



Southway Junior School

Newsletter

Learning and Achieving Together

March 2025



Book Week 2025

We have had another successful book week at Southway this year and the children have immersed themselves in many different book-related activities including The Masked Reader, book quizzes around the school and guessing 'Who's behind the Book?'. It has been lovely seeing children share their enjoyment of reading and be inspired to go and read one of the books they have heard being read during teacher read sessions. During buddy reading, the children supported their peers from across the school with their reading and had discussions about the books they have previously read.

Thank you to all those who got involved with our book swap, reading in strange places competition and shoe box setting designs. Our book swap was a huge success and it was brilliant seeing all the creative ideas children came up with for entering our competitions.



Dear Southway families,
Another fantastic few weeks at Southway Juniors. This morning we enjoyed a fabulous WW2 assembly from Hawking Class which demonstrated their learning in style. The fire service also paid a visit to children in Year 5 this week to provide a talk all about fire safety.

I would like to update you with some staffing news. At the end of this term Miss Nicholson our SENCO will be leaving us. She has been part of the Southway team for 7 years and I know she will be missed by all. We wish her every success in her next chapter. Miss Nicholson continues to regularly meet with our new SENCO Mrs Sophie Smith to enable a smooth handover.

Mrs Smith

Autism Awareness Week

The month of April is dedicated to the awareness, education, and support of autistic communities all over the world

In 2025, Autism Awareness and Acceptance Week runs from 27 March to 2 April, with Autism Day falling on the last day. This year's theme is colour!

We are inviting all children and staff to come into school on **Wednesday 2nd April 2025** wearing as much colour as possible. So, get colourful and creative to stand with your autistic community!



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Netball Superstars!



The netball team had an excellent few tournaments this week, with great success from all players! Even with a last-minute change of team, both teams demonstrated all our values on court and had some fantastic results, with the A team coming 5th and the B team coming 6th out of 10 schools. They all should be incredibly proud of the hard work they have put in during training, they have represented the school brilliantly.

Y5 Trip to Newhaven Fort



Year 5 recently enjoyed a sunny day out at Newhaven Fort. The children were taken back in time to WW2 and enjoyed exploring the tunnels, the weapons and even got to play on their new adventure playground.

Volcanic Eruptions in Year 3

Year 3 were extremely fortunate to have Mrs Cook, alongside some of her colleagues, to talk to us about geology and specifically volcanoes. We had three experiments to observe, including a small volcanic eruption, making our own lava lamp and being able to inspect real life rocks like obsidian. We then went outside to create another eruption! Year 3 had a wonderful time.

Dates for your Diary

March

Tues 18th – Y5 Maths Challenge Workshop for invited children at TBHA – 3.15pm

Weds 19th – Y6 Open Afternoon from 2.20-3pm

Weds 19th – Y3/Y4/Y5 Parent Consultations 3.30-7pm

Weds 19th – Dance Festival at Downlands

Thurs 20th – Y3/Y4/Y5 Parent Consultations 3.30-5.30pm

Fri 21st – Comic Relief Fundraiser / Cake Sale – Dressing Up Day

Fri 21st Shakespeare Class Assembly to Parents at 10am

Fri 21st – Author Jennifer Killick Visiting Southway

Tues 25th - Y3/Y4 Games Festival at H. Heath College (am)

Tues 25th – Y4 Open Afternoon from 2.30-3pm

Fri 28th – Picasso Class Assembly at 10am

Fri 28th – Y6 Cinema Outing (pm)

April

Weds 2nd – Autism Awareness Day – Wear Colourful Clothes

Fri 3rd – Movie & Popcorn afternoon for winning 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

Noticeboard

Respectful Parking

Please remember to park legally & considerately When dropping off or collecting your child from school. Neighbours in South Close have reported that parents have been parking on the corners to the close, resulting in bin lorries being unable to gain access to empty the residents' bins.

House Points

Beacon	1075
Hill	1013
Dyke	980
Cliff	954

Attendance

Whole School
95.6%

Class with highest attendance 3rd March
2025 to 14th March

HAWKING 97%



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Achievements



Our children have been very busy over the last couple of weeks! Those pictured above have been playing rugby & football, taking part in gymnastics, winning 10-pin bowling trophies, learning to swim, winning dance medals, rifle-shooting, going to Six-Nations rugby matches, taking piano lessons, learning about precious gems, taking Acrobatic Arts Exams & earning their School Values Certificates. Well done to them all!