



# The Southbourne Junior School Satellite



## September 2024 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all our families and those that are new to the school. We look forward to working together for our children's learning journey with us.

Louise Gasser, Headteacher

◆ **EMAIL, FACEBOOK & WEBSITE** — Most of our communication is now paper free so please do ensure your priority email is up to date with the school office. We hope you have noticed our new look school website, which also contains information, newsletters and class letters so please do look at the site: [www.southbournejuniors.co.uk](http://www.southbournejuniors.co.uk). Our Southbourne Schools Facebook page is for the schools to send reminders, updates and information, it is not a two way communication tool, so if you have questions please contact the school offices directly. The Facebook posts can be viewed on the front page of our school website.

◆ **ATTENDANCE LINE**—Please ring our attendance line on the first day of absence by 9.20am and state the symptoms of why your child is not attending school. We can then complete the register and note the reason for their absence. If we have not heard from you by then we will contact you. Please make all dentist and non-urgent doctors appointments after school. Please ensure you have read the new changes to education related penalty notices issued by the government—email sent out on 6th September.

◆ **AD HOC MEDICINE**—If your child requires any ad-hoc medicine please ensure you complete the appropriate medical forms available from the school office.

◆ **PE KITS & EARRINGS**—Please make sure that you child has the correct PE kit on their PE days, the teachers have included the PE days in their half termly topic letters. Long hair should be tied back and earrings removed or covered with tape. Only small stud earrings may be worn in school for health and safety reasons—no hoops or dangly earrings please.

◆ **SECONDARY TRANSFER**—Year 6 parents and carers should have received the letter from West Sussex Admissions Team regarding the secondary transfer process for September 2025. Please ensure you complete the online application form before the deadline of Thursday 31st October 2024.

◆ **HARVEST FESTIVAL**—Our harvest festival will take place on Thursday 3rd October. We will be extremely grateful for any donations to support the Chichester Food Bank for local families in need. Donations can include tins, packets, boxes, toiletries etc. that are in date please.

### ◆ DIARY DATES

Tues 1st Oct	Buzzard Class Enthuse STEM at Bourne
Thurs 3rd Oct	Harvest Festival
Fri 4th Oct	<b>INSET</b>
Wed 9th Oct	Y6 Author visit
Thurs 10th Oct	Individual School Photos World Mental Health Day
Thurs 17th Oct	Open morning—come into class 9am-10am
Mon 21st Oct	Y6 Kingley Vale
Tues 22nd Oct	Eagle Class Enthuse STEM at Bourne
Thurs 24th Oct	Y4 visit to St John's church PTA AGM at 5.30pm—all welcome!
Mon 28th Oct	<b>Half Term</b>
Mon 4th Nov	<b>INSET</b>
Tues 5th Nov	Buzzard Class Enthuse STEM at Bourne
Fri 8th Nov	World Outdoor Classroom Day
Tues 12th Nov	Y4 Winchester Science Museum Y6 Fort Nelson
Fri 15th Nov	Children in Need
Mon 25th Nov	Y3 Egyptian workshop
Fri 13th Dec	Christmas jumper day Christmas Dinner—book through Chartwells by Thursday 28th Nov
Fri 20th Dec	Last day of autumn term
Mon 6th Jan	Back to school for spring term
Tues 11th Feb	Safer Internet Day
Mon 17th Feb	<b>Half term</b>
Mon 24th Feb	<b>INSET</b>
Thurs 6th March	World Book Day
Fri 4th April	Last day of spring term
Mon 7th April	Easter Holidays

### Remaining INSET Days 2024-2025

Friday 4th October 2024, Monday 4th November 2024  
Monday 24th February 2025, Monday 2nd June 2025

### **Online Safety—Gaming**

Unicef have shared an article with some clear and simple advice for parents/carers about online gaming. The article covers how to create a positive and safe gaming environment, how parents can engage with their children, what the benefits of gaming are.

<https://www.unicef.org/parenting/child-care/video-games-explainer>

