



Newsletter 30 – 8th May 2026

DAY	WHAT'S ON
MONDAY 11th MAY	- Year 6 SATS Week - Mr Bateman Music Lessons - PE and Sports Club at the Field, collection from the Field - ASC 3.15-5.15 Collection at 5.15 from school
TUESDAY 12th MAY	- Lunchtime Chess Club - Line Dancing Club 3.15-4.15pm - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm
WEDNESDAY 13th MAY	- Mr Meade Music Lessons - Forest School Whole Cygnet Class - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm - KS2 French Club 3.15-4.15pm
THURSDAY 14th MAY	3.15pm pick up at the Field, Cricket Club 3.15-4.15pm pick up at the Field - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm - Pick up after 4.15pm is from School
FRIDAY 15th MAY	- Musical Mania - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm
MONDAY 18th MAY	- Mr Bateman Music Lessons - K'NEX Challenge Final – Esmee & Phoebe - PE and Sports Club at the Field, collection from the Field - ASC 3.15-5.15 Collection at 5.15 from school
TUESDAY 19th MAY	- Swans visit to Oxford Castle – please order packed lunches by Friday 15th. - Line Dancing Club 3.15-4.15pm - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm
WEDNESDAY 20th MAY	- Mr Meade Music Lessons - Worship in Church 9.00am - Forest School Rec, Year 1 & Y6 - Parents invited to view books in the classrooms at 3.00pm. - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm - KS2 French Club 3.15-4.15pm
THURSDAY 21st MAY	3.15pm pick up at the Field, Cricket Club 3.15-4.15pm pick up at the Field - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm - Pick up after 4.15pm is from School
FRIDAY 22nd MAY	- PTA Break the Rules Day - Musical Mania - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm - End of Term 4

Stars of the Week

Cygnets: April for being amazing.

Swans: Lyra for showing friendship today.

Wings: Below are the pictures from the dance group who got their wings last week. We are still waiting to take Kiera's picture. Toby and Leo join them this week gaining their wings. Toby for the Gloucestershire Young Photographer Competition and Leo for such a wonderful effort and perseverance in his handwriting.





Message from Miss Davies

Today we have been celebrating the 100th birthday of David Attenborough and reflecting on the incredible impact he has had on our understanding of the natural world. Across the school, children have enjoyed learning more about wildlife, conservation and the importance of protecting our planet, themes that Sir David has spent his lifetime sharing with generations around the world.

His curiosity, kindness and passion for nature continue to inspire young people to care for the environment and appreciate the world around them. We hope the children will continue to explore, ask questions and look after nature in the same thoughtful way.

This year, we have been focusing on how we can contribute to protecting our planet. Through our Climate Action Plan, we have worked hard to ensure that we are planting flowers to support bees and other pollinators, alongside growing crops that the children will be able to harvest and enjoy.

We are delighted with the improvements that have been made to our raised beds and pathways, made possible through generous PTA funding and lots of hard work from Mrs McLellan, Mr Scrivener, the Roberts family, Giles, the Neales and the Barlow-Halls family.

We have also received a very generous donation from Hilliers in Lechlade, helping us add even more colour and planting to the pots and beds around school. Our greenhouse is now full of prepared seeds, carefully collected by Miss Skinner and Mrs Dawson's Thomas.

This links perfectly with preparations for the upcoming Southrop Open Gardens weekend, where we are looking forward to sharing our wonderful school grounds and garden areas with visitors. We would be very grateful for any volunteers who may be able to help during Southrop Open Gardens on 16th and 17th May between 1pm and 5pm. If you are able to lend a hand just for a couple of hours, please let Miss Davies know as soon as possible.

Next week is an important week for our Year 6's Esmée, Freya, Juliette, Phoebe and Toby have their Key Stage 2 SATs (Standard Assessment Tests). Although SATs are statutory they are also a chance for children to show all the fantastic learning they have done during their time in primary school. The children have prepared brilliantly in school, under the teaching of Mr Jones, and we know they will all do their very best. After a sunny and hopefully relaxing weekend, we are looking forward to welcoming the children back on Monday feeling refreshed, confident and ready to shine.

To help everyone settle into the mornings calmly, SATs breakfast will be available from 8:15am each day.

SATs Timetable

Monday 11th May

Grammar & Punctuation Test – 45 minutes
Spelling Test – 20 minutes

Tuesday 12th May

English Reading Test – 60 minutes

Wednesday 13th May

Maths Arithmetic (Paper 1) – 30 minutes

Maths Reasoning (Paper 2) – 40 minutes

Thursday 14th May

Maths Reasoning (Paper 3) – 40 minutes

The most important thing over the weekend is plenty of rest, a little fresh air, early nights and lots of reassurance. A calm and positive start to the week will help the children feel confident and ready for each day.

Good luck to all of our Year 6 children as SATs begin next week! We are so proud of how hard everyone has worked and how much progress has been made this year.

Miss Davies

Pumpkin Competition – The children have planted pumpkin seeds today.....



You have planted a pumpkin seed in your pot today. Water the seed and it should start to sprout. In June, once the risk of frost has passed, you can plant it out in the garden. Keep looking after your plant all summer. In September or October we will ask you to send in the measurements of your pumpkins and photographs. There will be prizes for the biggest ones, so care for them well!

Swans Visit to Oxford Castle and Prison Tuesday 19th May

The Swan class will be visiting Oxford Castle and Prison on Tuesday 19th May, leaving here at 9.00am and back by pick up at 3.15pm. Thank you to the PTA who are generously funding the coach for this trip and to Mrs Mahoney who has offered to come along as parent helper. We are asking for a contribution of £12.50 per child to cover the cost of the ticket, please can you book and pay for this under the trips tab on the Portal, making sure you request a school packed lunch if your child needs one ordered from Caterlink. Please order the lunch by Friday 15th May.



Southrop School PTA
Registered Charity Number: 104925

PTA NEWSLETTER

May 2026

Break The Rules Day! Friday 22nd May

We are delighted to share that all money raised from our upcoming Break the Rules Day will go directly towards repainting our playground - including the all important 4 Square!

This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to have some fun, enjoy a day of harmless rule-breaking, and raise some money to help make a real difference to the school environment.

Donations are welcome online or cash can be paid to the school office.

Please see the poster for an idea of rule breaks!

Join our PTA as Secretary!

We are looking for someone to join our PTA committee as Secretary. The main responsibility is taking and writing minutes during meetings, helping us keep organised and ensuring actions are recorded clearly. It is a great way to support the school and be involved in the fantastic work of the PTA. If you are organised, reliable and interested in getting involved, we'd love to hear from you!

PTA Funding

Following our meeting with the School Council to discuss what they wanted to see in school, we invited two Year 6's back to let us know the results. They proudly, and very thoroughly, presented their findings.

It was clear they all were very keen to get the 4 Square game back in action, including the specific ball required! We are working on a quote and hoping to get this delivered asap!

Other suggestions were sports equipment, obstacle course games, a new outdoor cupboard, and a giant trampoline ...

We have funded £400 for the Beanology sessions and £238 for an outdoor storage cupboard.

We have also funded £226 for the Wildlife Garden beds and gravel, and £9 for Chicken Feed.

Head Teacher for the Day

A date has now been set for our wonderful winners to take over the school. Get ready for Amber and Esme to take charge on Friday 19th June!

All money
raised will
fund the
playground
repaint!!!

BREAK THE RULES DAY


Souththorp School PTA
Registered Charity Number: 124922

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