



Southway Junior School

Newsletter

Learning and Achieving Together

March 2025



Dear Southway families,
Thank you to all of you who have attended our open afternoons in school over the last few weeks. We all thoroughly enjoyed Picasso class assembly this morning. They shared so much learning from the term and everyone joined in with the Roman numeral song at the end. We were all amazed by their confidence and flair. This week I have been visiting classes during reading sessions. The children have been reading with their partners and using all the VIPERS to answer questions about the text. I have noted so much progress since September.

We have been recently been reviewing our Anti Bullying Policy in school. I shall be sending a copy out to you next week and would welcome any feedback you have regarding the policy. Our hope is that the policy is useful for you to understand how we prevent bullying at Southway and how we deal with concerns if they are raised.

We look forward to celebrating Autism Awareness next week across the school. Kind Regards, Mrs Smith

Science Week

Children across Southway have been busy over the last few weeks celebrating British Science Week with the theme 'Change and Adapt'. Year groups have been busy learning about animal adaptations, how sports can be adapted and experimenting which materials best flush down a toilet!



Loan a Lamb

Alongside Science Week, we have also been lucky enough to have some wonderful visitors to stay on our field! Daisy the ewe and her 2 lambs, Jessie and Shaun, have been enjoying the sunny weather and have been carefully looked after by Mr Morley and the children at Southway. We hope you too enjoyed meeting them after school on Thursday! We will certainly miss the superstar sheep of Burgess Hill.



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Enrichment Opportunities

On Monday, 8 Year 5 children took part in Christ Hospital's choral day, led by young voices conductor, David Lawrence. The children had a fantastic day, taking part in the workshops to learn over 4 new songs which they then performed in a concert to parents and carers.



Four budding linguists from Year 5 had a fantastic day at Christs Hospital school, learning about creative translation. In the first session of the day, children were introduced to the origins of the Vietnamese language. After practising some of the sounds, the children listened to a poem in Vietnamese and discussed its meaning. They then worked as a team to adapt the literal translation to create their own version. In the following session, the children practised their French colour words, linked these with different nouns and emotions and then translated a thought-provoking poem by Léopold Sedar Senghor (Poème à mon frère blanc). Finally, the children wrote their own powerful poems, inspired by his work. All four children showed real resilience as they took to the stage and shared their work with a wider audience. It was amazing day and the children represented Southway brilliantly.



Dates for your Diary

April

Tues 1st – Y5 Fabulous Finish – Parents Invited in from 2.30-3pm

Tues 1st – Y3/Y4 Rocksteady Concert to parents from 1.30pm

Weds 2nd – Autism Awareness Day – Wear Colourful Clothes

Thurs 3rd – Y5/Y6 Rocksteady Concert to Parents

Weds 2nd – Movie & Popcorn afternoon for **Beacon** house till 5pm

Fri 4th Golden Awards Assembly to invited parents – 10am

Fri 4th – Last Day of Term – Children finish at 1.30pm

Tues 22nd - Back to School after Easter Holidays

Weds 30th – Y3 Viking Workshop at Southway

Noticeboard

We have been provided with some smart new signs by the council, which we hope will remind drivers to park carefully & safely near the school.



House Points

Beacon	1809
Dyke	1684
Hill	1629
Cliff	1560

Attendance

Whole School
95.7%

Class with highest attendance 17th March 2025 to 28th March 2025

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Achievements



The children have been exceptionally busy over the past few weeks! They've won books in the book raffle during Science Week, taken part in Netball Tournaments, been awarded Values Certificates, won Brownie badges, & won medals & trophies in rugby & football.



The children enjoyed the culmination of our fundraising for Comic Relief last week. We raised **£574.80** from the sale of cakes & biscuits & from donations for dressing in red. This was in addition to the **£600** we had already raised from the sale of red noses! Thank you so much to everyone who sent in their cakes & bakes.