



Newsletter 22 – 27th February 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 MARCH	- 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 MARCH	- Lunchtime Chess Club - ASC with Crafts 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm
WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH	- Mr Meade Music Lessons - NO FOREST SCHOOL TODAY - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm - KS2 French Club 3.15-4.15pm
THURSDAY 5TH MARCH	- KS2 SEN Panathlon Event Cirencester AM - ASC with Signing 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm
FRIDAY 6TH MARCH	- School Celebration of World Book Day – Bring £1.00 to dress up. - Musical Mania - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm
SATURDAY 7TH MARCH	PTA JUMBLE SALE
MONDAY 9TH MARCH	- 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 MARCH	- Lunchtime Chess Club - ASC with Crafts 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm
WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH	- 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 12TH MARCH	ASC with Signing 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm
FRIDAY 13TH MARCH	- Musical Mania - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm

Coming up..... 17th March Year 5 & 6 Mock Trial in Cirencester, 18th March Year 5 to join Forest School, 19th March Swans trip to Corinium Museum, 20th March Year 1&2 Mini Olympics after school, 25th March Year 5&6 Swimming Gala, 25th March Year 4 to see In the Net play at Down Ampney, 26th March, Easter Concert 2.00pm, 27th March Easter Service at 1.00pm, End of Term 1.30pm.

Stars of the Week

Cygnets: Isabelle for her fantastic phonics.

Swans: Hector for his enthusiasm across the curriculum.

Message from Miss Davies

I would like to begin by extending a huge thank you to Mrs McLellan, the Robert's, Sanderson's and Neale's for giving up their time on the first Saturday of half term to help plant the new hedgerow. Their support and enthusiasm made a real difference and have helped move our outdoor plans forward significantly. I would also like to thank Kiera and Jordan's Grampy for creating a thoughtful and practical planting plan for the year ahead.

Our School Council has been busy pulling together ideas for a forthcoming Green Day, as we continue to strengthen our commitment to sustainability and outdoor learning. We are very excited about our aspirations to develop a small produce stall for the Southrop Village Fete and to create a gorgeous garden for the Southrop Open Gardens in May.

This week our Nature Club Quiz Team, Toby, Connie, Juliette, Amber and Kiera in reserve won the first round against Anne Edwards and Bibury schools. It was a clear win by 10 points, congratulations.

It has also been wonderful to see our Book Clubs continuing to thrive and to hear the thoughtful discussions taking place across the school. This week, our Year 3 and 4 Book Club enjoyed *The Legend of Captain Crow's Teeth* by Eoin Colfer, which sparked lots of excitement and imagination.

Meanwhile, our Year 5 and 6 Book Club found it much harder to agree on a favourite, with opinions divided between *An Eagle in the Snow* by Michael Morpurgo and *The Eye of the North* by Sinéad O'Hart. It has been fantastic to see pupils confidently sharing and justifying their views. Our next Book Club meetings will take place on 17th March for Year 3&4 and 24th March for Year 5&6, we look forward to welcoming everyone back for more lively discussion.

I am also delighted to announce our Easter Concert, which will take place on Thursday 26th March 2026. This concert is a wonderful opportunity to showcase all of our children and, in particular, to celebrate those who receive music lessons either in school or outside of school. Pupils will have the chance to perform and share their musical talents with our school community. If your child is interested in taking part, please let me know.

SEND White Paper – What Parents Need to Know

You may have heard recent discussion about proposed changes to SEND provision following the government's SEND White Paper. These proposals aim to create a more consistent system across the country, with earlier identification of needs, clearer support pathways, and better collaboration between schools, health services and local authorities.

Possible changes you might have heard:

- A stronger focus on early intervention and support within mainstream schools
- More standardised approaches to assessment and provision
- Clearer expectations around what support schools should ordinarily provide
- A review of how Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) are used, with the intention of reducing delays and improving consistency

It is important to reassure families that no immediate changes are being made, and that existing support, EHCPs and plans remain fully in place. As a school, we remain committed to meeting the

needs of every child and working closely with parents and professionals to ensure the right support is provided.

We will continue to monitor developments closely and will keep parents informed as more detail becomes available. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's support, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Cygnets Morning Snack

Apologies that the shop item for the contribution for the Cygnets morning snack was not ready to pay on 20th February, it is now available on the Portal.

Summer Menus

The new Caterlink menus have gone out, please return with your choices by the end of term. Thank you.

Forest School Cancelled on 4th March

Macaroni Woods are unable to run Forest School next week. Unfortunately, this means that we are not able to take the Year 6's this term. The sessions are:

11th March Rec, Year 1 & Year 4

18th March Rec, Year 1 & Year 5

25th March Rec, Year 1 & Year 2



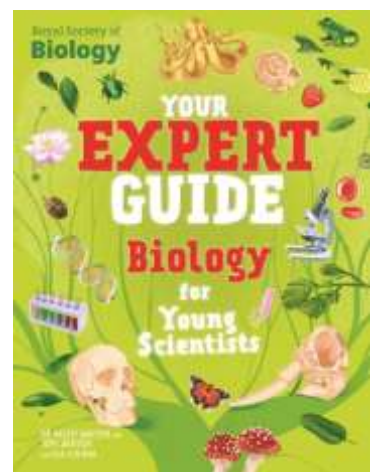
We hope your preparations for Southrop School's World Book Day celebration on Friday 6th March are going well. The author of **Your Expert Guide Biology for Young Scientists**, Dr Helen Watson, will be joining us for the morning and the children can **buy her book** at the discounted price of **£10** if they bring in cash on the day. Please could everyone come dressed as their favourite book character or author, and if possible bring their book to share, or in their pyjamas or onesie ready for a bedtime story. It will cost £1 to come dressed in costume and this money will be donated to Book Aid International, which creates access to books around the world.

Thank you to all those who have volunteered as mystery reader.

Still to do!

We haven't had any books donated for the **book swap** yet so please dig some out if you can and put them in the box in the entrance hall.

Please send in pictures of your child's **favourite cosy reading space** to share on the day.



LOOK WHO'S TALKING! 2026

Well done to Lily, Rupert and Juliette who represented the school so confidently at the competition. Rupert was highly commended.



This could be you!

WIN
**Head Teacher
for the day!**

Have you ever wanted to be in charge and run the school? Maybe you want to know what the teachers do out of the classroom?
Now is your chance!

One Cygnet and One Swan will win in our raffle!

To enter, email PTA@southrop.gloucs.sch.uk with your child's name and the number of entries you would like.
£1 per entry. No maximum entry. Winners will be drawn on Friday 27th March.

GOOD LUCK!!!

Southrop School PTA

COME AND BAG A BARGAIN AT THE SOUTHROP SCHOOL PTA



SOUTHROP VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY 7TH MARCH 2026

1 – 2.30PM

CLOTHING, BOOKS, TOYS, BRIC A BRAC



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ENTRANCE £1 CASH ONLY



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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



BREAK THE RULES DAY



Souththorp School PTA
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FRIDAY 22ND MAY

You can choose any of the rules to break from the list below. Please donate 50p per rule or break them all for £3!

WEAR NAIL POLISH
WEAR FUNKY SOCKS OR TIGHTS
EAT SOMETHING UNHEALTHY AT SNACK TIME
EAT DESSERT BEFORE YOUR MAIN MEAL
WEAR YOUR UNIFORM BACK TO FRONT
COME TO SCHOOL IN YOUR PJS

WEAR JEWELLERY
HAVE A TEMPORARY TATTOO
WEAR MAKE UP OR FACE PAINT
HAVE JUICE IN YOUR WATER BOTTLE
WEAR A HAT OR OVERSIZED HAIR ACCESSORY
WEAR NON UNIFORM SHOES

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE PTA

Please make donations to the School Office, a PTA member or online using the usual PTA bank details