

November 2024

Dear Parents and carers,

Autumn 2 has started with a bang (whizz and pop) thanks to the amazing FOS Fireworks. They raised a huge £2800 - thanks to those who came along and to the staff who stayed and helped. I love this time of year - hearing christmas carols drifting down corridors as children start practising for nativities and carol concerts.

I am so very grateful to children, staff and families of Year 2 who embraced their classroom change at half term. Also the ongoing generosity of parents supporting to set up the new Nurture room - run by Mr Turner and Mrs Davies.

Thank you to all your continued kind words to me personally about the changes I am making to Southborough Primary School; on the gate, via 'A chance to say thank you' https://docs.google.com/forms/u/1/d/10YD8ysPGwTubGxMft3K2bp7aggcUAXZXCvluEeKLola/edit?usp=drive_web and at parents evening. It was lovely to be able to talk to working parents whom I don't get to see day to day.

Lastly the children have welcomed Honey and Coco (short for coconut - she is white) with open arms! They have been very spoilt by children and staff alike!

Melody Berthoud



FOS

A reminder that the Christmas jumper design shortlisted entries will be on display from 30th Nov in the window of Sinclair Hammelton. Vote for your favourite by Wednesday 18th December.



School Uniform

A reminder that children should be wearing all black shoes or trainers to school.

PE kit should be a top in house colours and then black shorts/joggers and a plain black sweatshirt/hoody (school logo ones are available) or their normal green school jumper/cardigan.

Children should not be wearing football strips for PE lessons or other non uniform clothes.

<https://www.southborough.bromley.sch.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=103>

Friends of Southborough

Final call to buy Elfridges tickets, last day to 29th Nov. Thank you to everyone for all the rainbow hamper donations today. Don't forget to return the rainbow raffle tickets and request more from FOS or the office if required. FOS will be selling hot chocolates with Marshmallows and cream on the 19th Dec in the playground after school, we will also draw the raffle winners on this date

Retirement

At the end of the Autumn term Mr Clive Williams will be retiring as a teacher after working at Southborough Primary School for 27 years. **Mrs Emily Loveland** will be the new class teacher for 2 Traveller's Joy.

Also at the end of Autumn term Mrs Tracey Sides will be retiring as SENCO after 10 years at Southborough Primary School as a class teacher, Assistant Head and then SENCO. She has taught for 27 years. Experienced SENCO **Mrs Enoka Abey** will be joining us for two days a week (on Mondays and Tuesdays) in the spring term initially and moving to full time after February half term or Easter.

Staff changes

Mr Ed Wilkie is moving on to be a KS2 teacher at BTA (Bromley Trust Academy) a role he has always wanted to do.

He has worked at Southborough for 10 years.

Mrs Sophie Cordwell is returning from maternity leave and will be the class teacher of 4 Oxlip.

School charity

The children and staff have voted and the charity for this year is '**Children with cancer UK**'



Dear Parents,

We have been informed by the drum tutor from BYMT, Mr DI Giacomo, that there will be lessons available from January. If your child is interested, or you require more information, please contact the school for an application form or the Tutor direct by email on gaetano2k@hotmail.com or mobile 07762941646

PE teacher

We have appointed a PE teacher - Jack Taylor - to start in January.

This year, he will work alongside CPFC, Skills Academy and Charlton to deliver the PE curriculum to children in Year R - 6.



Medical Tracker

We have a new online way of recording first aid called Medical tracker.

The first aid record generates an email which is sent to you instead of blue slips coming home.

We will still ring for head bumps.

Remembrance Day trip to South Norwood Primary School

Children from Year 6 were invited to take part in the Pioneer Academy remembrance service at [@southnorwoodprimaryschool](https://www.southnorwoodprimaryschool.co.uk) on 11th November 2024.

They read an extract from a diary about a child who spent time during the blitz in Chislehurst caves and laid a wreath on behalf of the school. Now they are playing with Year 6 children from schools across the trust and will join together for a history lesson on remembrance.



Printing

If you would like this newsletter or any homework printed out please contact your class teacher (homework) or the office (newsletter) so we can arrange this for you.

We are trying to save paper but understand that not everyone has a printer at home.



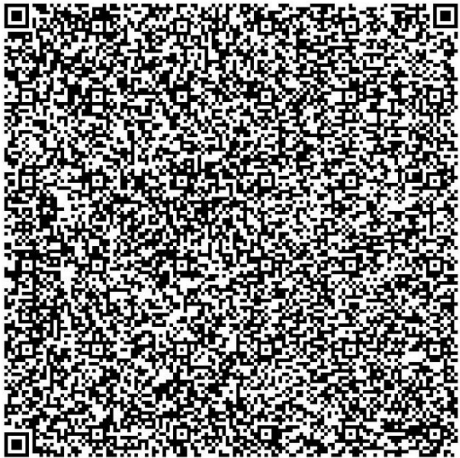
**There are
also on Class
dojo and the
website**

**IMPORTANT
DATES**

Y2 to St Augustine's Church	Tuesday 3rd December 2024
FOS - Elfridges	Friday 6th December 2024
Rocksteady concert to parents 1:30pm	Tuesday 10th December 2024
Rocksteady concert to parents 9:30am	Wednesday 11th December 2024
Y2 to London Transport Museum	Wednesday 11th December 2024
Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 12th December 2024
Christmas Lunch	Thursday 12th December 2024
Y1 Y2 nativity 9:30am	Tuesday 17th December 2024
Year EYFS 2pm	Tuesday 17th December 2024
Year EYFS 9:30am	Wednesday 18th December 2024
Y1 Y2 nativity 2pm	Wednesday 18th December 2024
KS2 Carol Service at St Augustine's Church 7pm	Wednesday 18th December 2024
Class parties	Thursday 19th December 2024
End of term	Friday 20th December 2024
First day of the Spring term	Monday 6th January 2025

Christmas Jumper Day

Children can wear their **Christmas jumper on December 12th** and donate money to save the children. I have a justgiving page here https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/CJD240014088?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=dssb-email, you can scan the QR code or bring cash on the day.



Southborough Primary School Term Dates 2025-26

Term	Dates
Autumn 2025	INSET Wednesday 27 August 2025 INSET Thursday 28 August 2025 INSET Friday 29 August 2025
	Monday 1 st September to Friday 17 October 2025
	Half term Monday 20 October to Friday 31 October 2025
	INSET DAY Monday 3 November 2025 Tuesday 4 November to Friday 19 December 2025
	Christmas Break
Spring 2026	Monday 5 January to Friday 13 February 2026
	Half term Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February 2026
	Monday 23 February to Friday 27 March 2026
	Easter Break
Summer 2026	Monday 13 April to Friday 22 May 2026 (Bank Holiday 5 May 2026)
	Half term Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May 2026
	INSET DAY Monday 1 June 2026
	Tuesday 2 June to Wednesday 22 July 2026

Celebrate



HARRISON
food with thought



Harrison Bear's Festive Adventure



Christmas Lunch 2024

Traditional Roast Turkey with Poultry Chipolata,
Stuffing and Yorkshire Pudding

Seasoned Baked Fresh Salmon

Fresh Vegetable Loaf with Tomato and
Cranberry Sauce

Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings

Roast Potatoes

Roasted Parsnips with Citrus Carrots

Braised Savoy Cabbage

Chocolate Fudge Cake

Seasonal Fresh Fruit

Christmas Lunch
December 12th 2024

Fun

Food

Songs

Crafts

Games

Activities

Come along to

Messy
CHURCH
this
Christmas

for all the family

14TH DECEMBER
4-6PM

AT ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH,
SOUTHBOROUGH LANE

BR2 8AT



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