recognise that, on occasion, a child may need to bring a mobile phone to school for travel or safety reasons. In these circumstances, phones must be switched off and handed to me on arrival. They will be stored securely during the day and returned to the child at the end of the school day. This ensures that phones are kept safe and that the school day remains focused on learning, relationships, and wellbeing.

Children should not be wearing smart watches. Some staff members do. These are used strictly for timekeeping or, where necessary, for health-related monitoring. Staff do not use smart watches for communication, photography, or internet access during the school day, and their use is governed by the same professional expectations and safeguarding responsibilities set out in our ICT Acceptable Use Policy. This ensures a clear distinction between adult professional use and pupil expectations.

National guidance highlights that phone-free schools support better concentration, positive behaviour, improved wellbeing, and stronger social interaction. Our own experience reflects this, as children benefit greatly from being fully present in their learning and play, without the distractions that mobile phones can bring.

We are grateful for your cooperation in reinforcing these expectations with your child. When home and school work together with a shared understanding, expectations are clearer and the policy is fair and effective for everyone.

We have an opportunity on Thursday 5th February to join other local schools at Meysey Hampton for a **Choir Day**. The aim of the day is simply to enjoy making music as a small school singing collectively, learning a few songs and performing together purely for the joy of singing. Mr Dawson plans to take the Year 4s, 5s and 6s but we still need to arrange transport as the minibus is booked for a service and MOT that day. We are hoping that between staff and parents we will be able to get the children to Meysey Hampton.

The event is expected to be a whole-day experience, from 9.30-2.30. If your child enjoys singing, this promises to be a really special and memorable day.

Whole Cygnet Day at Forest School – Wednesday 4th February

Miss Davis is taking the whole class to Forest School on 4th February and they will need a packed lunch. If you would like to order a school packed lunch please complete the survey on the portal by 9.00 am on Monday 2nd February.

<https://portal.thesystem.cloud/survey/b1775299025da2a75d565db4bb6e273>



**22nd GLOUCESTERSHIRE
Young Photographer of the Year 2026**

We invite all Gloucestershire pupils to enter **ONE Image - any subject**

PRIMARY & SECONDARY AWARDS

**FIRST PRIZE £75
& RUNNER UP CASH PRIZES**

Best Secondary & Primary School Entry
GYP TROPHY

SELECTED IMAGES will be CINEMA PROJECTED
at the Awards evening, **THE BACON THEATRE, CHELTENHAM**
Wednesday APRIL 29th

Gloucestershire Young Photographer of the Year 2026

If your child would like to enter the GYP competition please send entries to admin@southrop.gloucs.sch.uk by Wed 18th March so that we don't miss the deadline.



It's truly amazing the range of things you can make with Lego, Knex and Meccano. Well done to the Construction Club team for your inventiveness.



LOOK WHO'S TALKING! 2026

Thank you for your support, helping prepare your children to deliver their Look Who's Talking presentation. The field was very strong but in the end Juliette, Rupert and Lily have been selected to represent us at the area finals which take place at the end of February. Congratulations to them.



All the children got the opportunity to take part in this and though it was a dull day they collectively saw over 40 birds. The most commonly sighted bird was the Jackdaw Thanks to Mrs Woodhams for organising this and sharing her substantial ornithological knowledge! They have produced some interesting graphs with the data collected.





NATIONAL STORYTELLING WEEK



31st January – 8th February 2026

National storytelling week is the joyful opportunity to celebrate the power of stories!



The theme of storytelling week this year is 'Speaking Story into the Darkness'.



Stories connect us by allowing us to share a piece of ourselves, build empathy, and create meaningful human connections.

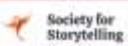



Everyone is encouraged to immerse themselves in telling, listening, and passing on stories to keep wisdom and wonder alive and develop literacy skills.



You can celebrate by sharing memories and stories with family and friends, sharing fairytales that shaped you, and attending storytelling events!

For more resources and ideas please visit:
National Storytelling Week – Society for Storytelling





Southrop School PTA
Registered Charity Number: 104925

PTA NEWSLETTER

January 2026

Jumble Sale Help Please!

Our annual Jumble Sale is coming up and we would LOVE your help! If you can do any of the following please let one of the committee members know.

- Stall help Saturday 12.30 to 3pm
- Set up on Friday 12 to 3pm
- Set up on Saturday 9.30 to 12
- Put some posters up
- Share on facebook
- Share in your whatsapp groups
- Come and bag a bargain!

We have emailed local nurseries, schools, community groups and churches and our big yellow posters will be going up soon.

Anything you can do to help is always much appreciated!

Recently Raised ...

- £750 from Little Farringdon Fireworks!
- £105 from Recipe Book sales!
- £3,068.62 from the Tractor Run!

A huge thank you for supporting our events and to everyone that has helped in making them a success!

Recently Funded ...

- Cygnets magnetic letters tiles for phonics
- Swans bench cushions for the Dawson Room
- Coach to the Panto
- Dyslexia pens, the school now have four available for pupils to use
- Chicken food

Coming Up!

Uniform Sale

- Friday 6th Feb, 3.15pm at pick up, in the Nurture Cabin

Head Teacher for the Day Raffle

- March

Break the Rules Day

- May

COME AND BAG A BARGAIN AT
THE SOUTHROP SCHOOL PTA

**JUMBLE
SALE**

SOUTHROP VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY 7TH MARCH 2026

1 - 2.30PM

CLOTHING, BOOKS, TOYS, BRIC A BRAC



**ENTRANCE £1
CASH ONLY**



Donation Times: Wednesday 4th March 9-11am
Friday 6th March 1-2.30pm, Saturday 7th March 10-11.30am
For more information contact PTA@Southrop.gloucs.sch.uk