



# Southway Junior School

# Newsletter

Learning and Achieving Together

May 2025



Dear Families,

We started our week with an assembly to mark the VE 80 remembrance celebrations where we discussed the importance of peace for all. In our assembly we spoke about the meaning of peace – that it meant laughter instead of fear and dreams instead of danger. The children listened carefully and observed a minute's silence at midday on Thursday.

Year 5 boys and girls took part in a tag rugby tournament this week. The children learnt the rules of the game with a range of coaches and demonstrated the values of teamwork and resilience throughout.

Our Year 6 teachers and children have been thoroughly preparing for their SATS next week. The children have worked so hard in class and at home so we know that they will be at their best. We are all so proud of their efforts and attitude.

Our Values Visionaries have been talking to classes to gather ideas on how to improve our playtimes. Their ideas have been so creative and exciting ..... watch this space!

Kind Regards, *Mrs Smith*

## VE Day Celebrations!

The Year 5 Choir entertained local residents yesterday at a Street Party in the town. Mrs Morley & Mrs Lambert were incredibly proud of their performance and two local councillors were full of praise for the children's wonderful singing. I do believe that Southway also got a mention on the 6 o'clock news too! Thank you to all of our community superstars who represented Southway in style.



### Could your child be entitled to Free School Meals?

Some children whose family are on a low income are eligible for free school meals. We would urge all families who are not currently entitled but feel they may meet the criteria to apply at <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/>

If your child is eligible for free school meals this will release vital **pupil premium funding** (£1,480 per eligible child) to the school which can be used to support your child; in addition the school can offer the following benefits :

Ø Government funded school holiday food vouchers for a supermarket of your choice (approximately £10-£15 per school holiday week)

Ø Free PE t-shirt and school jumper or cardigan or fleece every year (approximate saving £20)

Ø Free book bag (£5)

Ø 50% off the cost of the Y4 and Y6 residentials

Ø Free holiday clubs, including meals using your designated HAF code

If you would like assistance with completing your application, we would be happy to assist. Please contact Mrs Frost on [welfare@southwayjunior.co.uk](mailto:welfare@southwayjunior.co.uk) or call the office to make an appointment.

## Tennis Stars!



Mrs Cranfield & Mrs Pontremoli took 10 children from Years 4 & 5 to The Weald Tennis Club for an afternoon of fun tennis activities. The children especially loved playing on the mini tennis courts!



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## Y4 Planetarium Trip



Year 4 enjoyed a fantastic trip to the South Downs Planetarium this week. The children were blown away with the facts that they found out, and thoroughly enjoyed their time in the dome theatre looking at different star constellations and planets.

## The Importance of Reading



Reading is at the heart of all learning and at Southway, we ensure it is a priority. Every day, pupils at Southway take part in reading sessions, involving reading comprehensions, reading for pleasure time and listening to class stories. Reading is crucial for developing essential skills, expanding knowledge, and enhancing children's overall well-being. It improves literacy, critical thinking, and memory while also fostering imagination, empathy, and creativity. Just 20 minutes of reading a day can make such a difference! Enjoy a good book this weekend.

## May Dates for your Diary

Weds 7<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Leavers & Class Photos for all  
 Weds 7<sup>th</sup> – Tennis Festival (pm)  
 Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> – Kahlo Library Visit  
 Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> – Tag Rugby at HHRFC  
 Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> – Y4 South Downs Planetarium Visit  
 Fri 9<sup>th</sup> – Picasso Library Visit  
 W/C 12<sup>th</sup> May – SATs for Y6  
 Fri 16<sup>th</sup> May – Y5/Y6 Girls Football at Downlands  
 Tues 20<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 Chessington Trip  
 Weds 21<sup>st</sup> – David Walliams visiting Southway  
 Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> – School Disco  
 Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> May – INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED  
 Mon 26<sup>th</sup> – Fri 30<sup>th</sup> – HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED

### June

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Y5 Seven Sisters Trip  
 Weds 4<sup>th</sup> – Anxiety Workshop for Parents at Southway  
 Thurs 5<sup>th</sup>/ Fri 6<sup>th</sup> – Y4 Lodge Hill Residential Trip  
 Fri 13<sup>th</sup> – House Charity Day  
 Sat 14<sup>th</sup> – SUMMER FAIR

## Noticeboard

We are delighted to let you know that our next Parent Workshop with the charity Thought-Full, is scheduled for 9am-10.30 on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June. This will cover many aspects of how to support an anxious child. Details on how to book your place will be sent out next week. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

### House Points

<b>Beacon</b>	<b>946</b>
<b>Dyke</b>	<b>856</b>
<b>Hill</b>	<b>771</b>
<b>Cliff</b>	<b>620</b>

### Attendance

**Whole School**  
**95.7%**

**Class with highest attendance (28<sup>th</sup> April to 9<sup>th</sup> May):**

**Picasso (98.8%)**



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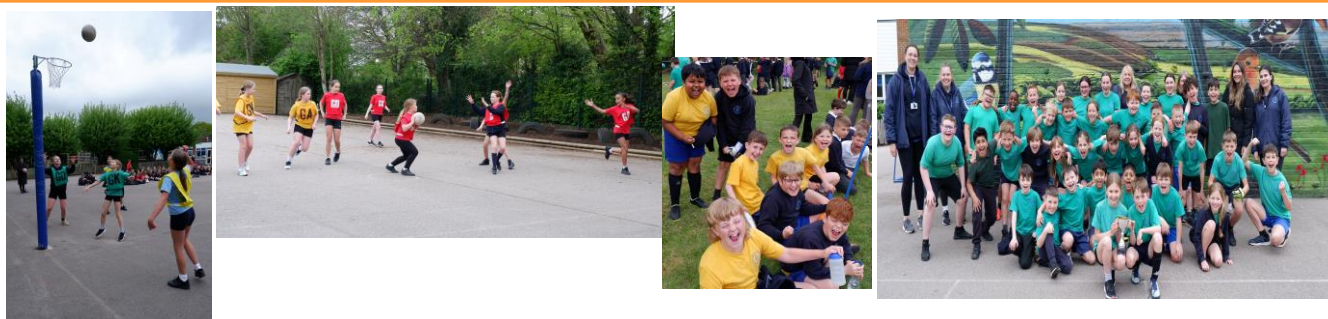


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# Achievements



These children have been very busy over the last few weeks! They have been swimming, doing gymnastics, playing rugby, playing football, running, earning badges at Cubs, and gaining their Values Certificates. Well done to all of them!



This year's Inter-house Sports competition was a great success. Children & staff enjoyed an afternoon of football & netball competition, which was enjoyed by all. Congratulations to Hill House, who triumphed on the day!