



Newsletter 32 – 22nd May 2026

DAY	WHAT'S ON
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	- 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 Cricket at Cirencester Cricket Club - Musical Mania - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm
MONDAY 8TH JUNE	- 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 9TH JUNE	- Chess Club at lunchtime - NO Year 5 & 6 Water Safety - Year 6's to Glos Cathedral Leavers' Service (packed lunches needed) - Year 3&4 Book Club 3.00pm - Line Dancing Club 3.15-4.15pm - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm
WEDNESDAY 10TH JUNE	- Year 4-6 Residential - Forest School Rec, Year 1 & Y5 - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm - KS2 French Club 3.15-4.15pm
THURSDAY 11TH JUNE	- Year 4-6 Residential 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 12TH JUNE	- Year 4-6 Residential - Musical Mania - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm

Stars of the Week

Cygnets: Adam for his positive attitude to learning.

Swans: Amber for her DT Project and helping another pupil.

Message from Miss Davies

As we reach the end of another busy term, it has been wonderful to reflect on all that the children have achieved through trips, tests and talents! There has been so much to celebrate across the school, and we are incredibly proud of everyone's hard work and enthusiasm. We have also enjoyed some memorable end-of-term fun, including Break the Rules Day, with some very creative hair dos, children sitting on tables and a few deliciously unhealthy snacks making an appearance too!

A particular highlight was the Southrop Open Gardens event. It was a truly delightful occasion, and we would like to extend a huge thank you to all the staff and families who helped make it such a success, from helping at the working parties to helping on the day. We have never seen it so busy, vibrant and positive, and it was wonderful to see the community come together in such a special way.

Mrs McLellan will be retiring in July after many years of dedicated service to the school. Mrs McLellan first joined Southrop in 2008 as a teacher, she then took on the role of Co-Headteacher before continuing her teaching journey with the Swans class. Throughout her time here, she has shown enormous passion for restorative practice and has led many important developments and improvements within the English and Science curriculum. She has also been instrumental in the continuing development of the wildlife garden, creating a valuable and much-loved space for the children to enjoy and learn from. Not to mention her invaluable ability and willingness to drive the minibus whenever needed! Mrs McLellan has made a lasting impact on the school community and I am sure will be greatly missed by staff, pupils and families alike. Please look out for further updates, as we will be holding celebrations for her at the end of the school year.

As we look ahead to next year, Mrs McLellan's retirement will naturally leave a gap within the teaching team. As a result, I will be returning to a greater teaching commitment. I will be teaching the Year 3 and 4 children for one and a half days each week, alongside Mrs Dawson, who will teach the class for the remaining three days. This will include teaching the Year 3 and Year 4 children during the mornings. The Swans children will continue to be split for one afternoon each week for Science, Computing and French. Miss Davis will become the full-time Cygnet teacher, and we are very pleased to have this continuity for the children.

As with all teaching staff, teachers are entitled to a proportion of their contract time for PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment). To support this arrangement, I will also be teaching in the Cygnets for one afternoon each week, and Mr Jones will be teaching in the Swans on an afternoon a week. Days and times are still being finalised but we will let you know the timetable at the start of next term.

We would also like to let families know that Miss Hall will not be returning following her maternity leave. We thank her for all her contributions to the school and wish her and her family all the very best for the future.

Thank you to all parents and families for your continued support throughout Term 5. Your encouragement and involvement make such a difference to the children and the wider school community. We hope you all enjoy a restful and happy holiday, and we look forward to

welcoming the children back to school on 1st June. Please also remember breakfast club will still be running, and the coffee pot will be on for the parents.

KEY DATES FOR PARENTS TERM 6

Monday 1st June	Start of Term 6
Tuesday 9 th June	Y6 to Gloucester Cathedral for Leavers' Service (pupils and staff only)
Wed 10 th to Friday 12 th June	Year 4 – 6 Wilderness Centre, residential
Wednesday 17 th June	Worship in Church 9.00am
Mon 22 nd – Wed 24 th June	Year 5 & 6 Bikeability Training
Monday 6 th July	PTA Sponsored Colour Run
Thursday 9 th July	Sports Day, Jubilee Field 1.00pm
Friday 10 th July	Reports and National Data sent to parents
Tuesday 14 th July	Swan Class play, Village Hall 1.45pm
Wednesday 15 th July	Southrop's Got Talent in school pupils & staff
Thursday 16 th July	Leavers' Service 1.00pm followed by tea in school for year 6 leavers and their family.
Friday 17th July	End of Term 6 @1.30pm
Monday 20 th July	Inset Day

Year 5 & 6 Water Safety

Year 5&6 Water Safety starts on Tuesday 2nd June, the children need to bring their swimming things and a packed lunch or can order a school packed lunch. Due to other events the dates for swimming will be 2nd June, 16th June, 30th June and 7th July.

After School Clubs Term 6

Monday: Free Sports Club

Tuesday: Mrs Martyn will continue with Line Dancing Club until Tuesday 16th June. After 16th June there will be normal ASC with other activities including crafts & gardening depending on the weather.

Wednesday: KS2 French will be from 2nd June – 8th July except for 24th June.

Thursday: Cricket Club will continue from Thursday 3rd June - Thursday 2nd July.

Friday ASC as normal.

Bikeability 22nd -24th June

Year 5 & 6 Bikeability takes place from Monday 22nd – Wednesday 24th June. Consent forms have been sent home with the children, please return these by Monday 15th June.

Knex Challenge Final

On Monday, Esmée and Juliette headed to Renishaw at Wotton-on-the-Edge to compete in the Gloucestershire K'NEX Challenge 2026 against 20 other schools. They were excited to meet a judge who had previously won the competition and to catch up with Rose, who has visited us at school.

The girls were set the challenge of creating a storage warehouse with mechanical objects to transport items around the warehouse. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience — and the snacks too! Bob snails are apparently both delicious and healthy.



A big thank you to Mrs Smith for driving the girls.

Swans Visit to Oxford Castle and Prison

On Tuesday 19th May, the Swans Class visited the Oxford Castle and Prison to support our topic of Crime and Punishment. We began our visit with a workshop exploring punishments throughout history. Each group moved around four activities: matching historical crimes with their punishments; investigating the case of a young boy who was imprisoned in Oxford; looking at the day in the life of a prisoner; and exploring different police equipment through history. Following our workshop, we were able to eat lunch commencing the afternoon's activities. After exploring the mound that used to be the site of the main tower of the castle, we took part in a guided tour of the main castle and prison building. On the tour, we learned about life in the castle from Norman Britain to the Civil War. We then moved through to the prison cells and explored the conditions for both rich and poor prisoners through history. The tour culminated in an opportunity to practise the hard labour tasks carried out by prisoners. How lucky we are to not face the same conditions today!





Forest School

This week Year 6 joined Reception and Year 1 at Forest School to celebrate World Bee Day. World Bee Day is an international observance celebrated globally on May 20th to raise awareness about the critical role bees and other pollinators play in sustaining ecosystems and global food security. The date honours the birthday of Anton Janša, a pioneer of modern beekeeping born in Slovenia in 1734



EASTLEACH PLAYING FIELD

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Arrive for 11:30am

Monday 25th May 2026

12pm

CHILDREN'S FOOTBALL

1pm

**ADULT'S FOOTBALL
(MARRIED VS UNMARRIED)**

Followed by....

CHILDREN'S RACES & OBSTACLE COURSE

BBQ/Bouncy castle and other activities throughout!

Victoria Inn Public House

FUN & GAMES THEN DOWN TO THE RIVER FOR...

FROLICS REGATTA

Make your own boat from recycled materials (no motors)!
Prizes for winners and best looking boat – open to all ages!

£1 entry fee

Finally..

THE LEGENDARY TUG OF WAR!

SOUTHROP

VILLAGE FETE & COUNTRY FAIR



SATURDAY 20TH JUNE 1-4pm

BATTLE OF BRITAIN MEMORIAL FLYPAST
DOG SHOW ~ CLASSIC CARS ~ PIMMS & ALE
COUNTRY DANCING ~ PLANT STALL ~ FOLK MUSIC
AFTERNOON TEAS~ DUCK RACE ~ FACE PAINTING
TRADITIONAL STALLS ~ CIRCUS WORKSHOP
RAFFLE ~ ANTIQUE VALUATIONS ~ PRIZE DRAW
STRAWBERRIES & CREAM ~ SILENT AUCTION ~ BBQ

ADULTS £2, CHILDREN FREE