



Year 4

Welcome Meeting



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Meet the Team

Teaching Staff:

Mrs. Witham (YGL), Mr Ridgewell
and Mrs. Albery

Teaching Assistants:

Mrs. Tubb (HILTA) Mrs. Pinner, Mrs.
Seal and Miss Pierce



Our Curriculum

Y4 Learning Journeys - Cross Curricular Approach



Autumn – Victorian Towns and Twisted Tales

28th September – Brighton Town Trail

24th September – Victorian Day

3rd & 4th November - Preston Manor



Woodland walks – letters will go home

If there are any changes to pick ups, including trips, you must let office know – we cannot send children home without confirmation.

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Spring– *Mysterious Maya*

March (TBC) - Maya workshop

Mayan Feast

Chocolate tasting

Tie dye t-shirts



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Summer – *To Infinity and Beyond*

10th-11th June 2026 - Lodge Hill

**Astronaut training day
(TBC) - Planetarium**



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School Uniform

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



Uniform Policy:

Socks – must be black, navy, grey or white – no logos/bright colours.

Earrings – Plain, small studs.

Hair accessories – Simple hair/headbands in school colours.

PE Kit

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



***Hair – needs to be tied
up.***

***Earrings – children
will need to either
remove or cover
with tape.***

For winter:

Warm track suit/joggers and fleece or school hoodie - plain, navy blue if possible



PE Days

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

Shakespeare: Monday and Thursday

Dickens: Monday and Friday

Wilson: Wednesday and Thursday

**If these ever
change, you will be
emailed in
advance.**

- Each week we will also be doing a 10 minute run with our classes.



Other Important Items

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

- Water bottle
- Waterproof coat
- No valuables (touch screen watches)
- No jewellery except small stud earrings

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Can you help?

Volunteers need Disclosure and Barring Service check

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

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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



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/>

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/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. Conjunctivitis Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Speak about them your physician. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.	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. Ringworm See your GP or pharmacist unless it's a patchy ring, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	Ear infection If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away. Measles They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread. If you can't get a GP, 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. Varicella (shingles) Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 7 days (all round).
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP. 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 blow into any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly. Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or nursery know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.	Scarlet fever They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 1 to 2 weeks. They can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics. 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.



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



Home Learning

- Weekly homework will rotate between maths and english tasks
- Homework will be set on a Wednesday and due back in on the following Wednesday, when we will mark it.
- Homework should be completed in their homework book and we expect to see all their workings for maths.
- Homework will be differentiated and children will often get to choose their level of difficulty for homework.



Reading Journals

- Children should read at home as often as possible.
- They should record their reading in their Home Reading Journals, 3 times a week as a minimum (one of these will be completed in school).
- Adults do not need to write in their children's reading journals in Year 4.
- Reading journals should be in bags everyday, but are marked on a Friday.

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



Reading record entry example:

Date	Book title and page number	Comments
15.09.26	How to Train Your Dragon P56 – P70	Read well to Mum. Enjoying this story.



• Times tables: Using i

Times Tables

- In June, children will have to sit the Year 4 multiplication check. This is done in school and is a similar format to Times Tables Rockstars.
- We expect children to be engaging with Times Tables Rockstars weekly in order to develop their fluency and accuracy. Little and often is the key, so if children have been on for a total of 25 minutes over a week, they will earn an extra 5 minutes break.
- We also complete weekly times tables practice as part of maths learning.

**We look forward to a brilliant
year with your children.**

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Any questions?
Come and grab us now.

Thank you!

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