

Newsletter - 27th November 2025



Staffing Update

The wonderful Mrs Keightley in the school office will be retiring at Christmas. Mrs Keightley, you will be very much missed by children, staff and parents and we want to thank you for your years of service to the school. Mrs Keightley started as a parent helper 26 years ago when her sons were at the school, and has been managing the office for 25 years! Time flies when you're having fun! Mrs Pugh will be taking on this role full time from January.

Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper day, for Save the Children, is on Friday 12th December. Children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers, or decorate a jumper with tinsel, for a voluntary donation towards this charity. Don't forget to order your child's Christmas lunch. See menu on ClassDojo—**LAST DAY TO ORDER IS TODAY!**

Christmas Disco

The Christmas Discos for year 1 and 2 are on Wednesday 17th December. Year 1 will run from the end of the school day until 4.30pm, followed by year 2 at 4.45pm –5.45pm. Please complete the slip to get tickets. Year R are having a special dance workshop during the school day on this day.

New Curriculum

We are working hard to develop our new curriculum this year. The purpose of the new curriculum is to ensure that the children are learning the correct foundational knowledge needed to be successful life long learners. Our new curriculum is based on our school learning values:

Kindness Creativity Curiosity Responsibility Independence

The aims of our new curriculum are:

- *To teach the basic knowledge and skills of each subject in a joyful, fun, active and purposeful way*
- *To create learning experiences that create awe and wonder and engage our learners through curiosity and creativity*
- *To teach our children about our locality and the places and people within this.*
- *For children to become independent and responsible learners, and be prepared for their future education*

The learning themes for year 1 and 2 are:

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| Autumn | Marvellous Me | The Great British Harvest | Love Where you Live | Let's Celebrate |
| Spring | Our World | Long, Long ago | Science Week | |
| Summer | The Super 60s | Sports week | The Great Outdoors | Moving on |

Did you come to school at Southbourne Infants or Juniors? Did you grow up in Southbourne? We are seeking any photos you may have of Southbourne schools or of the village in the 1960s. Please come and talk to Mrs Whiffin or Mrs de Jong if you can help with this.

Read with Me

Our next 'Read with Me' session is next Friday (5th December). Come along to this session and share a book with your child. If you cannot attend please don't worry we have lots of staff who will be sharing a book with children too.

Learn with Me

During the Spring term we will be starting 'Learn with Me' sessions. These will be similar to 'Read with Me' when parents can come into school and join in with what your child is learning. These will be 9.00—9.30am.

Forest School

Squirrels and Owls will start their forest school sessions again after Christmas break. Year 1 sessions are Thursday morning and Year 2 sessions are Thursday afternoon. A massive thank you to all the volunteers this term, we couldn't have continued to offer these sessions without you! The Spring term **4 week block** begins on **Thursday 22nd January and runs up until half term.**



Dates—NEW DATES ADDED...

December

Tuesday 2nd—Flu Vaccinations
 Thursday 4th—FOSS Christmas Shopping Day
 Friday 5th—READ WITH ME @ 2.50pm
Christmas celebrations to parents
 Monday 8th - Year 2 @ 2.30
 Tuesday 9th—Year 2 @ 9.00
 Tuesday 9th—Year 1 @ 2.30
 Wednesday 10th - Year 1 @ 9.00
 Wednesday 10th - Year R @ 2.45
 Thursday 11th - Year R @ 9.00
 Friday 12th—Christmas Jumper/Christmas Lunch Day
 Wednesday 17th—School Christmas Disco
 Friday 19th —Last Day of Term

CHRISTMAS BREAK

January

Monday 5th —First day back
 Friday 16th—READ WITH ME @ 2.50pm
 Wednesday 21st—Year R Maths Workshop @ 9.00am
 Wednesday 28th—LEARN WITH ME Maths @ 9.00am

February

Monday 16th to 20th—Half term break
Monday 23rd— INSET DAY/Wraparound childcare available

March

Thursday 5th—World Book Day/READ WITH ME @ 2.50pm
 Monday 9th to 13th—Science Week
 Tuesday 10th— Parent Consultations
 Wednesday 11th—Parent Consultations
 Wednesday 18th—LEARN WITH ME Writing @ 9.00am
 Friday 27th—Last day of spring term and FOSS Easter Tombola

EASTER BREAK

April

Monday 13th - First day of summer term

May

Monday 4th—Bank Holiday
 Friday 8th—READ WITH ME @ 2.50pm
 Monday 18th to 22nd—Sports Week
 Friday 22nd—Sports Day pm
 Monday 25th to 29th—Half term break

June

Monday 1st—INSET DAY/Wraparound childcare available
 Friday 26th— READ WITH ME @ 2.50pm

July

Wednesday 1st- Transition Day
 Thursday 16th- Year 2 leavers Assembly @ 9.00am
 Monday 20th to 22nd—Transition week (3 days in new class for year 1 and R. Year 2 Celebration week.
Wednesday 22nd- Last day of term