



## Newsletter 4 – 25<sup>th</sup> September 2026

| DAY                                       | WHAT'S ON ..... Before School Club every day from 8.00am.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <b>MONDAY<br/>28<sup>TH</sup> SEPT</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wear PE Kit</li> <li>• Mr Bateman Music Lessons and Whole Cygnet Class violin lessons</li> <li>• Swans Nature Club 12.30pm</li> <li>• Harvest Festival in church at 2.30pm</li> <li>• Sports Club 3.15-4.30pm</li> <li>• ASC 3.15-4.15pm &amp; 4.15-5.15pm</li> </ul>            |
| <b>TUESDAY<br/>29<sup>TH</sup> SEPT</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 3 &amp; 4 Swimming – Please bring a packed lunch</li> <li>• Year 3 &amp; 4 Deadline for ordering a packed lunch for Thursday.</li> <li>• Year 2 Book Club 3.00-3.30pm</li> <li>• ASC 3.15-4.15pm &amp; 4.15-5.15pm</li> <li>• Young Engineering Club 3.15-4.30pm</li> </ul> |
| <b>WEDNESDAY<br/>30<sup>TH</sup> SEPT</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Meade Music Lessons</li> <li>• NO FOREST SCHOOL THIS WEEK</li> <li>• Year 3&amp;4 Book Club 3.00-3.30pm</li> <li>• ASC 3.15-4.15pm &amp; 4.15-5.15pm</li> <li>• Homework Club 3.15-4.15pm</li> </ul>                                                                          |
| <b>THURSDAY<br/>1<sup>ST</sup> OCT</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wear PE Kit</li> <li>• Year 3&amp;4 River Trip to Ernest Cook Trust - Packed Lunches for Year 3&amp;4</li> <li>• Year 5&amp;6 Book Club 3.00-3.30pm</li> <li>• ASC 3.15-4.15pm &amp; 4.15-5.15pm</li> <li>• Cookery Club 3.15-5.15pm</li> </ul>                                  |
| <b>FRIDAY<br/>2<sup>ND</sup> OCT</b>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Musical Mania</li> <li>• ASC 3.15-4.15pm &amp; 4.15-5.15pm</li> <li>• Clownz Circus Club 3.15-4.30pm</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>MONDAY<br/>5<sup>TH</sup> OCT</b>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wear PE Kit</li> <li>• Mr Bateman Music Lessons and Whole Cygnet Class violin lessons</li> <li>• Swans Nature Club 12.30pm</li> <li>• Sports Club 3.15-4.30pm</li> <li>• ASC 3.15-4.15pm &amp; 4.15-5.15pm</li> </ul>                                                            |
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| <b>WEDNESDAY<br/>7<sup>TH</sup> OCT</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Meade Music Lessons</li> <li>• Forest School Rec, Year 1 &amp; Y 5</li> <li>• ASC 3.15-4.15pm &amp; 4.15-5.15pm</li> <li>• Homework Club 3.15-4.15pm</li> </ul>                                                                                                               |



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| <b>THURSDAY<br/>8<sup>TH</sup> OCT</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wear PE Kit</li> <li>• Year 5&amp;6 River Trip to Ernest Cook Trust - Packed Lunches for Year 5&amp;6</li> <li>• ASC 3.15-4.15pm &amp; 4.15-5.15pm</li> <li>• NO COOKERY CLUB THIS WEEK</li> </ul> |
| <b>FRIDAY<br/>9<sup>TH</sup> OCT</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Musical Mania</li> <li>• ASC 3.15-4.15pm &amp; 4.15-5.15pm</li> <li>• Clownz Circus Club 3.15-4.30pm</li> </ul>                                                                                    |

**Coming Up .....** 12<sup>th</sup> October Cygnet trip to Cheltenham Literature Festival, 13<sup>th</sup> October Year 4&5 Tag Rugby Festival, 15<sup>th</sup> October Year 5&6 Trip to Cheltenham Literature Festival, 16<sup>th</sup> October Year 3&4 trip to Cheltenham Literature Festival, 14<sup>th</sup> October Year 6 to Forest School, 21<sup>st</sup> October Worship in Church, 21<sup>st</sup> October Whole Cygnet Class to Forest School, 22<sup>nd</sup> October end of Term 1.

## Message from Miss Davies

### Breakfast Club

A good breakfast makes a real difference to how children start their day. It helps with concentration, energy, mood and readiness to learn. We know mornings can be busy, so I wanted to remind families that we offer a free Breakfast Club for all children. Doors open from 8.00am, and there is a different healthy breakfast available each day. Mrs Martyn is always ready to welcome the children in, helping them to start the day feeling settled and cared for. It is a calm and sociable way for children to begin the morning, and there is no charge to attend. If this would help your family, please do make use of it.

### Working together to improve attendance

Following our recent Ofsted inspection, attendance is an area where we will be taking a more consistent and proactive approach. School will continue to listen carefully, understand individual circumstances and provide appropriate support, but improving attendance has to be a shared responsibility. We need families to meet us in the middle by communicating openly with us, engaging with agreed support and ensuring children attend whenever they are well enough to do so. Where attendance remains a concern despite support, we will follow this up more formally and take further action in line with DfE and Gloucestershire guidance. Our aim is not to penalise families, but to make sure that every child has the best possible opportunity to attend regularly, feel that they belong and flourish at school. Please could everyone read the summary of attendance expectations for this year which is attached.

### Book Club

Our Book Clubs have now been running for the past two years and have become a lovely part of reading life at Southrop. The idea is that you and your child share the same book and then, where possible, come along to the Book Club meeting together. You might read it as a bedtime story, take turns reading aloud, read it separately and chat about it afterwards, or download it onto a



Kindle. The important thing is that, as a family, you are sharing the book and enjoying reading together.

This year we are also introducing a new Year 2 Book Club, giving our younger readers the opportunity to begin enjoying this same shared reading experience with their families.

Book Club meetings will take place once a month from 3.00pm–3.30pm. Parents are very welcome to come along and join the children for the discussion — and there will, of course, be hot chocolate and a biscuit to enjoy while we talk about the book. I completely understand that some parents will be working and will not be able to attend every meeting, so please don't let that stop your child taking part. You could email your thoughts or send a note in with your child.

Our first Book Club meetings will take place next week:

Year 2 Book Club – Tuesday 29th September, 3.00pm–3.30pm

Voices in the Park by Anthony Browne

Year 3 & 4 Book Club – Wednesday 30th September, 3.00pm–3.30pm

Frankenstiltskin: Fairy Tales Gone Bad by Joseph Coelho

Year 5 & 6 Book Club – Thursday 1st October, 3.00pm–3.30pm

Tyger by SF Said

If your child would like to take part in Book Club, please email me at [mdavies@southrop.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:mdavies@southrop.gloucs.sch.uk).

## Homework

A reminder that we ask all children to read for 20 minutes each evening and for this reading to be recorded on PageTicker. This can be their Literacy Leaf book or their Accelerated Reader book—both are equally valuable. For our younger readers it could be something you have read together. Regular reading at home is so important in helping children to build their fluency, confidence, vocabulary and understanding. Reading little and often really does make a difference, particularly when children have the opportunity to read aloud, talk about unfamiliar words and discuss what they have read. Please help us by making these 20 minutes part of your child's daily routine and recording their reading on PageTicker so that we can celebrate and support their progress in school.

## **Reminder Harvest Festival Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm.**

We are holding our Harvest Festival on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm in church. Everyone is welcome to join us for a celebration of Harvest. We will be collecting items for the South Cotswolds Foodbank, so please could the children bring something from the list below to take to church. There is a list of items they don't need at the moment. Thank you.

### **Items needed**

Angel delight, Biscuits, Cat food, Chocolate



Cold tinned meat, Cup-a-soup

Deodorant, Hot tinned meat

Household Cleaner, Instant coffee

Long-life juice, Rice

Rice sachets (microwavable), Shower gel

Snacks (e.g. crisps, cereal bars, etc), Sponge puddings

Squash, Tinned fruit

Tinned rice pudding, Tinned soup, Tinned spaghetti, Tinned tomatoes

Tinned vegetables, Toilet cleaner, Washing powder

## **Items not needed**

Baked beans, Cereal

Dog food, Incontinence products

Pasta sauce, Tinned fish

Tinned pulses

## **Visits to the Ernest Cook Trust 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> October**

On 1<sup>st</sup> October Year 3 & 4 will be visiting Ernest Cook Trust in Fairford to study rivers and Year 5&6 will be going on 8<sup>th</sup> October. The children will need to come to school in their school sweat shirts but can wear jogging bottoms or leggings. Please bring wellington boots and a waterproof coat.

There is no cost for these trips but please register your child and order a school packed lunch under the Activity tab on the Portal. If you need to book a school packed lunch please do this by the Tuesday morning.

Thank you to Mr Sheppard and Mrs Morris who have volunteered to drive the minibus.

## **No Cookery Club 8<sup>th</sup> October**

Due to staff training we are unable to run Cookery Club on 8<sup>th</sup> October. Your booking will be credited to the Portal. If you need to book After School Club this will be running as usual.

## **Chess Club**

Unfortunately, due to illness, Alec is not able to run Chess Club at the moment. We will keep you posted as to when this might start up again. In the meantime if you know anyone that might like to volunteer to help with chess, please let us know. Thank you.



# STORY & RHYME TIME

AT LECHLADE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

**All Pre-School Children  
Welcome**

**THURSDAYS, 10:30AM**  
**STARTING 8 OCTOBER**

45mins per Session  
Weekly in Termtime

**No charge and no need to book.**  
**Just come along!**



Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian