



Southway Junior School

Newsletter

Learning and Achieving Together

April 2025



Dear Families,
Welcome to the Summer Term! We have plenty to look forward to in the coming weeks and I hope that you found the general dates list sent out this week a very useful guide.

I have been meeting with our Friends of Southway this week to discuss the plans for our Summer Fair and Summertime disco. Through both of these events, we are hoping to continue to raise money for iPads so that children can access the fantastic learning resources available.

In other news, we have noted a dramatic increase in the number of unhealthy snacks being brought into school for break. Please may we remind you that children should bring in fruit/vegetables or fruit based snack or a healthy cereal bar to enjoy. If a snack is brought in a pot, please do name it as it is difficult to find the owner once left in the playground.

Thank you so much for your cooperation with this.
Kind Regards, *Mrs Smith*



Year 4 Astronauts

Year 4 have kicked off the summer term with a fantastic astronaut training day! Their skills were put to the test, having to complete a variety of activities that required similar skills an astronaut would need. We are now busy writing an application letter to work at NASA, fingers crossed we have the skills that they are looking for!



Year 5 Survival Day

Year 5 Started the new term with a bang! Survival Day was a huge hit and enjoyed by all. Children built shelters in our local woods, had a go at fire lighting, filtered dirty water to try and make it as clean as possible, built rafts, foraged for wild garlic and even had their own bug eating trial! Teamwork, kindness, resilience and respect were demonstrated through out the fun-packed day. Well done Year 5!

Children from Year 4 and 5 attended a cricket festival yesterday to learn the key skills needed when playing cricket. From how to bowl a ball, correct technique to hit as far as possible and how to catch and throw the ball when fielding. The children had a wonderful time and represented Southway excellently, showing teamwork and resilience throughout. One child in year 4 explained how he really enjoyed the rotation of activities and had a lot of fun, hitting the ball as far as he could was his favourite thing to do!



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Year 3 Measure Up



Children in Year 3 got hands on with our new maths topic of measurement. Equipped with metre rules and smaller rulers, they worked in teams to measure different objects around our inside and outdoor learning spaces. They then recorded the measurements in metres and centimetres.

Year 6 Healthy Eating

Last half term, Year 6 learnt about nutrition and healthy eating. They applied their knowledge of a balanced diet and chose their favourite ingredients to create a delicious salad.



April

Dates for your Diary

Tues 29th – Dickens & Rowling Library visits
Weds 30th – Y3 Viking Workshop at Southway
Weds 30th – Shakespeare Library Visit

May

Mon 5th – BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tues 6th – Turner Library Visit
Weds 7th – Y6 Leavers & Class Photos for all
Weds 7th – Tennis Festival (pm)
Thurs 8th – Kahlo Library Visit
Thurs 8th – Tag Rugby at HHRFC
Thurs 8th – Y4 South Downs Planetarium Visit
Fri 9th – Picasso Library Visit
W/C 12th May – SATs for Y6
Fri 16th May – Y5/Y6 Girls Football at Downlands
Mon 20th May – Y6 Chessington Trip
Thurs 22nd – School Disco
Fri 23rd May – INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon 26th – Fri 30th – HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED

Noticeboard

Road Closure

WSCC have notified us that Southway, the road outside of the school, will be closed for pothole repairs on Wednesday 7th May. This is likely to cause problems for parents at both drop off & pick-up that day. Therefore, if you usually drive your child to school, please park further away & walk round to Southway. Parents are permitted to park in the car parks at both the Woolpack Pub & St. Edward's Church.

House Points

Beacon	392
Dyke	349
Hill	340
Cliff	272

Attendance

Whole School

★ **95.7%** ★



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Achievements



Mila from Hawking Class produced this fantastic working model of the water cycle during the Easter holidays! It even has a cloud which produces rain, which then evaporates!

Alberta & Eilidh from Y6 gave a very professional presentation about Parkinson's Disease to the rest of the school earlier this week. The girls have experience of family members with the disease & wanted to raise awareness of it. They also inspired the whole school to wear blue & white for the day, raising the amazing sum of **£385.64** on the day. Thank you so much for all your contributions!



Youth Council Competition – Railway 200

Can you create a poster or small fact sheet relating to any of the following?

Burgess Hill Railway Station

Franklands Bridge

Clayton Tunnel

Keymer Junction

Wivelsfield Station

Saxby's Holt

The Bumpy Bridge

Your competition entry can be an image or a drawing/painting. It can be a combination of words and pictures. Maybe a piece of trivia - "did you know?" (eg did you know Pennie Bellas was British Rail's first female station master), or a more detailed piece of writing for example the Clayton Tunnel has quite a lot of history including a major crash.

Useful links for info: <https://burgesshillheritagehistory.org.uk/index.php/arrival-of-the-railway/>

If you would like to enter this competition, please send in your entry to the school office by

4th June 2025

