



Southway Junior School

Newsletter

Learning and Achieving Together

May 2025



Dear Southway Families,
Another very busy, exciting and productive half term at Southway. Our Year 6 children completed their SATS week with focus and resilience – we were all so proud of this cohort as they calmly took it all in their stride. Their hard work and dedication were rewarded with a trip to Chessington last Tuesday. I was so proud of the children as they showed resilience and confidence yet again on such rides as Vampire and Mandrils Mayhem!

We also welcomed David Walliams. An author who has sold over 80,000 books in 53 languages launching his new title in the Worlds Worst series.

Thank you so much to all our wonderful staff and the brilliant Friends of Southway for coordinating a brilliant end of term disco – a fabulous finish to fabulous term.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Smith



David Walliams visits Southway

Teachers and children were thoroughly entertained by the talented author David Walliams last Wednesday. David read from his many books and talked about how he developed characters. He was such an inspiration for the young writers of Southway. He included the children and teachers in all of his very funny stories. A big thank you to our English lead Miss Risby for putting this all together alongside our contact Gudrun from Steying Bookshop who provided Southway with such a memorable opportunity.

Girls Football Festival



Year 5 and 6 girls were treated to a wonderful Football Festival at Ardingly College, where they got to try out some new skills and drills and played some mini games with other schools. The girls were fantastic, with lots of goals being scored and new techniques being acquired.

Y6 Science

Our Year 6 scientists have been busy dissecting hearts this week as part of their human body topic.



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Our Beautiful Grounds

At this time of year our school grounds are stunning. Y6 enjoyed an afternoon by the pond last week and found a number of tadpoles to observe. Children visited our deep water pond and sketched the view including the ducks and ducklings and the visiting heron. We have plans to further develop our outside learning provision including a Forest School site!

Y6 Chessington Trip



Y6 had a wonderful trip to Chessington this week. The sun shone and a fantastic time was had by all!



Dates for your Diary

May

Fri 23rd May – INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

Mon 26th – Fri 30th – HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED

June

Tues 3rd June – Y5 Seven Sisters Trip

Weds 4th – Anxiety Workshop for Parents at Southway

Thurs 5th/ Fri 6th – Y4 Lodge Hill Residential Trip

Weds 11th – Area Athletics

Fri 13th – House Charity Day

Sat 14th – SUMMER FAIR

Mon 16th – Magistrates Visiting Y6 at Southway

Tues 17th – Aim High Writing Day at Southway

Weds 18th – 9 am Sports Day & Family Picnic till 1pm

Fri 20th – Rowing Class Assembly to Parents

Weds 25th – Y6 Brighton i360 Trip

Fri 27th June – Kahlo Class Assembly to Parents

July

Weds 2nd – Transition Day

Fri 4th – Y4 Brighton Trip

Fri 4th – Curie Class Assembly

Noticeboard

We are delighted that the swimming pool will be open for swimming lessons after half term. Please sign your child up via the MCAS app and remember to make sure they have their swimming kit in school on their allotted day. A message will be sent out each Friday to confirm the day that each class will be swimming the following week.



Attendance

Whole School
95.7%

Class with highest
attendance

12th May to 22nd May
Pankhurst, 98.8%



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Achievements



These children have been dancing, playing football, being a football mascot & earning their Southway Values Certificates over the past few weeks – well done to all of them!



Thank you for inspiring us Mr David Walliams!