



Southway Junior School

Newsletter

Learning and Achieving Together

July 2025



Dear Families,

As we near the end of this academic year, the fun and excitement continues at Southway Junior School. Last night, audiences were wowed by the phenomenal talent of our Year 6 children in The School of Pop show. A special thanks goes out to the Year 6 teaching team for all their hard work behind the scenes and especially to the show director Miss Risby, who for your information, will be known as Mrs Johnson after the Summer holidays. We wish her all the very best for her wedding day.

We also say a big thank you and bid a fond farewell to Miss Read. We wish her all the very best in her new role. We welcome Mrs Nash as Year 3 teacher, Miss Sanpher as a Year 5 teacher and teaching assistants Mrs Pinner and Mrs Blackman to the Southway team. We are all looking forward to Southway's got Talent and the many celebrations and leavers events in the next week. *Mrs Smith*

Inset Days

The following Inset days have been set for the next 2 academic years & have been arranged in conjunction with the Gattons – all term dates can be found on the school website, under the 'Parents' tab.

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Friday 24th October 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Monday 23rd February 2026

Friday 22nd May 2026

INSET DAYS 2026-27

Tuesday Sept 1st

Friday Oct 23rd

Monday Jan 4th

Thursday 25th March

Monday June 7th

Year 4 Brighton Museum & Library Trip

Y4 had a fantastic trip to Brighton Museum, where they had the opportunity to 'travel back in time' to the Stone Age. Not only were the children able to handle artefacts from this ancient time period and find out more about the jobs that citizens would have encountered during the Stone Age, they explored Brighton library and even had a chance for a sweet treat on the beach!



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Y6 Brighton i360 Trip

Year 6 had a great day out in Brighton. After a quick train journey down to the coast, the classes split off to enjoy a variety of activities. They travelled up the i360, to see the sights of Sussex. In the Rampion Visitor Centre, they looked at hands-on exhibitions and interactive displays, sharing information on different forms of energy. At the Brighton Museum, the children looked at Stone Age life, solving puzzles, handling ancient artefacts, and learning about Stone Age trade and folklore. A fantastic day had by all!



Y3 Outing to the Woods

This week, Year 3 took their learning outdoors with an exciting trip to the woods, where they built their very own Anglo-Saxon settlements and dens! Using natural materials like sticks, leaves, and straw, the children worked in teams to design and construct shelters inspired by early medieval life. It was a fantastic hands-on experience that brought history to life, encouraged teamwork, and sparked plenty of creativity and curiosity about how people lived in the past.

Dates for your Diary

July

Tues 15th – Southway Talent Show
Weds 16th – Movie & popcorn evening
Fri 18th – Awards Assembly to invited parents at 10am
Fri 18th – Y6 Leavers Party 5-7pm
Tues 22nd Y6 Leavers Assembly to parents at 11am
Tues 22nd – LAST DAY OF TERM – CHILDREN FINISH AT 1.30pm

September

Weds 3rd – INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Thurs 4th – School reopens to children
Thurs 4th – Y6 Welcome Meeting at Southway
w/c Mon 8th – Y6 Bikeability Week 1
Weds 10th – School Photographer in school
Friday 12th – Y4 Brighton/ Volks Railway Trip
w/c Mon 15th – Y6 France Residential Trip
Mon 15th – Y5 Welcome Meeting at Southway
Tues 16th – Y4 Welcome Meeting at Southway
Weds 17th – Y3 Welcome Meeting at Southway
Weds 17th – Y5 Hampton Court Trip

Noticeboard

School Uniform

Even though we are nearing the end of the school year, please ensure that children continue to adhere to our Uniform Policy, which can be found on our website. Thank you.

House Points

Dyke	2548
Beacon	2527
Hill	2216
Cliff	2104

Attendance Whole School

95.6%

Class with highest
attendance

(30th June – 11th July) –

★ Turner 98.5% ★



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Y6 Production



Year 6 have been working their socks off to put on a fantastic performance to the rest of the school, as well as family and friends. We very much hope you enjoyed watching their performance of 'School of Pop' with some brilliant acting and singing, as well as 'funky' dance moves. What a show!!





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Other News



Our children have been very busy over the past couple of weeks, with achievements both inside & outside of school. Those pictured above have been earning their School Values Certificates, winning gymnastics awards, gaining belts in Tae Kwando, earning swimming certificates, taking piano exams, earning Brownie badges, being a zookeeper, winning rosettes for dog training & winning football medals!



We are committed to supporting our students' emotional well-being and self-regulation skills here at Southway. One of the tools we use to help children understand and manage their emotions is **Zones of Regulation**.

What are the Zones of Regulation?

The Zones of Regulation is a simple, color-coded system that helps children recognize how they're feeling and learn strategies to manage those feelings. It divides emotions and states of alertness into four coloured zones:

- **Blue Zone** – Low states of alertness (e.g., sad, tired, sick, bored)
- **Green Zone** – Calm and ready to learn (e.g., happy, focused, content)
- **Yellow Zone** – Heightened state (e.g., anxious, excited, frustrated, silly)
- **Red Zone** – Extremely heightened state (e.g., angry, terrified, out of control)

By identifying their zone, students can better understand their emotions and choose appropriate tools or strategies to help them return to the **Green Zone**, where they are best able to learn and interact positively with others - each child has a toolkit at Southway!

We encourage you to talk with your child about the Zones at home. Ask them what zone they're in and what helps them feel calm and focused. Together, we can build emotional awareness and resilience in every student.