



Newsletter 31 – 15th May 2026

DAY	WHAT'S ON
MONDAY 18TH MAY	- Mr Bateman Music Lessons - K'NEX Challenge Final - 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 –Bring packed lunches. - 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
25th – 29th MAY	HOLIDAY
MONDAY 1ST JUNE	- Start of Term 6 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 2ND JUNE 18TH MAY	- Chess Club at lunchtime - Year 5 & 6 Water Safety Starts - Line Dancing Club 3.15-4.15pm - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm
WEDNESDAY 3RD JUNE	- Mr Meade Music Lessons - Forest School Rec, Year 1 & Y6 (Year 6 are first this term). - Year 5&6 Book Club - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm - KS2 French Club 3.15-4.15pm
THURSDAY 4TH JUNE	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 5TH JUNE	- Year 5&6 Girls Cricket at Cirencester Cricket Club - Musical Mania - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm

Stars of the Week

Cygnets: Esme for working so hard this week.

Swans: Year 6, Phoebe, Esme, Juliette, Freya and Toby for their fantastic attitude this week during their SATS.

Message from Miss Davies

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Well done to all of the Year 6s for their attitude, excitement, and perseverance — all perfect qualities for the SATs.

The children also received their leavers' hoodies today. During the week, everyone enjoyed a slice of cake kindly supplied by Gemma, Freya's mummy, and today they had extra Friday cupcakes from Jess, Esmee's mum!

Thank you to Mr Hall, Mrs Hollis, and Mr Scrivener for supporting the invigilation of the exams.

The wildlife garden is looking amazing and is now ready for Southrop's Open Gardens this weekend. There was a final push last weekend on a beautiful day — thank you to the Barlow-Hall, Patton-Raikes, Pearce, Feeney, Giles, Neales and Roberts families for all their hard work and support. There is now lots of new vegetable planting and it is all looking smart and ready for the open gardens at the weekend.



We are also looking ahead to music lessons for next year. We currently offer guitar and ukulele lessons, brass, piano and drumming, as well as singing, and drama lessons through Musical Mania. Learning an instrument or taking part in drama requires enthusiasm and commitment to regular practice, but it is a wonderful opportunity for children to develop confidence and creativity.

If you are interested, please reach out to Mrs Simmons, who will be happy to pass on further information.

Swans Trip to Oxford Prison and Castle 19th May

The Swan class are visiting Oxford Castle and Prison on Tuesday, they will need to bring a packed lunch. Please book via the trip tab on the Portal. The PTA are kindly funding the coach but we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £12.50 per child to help with the cost of the trip. We expect the children to be back in time for 3.15pm pick up.

Worship in Church Wednesday 20th

Everyone is welcome to join the school for Worship in Church on Wednesday at 9.00am.

Book Viewing in the Classroom on Wednesday 20th

Parents and carers are invited to view their child's books in the classrooms on Wednesday from 3.00pm.

Southrop Fete Human Fruit Machine! 20th June

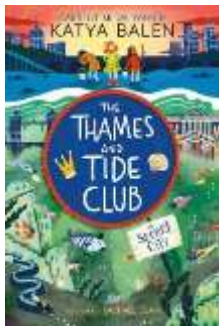


This is a popular and hilarious stall at the fete, which requires quite a lot of children on a rota to do 20 minute slots. If the three children pick out matching fruit the contestant gets a prize. If you are able to sign up a child or two please let a member of staff know. Thanks for your support with this.

Swans

In English, Year 5 and 6 have continued our unit based on Children of the Benin Kingdom by Dinah Orji. We have used conjunctions and verb choices to show contrast between different characters, and used modal verbs and relative clauses to write a survival guide to the rainforest.

The Y3&4s have written up their final versions of their Last Garden stories and decorated them beautifully. Now they have moved on to their new book for English, The Thames and Tide Club. They have



enjoyed finding out about mudlarking and discovering some clues to the mystery in the book. They have made some predictions about what they think will unfold and written an

application for a job as a mudlark!



In Science, Year 3&4 have investigated which plants and animals they might find in a local habitat and created some lovely information sheets about them. Then they went on to think about the different ways animals can be classified, deciding whether to present the classification in a Venn diagram or table.

In Science, Year 5 and 6 have continued their unit on classifying living things. We have looked at the work of Carl Linnaeus and his contributions to taxonomy, and have explored different microorganisms, which has led to an ongoing investigation into the growth of mould on bread!

In Computing, Year 3&4 have continued to create their book recommendation website.

In Computing, completed our unit on exploring AI by discussing the ethical implications of AI in a variety of situations. This culminated in a debate on whether AI should replace human teachers in school.

In French we have enjoyed learning about different hobbies and putting together sentences to express those we like, love or dislike.

In Maths, Year 5 have worked through a unit on measurement. They have converted between metric units of length, mass and capacity and have calculated the perimeter of rectilinear shapes. Year 6 worked incredibly hard to revise key maths topics for their SATs.

For PSHE we have thought about the things the children are looking forward to or not as they grow up, and the independence and responsibilities they will gain.

In Art we have been finding out about the work of art activists Luba Lukova, Faith Ringgold, Kate DeCiccio and Shepard Fairey. The children have been thinking what topic they feel strongly about they could use for their poster or zine and what their message might be. We have also enjoyed making simple folded sketchbooks out of A4 paper.

In History we completed our unit on the Anglo-Saxons by investigating the different claims of the four contenders for the throne after Edward the Confessor died leaving no heir. We then found out about the challenges facing King Harold as he battled both the Vikings and the Normans and was finally defeated at the Battle of Hastings. We have now started our next unit, Crime and Punishment, by looking at how the current crown courts operate, before we go back in time to the Roman era to see how the legal system has evolved over time. We are all very excited for our trip to Oxford Castle and Prison next week.

Cygnets

We have had such a busy and exciting term so far, and the children have been working incredibly hard across all areas of learning!

The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning all about bears. They have explored information from a range of different sources and worked hard to organise their ideas under headings. Once they had gathered their facts, the children practised turning their ideas into paragraphs and used conjunctions such as *but* and *because* to extend their writing. They have learnt so many fascinating facts and are looking forward to creating their very own bear fact files.

In Maths, Reception have been working so hard and are becoming increasingly confident when adding single-digit numbers. We have now moved on to subtraction, and the children are doing a fantastic job learning how to use the addition and subtraction symbols correctly, as well as forming their numbers carefully.

In Year 1, the children began the term by learning all about time and sequencing their daily routines. They have impressed us with their growing confidence in telling the time to o'clock and half past.

In Year 2, the children have been learning about money, including recognising values and finding change from 50p and £1. They have also enjoyed learning about statistics and creating their own bar charts using data. This week, we have started our new topic on measurement, which the children are already very excited about.

In History, the children have continued learning about schools through the ages. They loved comparing schools from the past with schools today and discussing the similarities and differences. After lots of thoughtful discussions, everyone agreed that they are very happy schools have changed over time!

In Art, the children carefully observed birds and created some beautiful detailed drawings, which they then painted. We have also been planning how to make our own 3D birds using a variety of materials. Next week, we will begin creating our final models, and we cannot wait to see the finished results! If you have any spare cardboard boxes at home, we would be very grateful if you could send them into school.

In Religious Education, the children have been learning about the stories Jesus told to teach Christians how to behave towards others. We have explored the parables of *The Prodigal Son* and *The Good Samaritan*, and the children have enjoyed discussing the important messages behind these stories.

In Computing, the children have been learning all about algorithms and how instructions are used in computing. They had great fun creating their own dance algorithms for their friends to follow before moving on to designing algorithms for a pirate island adventure.

In Physical Education, the children have thoroughly enjoyed our cricket sessions. It has been wonderful to see their confidence and teamwork grow as they progressed to using bats and taking part in mini tournaments.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are so proud of all the children and the enthusiasm they bring to their learning each day!

All money
raised will
fund the
playground
repaint!!!

BREAK THE RULES DAY


Southrop School PTA
Registered Charity Number: 104925

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