



Year 6 - Welcome Meeting





Meet the Team

Teachers

Miss Bailey / Miss Whitman
(AHT/YGL) (AHT)

Miss Tay
(Music lead)

Miss Ayres
(English lead)

LSA Team

Mrs Smith(HLTA)

Mrs Cranfield

Mrs Lambert (HLTA)

Attendance Matters

At Southway Junior School, **excellent attendance is everyone's responsibility.**

We know that regular, punctual attendance lays the foundation for:

strong academic outcomes

confident learners

positive wellbeing.

Every day in school matters.



Is my child too ill for school?



Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)? **YES** Keep them off school until it goes away. **NO** Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.	Cold sores Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.	Impetigo They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.	Ear infection If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe waxy ears, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	Ringworm See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	Measles They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to other people. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.
	Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to have only any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.	Scarlet fever They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 1 to 2 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.	Venting & diarrhoea Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for 48 hours for at least 2 days full time.
	Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.	Chickenpox Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appear.	

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

What is good attendance for my child?



- Attendance policy and information is on our website
- Please try to book medical & dental appts out of school
- No term time holidays approved



Good Behaviour Policy

Ready

Bring the right equipment

Listen carefully

Try your best

Respectful

Be kind and polite have good manners

Follow the expectations

Value everyone

Safe

Wonderful walking

Follow rules

Ask for help when needed

Home School Agreement will be sent out to you and our policy will be available on the website for you to read when agreed by our governing body. (end of September)

Relentless Routines in place

Wonderful Walking



Legendary lines



Mindfulness Mondays

Wellbeing Wednesdays

Funky Fridays



Behaviour and Expectations

Our consistent whole school Behaviour Policy:

- Praise the positives
- Sanctions for repeated inappropriate behaviour
- Parents will be contacted for both positive and negative behaviour



Smartphone and smartwatch free at Southway

In line with guidance from the DfE, we want to be a Smartphone-free school.

If needed, children in Year 5 and 6 who travel independently may bring a basic phone which must then be handed in to their class teacher at the start of the day. (medical exemptions apply)

Why This Matters

- Protects children's safety, wellbeing and learning.
- Reduces peer pressure by creating a clear, consistent rule.
- Eliminated risk of exposure to harmful online content and exposure to different communication platforms
- Reinforces Southway's priorities of learning, behaviour and wellbeing.



<https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/>



Mobile Phones

- Must be turned off at school
- Locked in teacher's drawer in the morning, returned at 3.15
- Children only use:
 - PAST GEMS / FOREST VIEW





Social media

Avoid whole class chats

Know what your child is using

Know recommended ages

Phones not in bedrooms at night



Our Curriculum

Y6 Learning Journeys – 1 per term

- **Autumn:** *'Frozen In Time'*
- **Spring:** *'Walk like an Egyptain'*
- **Summer:** *'Blood, Bones & Body Bits'*



Autumn – Frozen in Time

France – 22nd – 25th September

Bikeability- 7th – 11th & 14th – 18th September

Climbing Wall- Thurs 22nd October

AMEX - Thurs 17th December

Restart a heart – in school time



English – Writing from France or Activity Week
Scientific writing on own creature
Poetry
Setting description

Maths – 4 operations
Fractions
Algebra
Translation, symmetry & reflection

Science – Evolution & Animals and Humans

Geography – Mountains (Everest) & Biomes



Spring – Walk Like an Egyptian

British Museum experience

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Summer – Blood, Bones & Body Bits

- **SATS - 10th - 13th May 2026**
- **Chessington - May 2026**
- **House Charity Day– Summer Term TBC**
- **Production – w/b 5th July**
- **Leavers Assembly – Wed 21st July**



Home Learning Expectations

- Weekly English and Maths Homework
- Set on Wednesday and due the following Wednesday

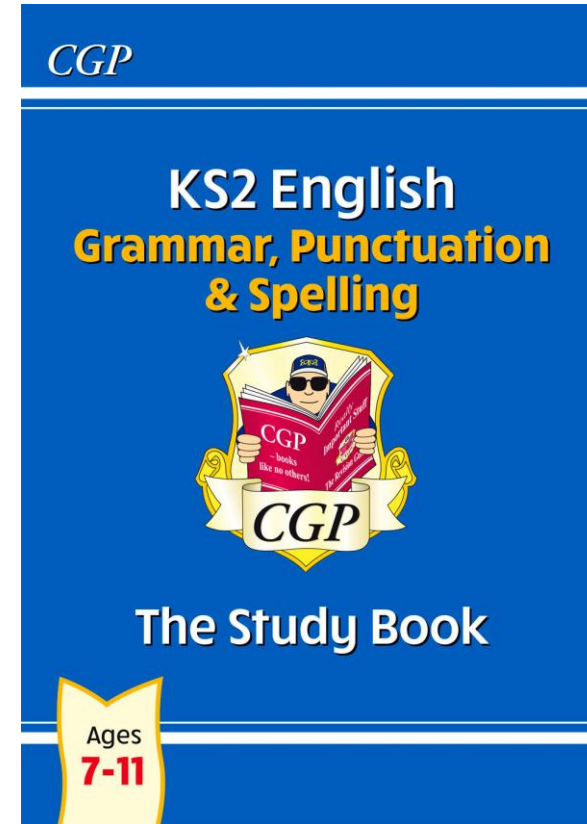
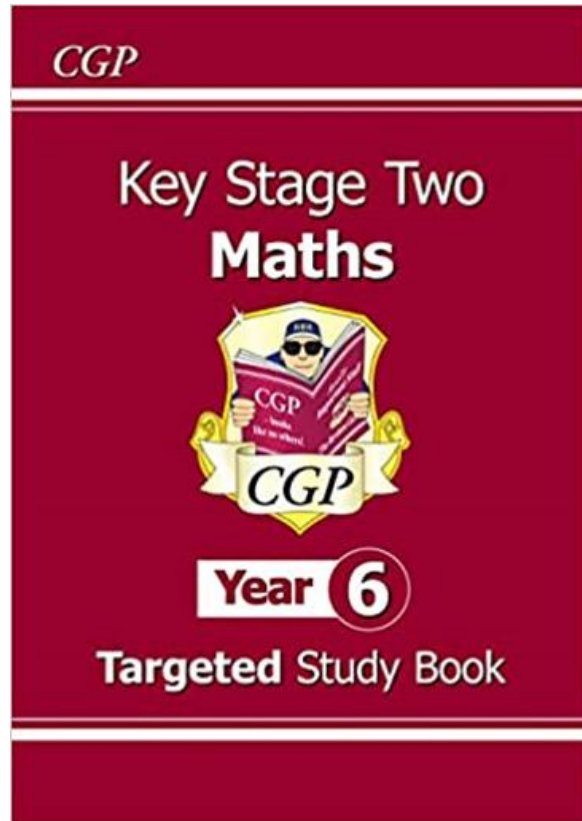
Completed on LBQ – your child will need access to an iPad/laptop/phone to complete it

Workings for maths in homework exercise book

- **Reading journal – daily reading logged (date, title, page range) and 1 VIPERS comment a week (set by the teacher)**
- **Spelling Shed** have games set weekly, and tested in school every **Friday**
- Weekly practise of **times tables** – TTRS or Hit the Button



Work Books / Study Books



***Please, keep at home and refer to them
every week!***

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Try to get into a routine – homework 2 separate days,
reading comments on different days

Use Study Book

Email us if finding difficult – we will have taught it in
class in a previous week

Stick to the method we teach in maths (calculation
policy on school website)

Time tables – need to know all tables at speed – TTRS
/Hit the Button

Needed to do the arithmetic test 36 questions in 30
mins



Other Important Items

- Water bottle (not glass!)
- Waterproof coat
- No valuables
- No jewellery except small stud earrings, please!

***Please
ensure you
name all
your child's
items!***



Book Bags/Popper Wallets!

For letters/homework:

- £5 at school / on-line
- Cheaper popper wallet at stationery shop





Southway Stationery Shop Prices

- Black handwriting pen (ideally 2) 25p
- HB Pencils (ideally 2) 10p
- Red pen or Blue pen (20p)
- 30cm clear plastic ruler 15p
- Whiteboard pen 30p
- Glue stick £1
- Clear plastic pencil case 65p



The complete case and equipment (including 2 pens and 2 pencils)_can be purchased for £3

Cash for stationary shop can be bought on a Monday



- **RSHE AUTUMN**

- Making Friends Online
- Rail Safety
- Importance of sleep
- Cyberbullying
- Zones of Regulation
- First Aid: Restart A Heart
- Worry
- Stealing Comp
- Talking to Others
- British Values:



- **RSHE SPRING**
- British Values
- Protected Characteristics : All & The Equality Act 2010
- Media stereotypes
- Water Safety
- SMART Bots



RSHE SUMMER

- In-App Purchases
- Magistrates
- Alcohol
- Conception
- First Aid



School Uniform



***Please,
name all
your
child's
clothes!***



PE Kit

***Please,
name all
your
child's
clothes!***



***When you
need a new
t-shirt,
please order
their house
colour!***

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PE Days

Each class will have 2 PE sessions per week
1 indoor and 1 outdoor session:

jolaiyajoy@gmail.com

Mandela: Tuesday (in) Friday (out)

Churchill : Monday (in) Tuesday (out)

Pankhurst : Tuesday (in) Wednesday (out)



Fidget to Focus tools

1. Rationale

At Southway Junior School, we recognise that some pupils may benefit from the use of 'fidget to focus' tools (also known as fiddle toys or concentration aids) to support focus, self-regulation, and inclusion in the classroom.

This policy sets out how and when 'fidget to focus' tools may be used to ensure they serve as learning aids without causing distraction.

2. Aims

- To enable pupils who need fidget tools for educational reasons to use them effectively
- To minimise disruption and maintain a positive learning environment for all pupils
- To ensure fair and consistent application of this policy across the school

3. Definition

'Fidget to focus' tools are small, handheld items designed to occupy pupils' hands and help them focus. Examples include:





Can you help?

Volunteers need Disclosure and Barring Service check

- Reading with children
- Helping with school trips (not with your child)
- Home School Association
- Special Events



Reading Expectations

Children should read at home daily, and log the page numbers along with the date.

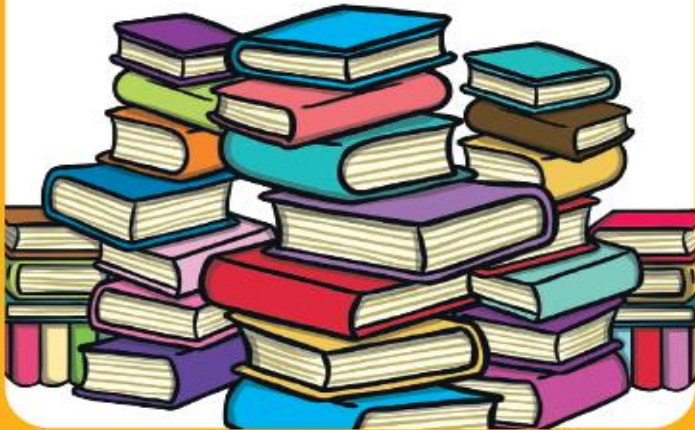
Teachers will set 1 VIPERS comment to complete by the following week.

Reading journals should be in school everyday, as they are checked regularly.

Reading Every Day Goes a Very Long Way

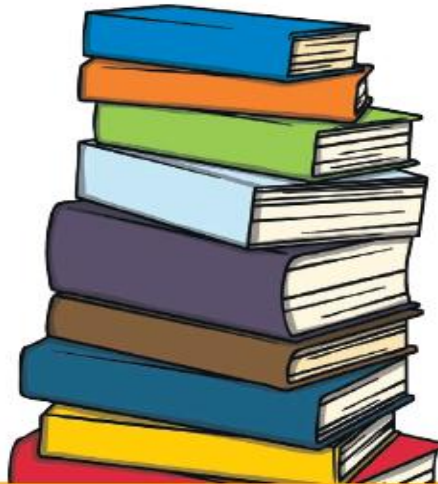
Student A Reads

- 20 minutes per day
- 3,600 minutes per school year
- 1,800,000 words per year



Student B Reads

- 5 minutes per day
- 900 minutes per school year
- 282,000 words per year



Student C Reads

- 1 minute per day
- 180 minutes per school year
- 8,000 words per year



Want to be a better reader? Read more!

20 is plenty!

Children who read for
20 minutes a day...



Will have a world of
imagination & creativity
opened to them



Will have better
general knowledge



Will be exposed to 1.8
million words a year



Will improve critical
thinking skills



Will improve their
communication skills



Will have a broad
vocabulary



Will have reduced
stress levels



Will learn how to
develop empathy



Will improve their test
results





We warmly welcome yr 6 parents into a reading with your child session on

Wednesday 14th October from 2.50 -3.10



Getting in touch

School Reception: parentline@southwayjunior.co.uk

Miss Bailey / Miss Whitman: mandela@southwayjunior.co.uk

Miss Tay : churchill@southwayjunior.co.uk

Miss Ayres: pankhurst@southwayjunior.co.uk

Due to the teaching commitments of staff please allow 2 working days for a response.



Secondary Open Evenings

- St Paul's - Wednesday 9th September
- Warden Park - Thursday 10th September
- TBHA – Wednesday 16th September
- Oathall – Thursday 17th September
- Downlands – Thursday 1st October

Please tour in the evening- not lost learning

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National Curriculum Tests

- When?
 - Week beginning **Monday 10th May, 2027**
- What?
 - Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (GPS)
 - Reading
 - Maths Reasoning x2 , Arithmetic paper
- Writing is Teacher Assessed across the year.

PLEASE DO NOT USE PAST PAPERS AT HOME for 2022 – 2026



Any questions?
Come and speak to us now in
our classrooms.

Thank you!