



Newsletter 37 – 3rd July 2026

DAY	WHAT'S ON
MONDAY 6TH JULY	- Mr Bateman last lessons this term - PTA Colour Run 1.00pm at the field - Sports Club 3.15-4.30pm pick up at the field. - ASC 3.15-5.15
TUESDAY 7TH JULY	- Move up Day 2 and New Reception 2nd Intake Morning - Chess Club at lunchtime 5 & 6 Water Safety - Year 3 & 4 Book Club 3.00-3.30pm - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm
WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY	- Forest School Whole Cygnet Class - Year 5&6 Book Club 3.00-3.30pm - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm - KS2 French Club 3.15-4.15pm
THURSDAY 9TH JULY	Before School Club will be at the Field from 8.00am <u>Sports Day on the Field 8.45am – 11.00am</u> - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm
FRIDAY 10TH JULY	- Reports out to parents on the Portal - Musical Mania in the morning.
MONDAY 13TH JULY	- Swans Dress Rehearsal - Sports Club 3.15-4.30pm pick up at the field. - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm
TUESDAY 14TH JULY	- Swans Play 1.45pm at the Village Hall 3.15pm pick up will be from the hall. - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm
WEDNESDY 15TH JULY	ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm
THURSDAY 16TH JULY	- Leavers' Service at 1.00pm followed by afternoon tea in school for the Year 6 parents. - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm
FRIDAY 17TH JULY	End of Term pick up is at 1.30pm.

Stars of the Week

Swans Roxi for challenging herself on the climbing wall.

Cygnets Remy for his signing this week.



Jeremy and Shelley are looking for a new home. If you are able to give Jeremy & Shelley a forever home we are looking rehome the tortoises. Please contact the office if you are interested.



Congratulations to Juniper who gained her wings today for her sculpture and thank you to all the Gales who contributed.

Message from Miss Davies

There is certainly a lot to share with you this week!

PTA Mud Run

A huge thank you to all the children who took part in the Kempsford PTA Mud Run last Saturday! It certainly lived up to its name – it was a very muddy event, and we hope everyone had a fantastic time getting stuck in and taking on the course.

We are incredibly grateful for your enthusiasm, determination and support. If you have collected any sponsorship money, please hand it in to Mrs Simmons or transfer it directly into the PTA account at your earliest convenience.





Every pound raised will help support the school and provide wonderful opportunities for our children.

Exciting New Playground Markings

On Tuesday, we arrived at school to discover some exciting new additions to our playground! Children can now enjoy a 4 Square court, a Number Caterpillar, a Skip Counting Rainbow and colourful footprints linking them all together.

A huge thank you to the PTA for making this happen. These fantastic new playground markings will provide endless opportunities for fun, learning and active play. The delicious breakfast treats were a lovely extra and were much appreciated by everyone. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor to join our Governing Board.

Parent Governors are elected by and from the parents and carers of children currently attending the school. They serve a four-year term of office and bring an important and valued perspective to the work of the Governing Board.

The Governing Board plays a vital role in ensuring every child receives the best possible education by providing strategic leadership, support and challenge. Its four core functions are to:

- Ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.
- Hold the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school, its pupils and staff.
- Oversee the school's finances and ensure value for money.
- Ensure the voices of stakeholders are heard.

The Governing Board at Southrop consists of two Parent Governors, one Local Authority Governor, one Staff Governor, the Headteacher, two Foundation Governors and two Co-opted Governors.

The Full Governing Board meets six times each year to oversee the strategic direction of the school and fulfil its core responsibilities. In addition, individual governors take responsibility for specific curriculum areas and year groups, reporting back to the Full Governing Board following school visits and progress review meetings.

Governors also undertake focused school visits, often referred to as *learning walks*, to gain first-hand insight into school life. Their role is often described as '*eyes on, hands off*' – providing support and constructive challenge while allowing school leaders to manage the day-to-day running of the school. Southrop is fortunate to have a dedicated and cohesive staff team, and governors greatly value the positive working relationship they share with them.

No previous governance experience is required. We are looking for people with a willingness to learn, work collaboratively and contribute their skills and experience. Full induction, training and ongoing support are provided, enabling governors to carry out this rewarding role with confidence.

Governors are expected to attend meetings, undertake school visits and participate in relevant training. Under the Employment Rights Act, employees are entitled to reasonable time off to undertake public duties such as serving as a school governor.

As part of our commitment to equality, the Governing Board welcomes applications from people of all ages and backgrounds, regardless of disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation.

If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor, please follow the link below. Nomination forms (self-nominations are very welcome) should be submitted by **12.00 noon on Monday 13 July 2026**. If more than one nomination is received, a ballot will be held and parents and carers will be invited to vote.

Parent Governor Nominee Form:

<https://portal.thesystem.cloud/survey/8a06d3f13e01047f7f69f193d4de73d>

Parent Governor Nominator Form:

<https://portal.thesystem.cloud/survey/c93a73add459b8107107a33767eb9fe>

Other Governor Opportunities

In addition to the Parent Governor vacancy, the Governing Board is also seeking to appoint a Co-opted Governor and a Foundation Governor.

Co-opted Governors are appointed by the Governing Board for the skills, knowledge and experience they can bring to support the strategic leadership of the school. Foundation Governors help preserve and promote the Christian ethos and values of the school while contributing fully to all aspects of governance.

Neither of these roles requires the individual to be a parent of a child at the school. If you know someone within the local community, your workplace or wider network who has the time, skills and enthusiasm to make a positive contribution, we would be delighted to hear from them. Encouraging suitable candidates to come forward is a wonderful way to support the future success of our school.

Key Stage 2 SATs Results

Finally, an important update regarding this year's Key Stage 2 SATs results.

Schools were originally due to receive results on **7 July 2026**. However, Pearson Education Limited, the organisation responsible for administering, marking and returning Key Stage 2 results to schools, has informed the Department for Education of a delay affecting the national system used to make results available to schools.

As a result, schools will now receive results on **16 July 2026**, and the deadline for requesting reviews of marking or clerical errors has moved to **24 July 2026**.

I know this news will be frustrating and disappointing for our Year 6 families. However, please be assured that it will not get in the way of celebrating everything your children have achieved during their primary school journey.

Importantly, this delay is **not** related to the quality of the tests or the accuracy of pupils' results. The test papers have been marked in line with the usual national processes. The delay will also have **no impact** on your child's transition to secondary school, and **no action is required** from parents or pupils.

We will share your child's results with you as quickly as possible after we receive them on 16 July. Mr Jones and I will also carefully review the papers before the end of term. Should we decide to request any reviews of marking or clerical errors, we will let you know and keep you updated over the summer holiday.

Sports Day Change of Time

Due to the hot weather next week, we have made the decision to move Sports Day to the morning on Thursday. We will start at 8.45am and aim to finish by 11.00am. If any parents can lend the school a gazebo for the event please let us know. The teachers will take the pupils back to school afterwards which leaves Miss Davies on her own to pack up the sports kit. If any parents can give Miss Davies a hand that would be much appreciated.

Before School Club on Thursday will be at the Field from 8.00am. Mrs Dawson and Mrs Martyn will there to greet the children from 8.00am.

Sporty Week at Southrop

Well done to all the children who have proudly represented our school this week at Area Sports and the Girls Active event, organised by School Games as part of the South Cotswolds School Partnership.

Congratulations to Charlotte, Rupert and Mia, who qualified for Area Sports after finishing first or second at District Sports. They represented the school brilliantly, and we are incredibly proud of their achievements.



Our Year 4 and 5 girls also enjoyed a fantastic morning at Kingshill, joining pupils from other local schools to take part in a range of exciting activities, including climbing, a ninja workout, superhero tag, spin bikes, cheerleading and boxing. It was a wonderful opportunity to try new sports, build confidence and have fun while being active.





DON'T FORGET THE PTA COLOUR RUN ON MONDAY



For the fourth year running the PTA are thrilled to organise a Colour Run with the Marathon! The Marathon has been an ongoing PTA event for many years. In 2023 children from the School Council requested a pop of colour to be added, which obviously we agreed to!

The Marathon is held at the Jubilee Field as part of the childrens PE lesson. Markers are placed around the field measuring a quarter of a mile. The children run round as many times as possible, tallying their laps, and we calculate how many marathons the children have completed in total! The Marathon will be held on Monday 6th July, starting after lunch. Spectators and helpers are welcome! As the Colour Run will be a feature of the Marathon, children may want to wear white t-shirts, sunglasses and also bring a towel for the car after the run. There is lots of information online about ways to protect hair or any other questions you may have about the paint.

A sponsorship form will be coming home with the children for them to gather sponsorship. This can be done per lap or a total donation amount. **There will also be a disclaimer for you to sign online in order for your child to take part safely.**

We will be using powdered paint and plan to have a few stations with a range of colours. If you would like to help throw paint at the children, or tally the laps, please let us know! We would also appreciate any squeezey washing up liquid bottles you may have!

Many thanks and we look forward to a successful and colourful event!

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