



The Southbourne Junior School Satellite



January 2026 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! Thank you so much for all the wonderful Christmas and New Year wishes as well as the lovely gifts. We hope you had a restful and lovely Christmas break.

The spring term learning letters and grids for each year group have been emailed and are also available on the school website so you can see all the year group learning for the half term.

◆ **CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES**— A huge thank you to the FOSS for the Christmas Shopping event, the children thoroughly enjoyed choosing and buying gifts for their family. We hope the children enjoyed their Christmas gift of a cuddly reading buddy and magnetic bookmark. It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Christmas concerts, it is truly special when the whole school sing together and we hope you found this event added to the Christmas celebrations.

◆ **OPEN AFTERNOON**—You are welcome to attend our open afternoon on Wednesday 4th February. This is an opportunity for your child to share their learning with you and show you around their class and school. We look forward to seeing you.

◆ **WORLD BOOK DAY**—World Book Day is taking place on Thursday 5th March. The children are invited to dress up as a character from a book they enjoy or bring in one of their favourite books to share with others if they do not wish to wear a costume.

◆ **DIARY DATES**

- Tues 6th Jan Falcon Class STEM Enthuse at Bourne
- Tues 13th Jan Owl Class STEM Enthuse at Bourne
- Fri 16th Jan Year 4 Swimming starts for 10 weeks
- Tues 20th Jan Netball at Chi High
- Wed 21st Jan Young Voices at O2
- Thurs 22nd Jan Future Flyers PE event
- Tues 27th Jan Dodgeball event
- Wed 28th Jan Cross Country event
- Thurs 29th Jan Future Flyers PE event
- Mon 2nd Feb Netball after school
- Wed 4th Feb Open afternoon from 3.20pm— 4.30pm
- Thurs 5th Feb Netball at Chi High
- Tues 10th Feb Safer Internet Day
- Thurs 12th Feb Future Flyers PE event

- Mon 16th Feb **Half term**
- Mon 23rd Feb **INSET DAY**
- Tues 24th Feb Y4 Fishbourne Roman Palace
Y6 Bird Wildlife visitor
Falcon Class STEM Enthuse at Bourne
- Wed 25th Feb Parents' Evening
- Thurs 26th Feb Parents' Evening
- Tues 3rd Mar Owl Class STEM Enthuse at Bourne
- Thurs 5th Mar World Book Day
- 9th—13th Mar British Science Week
- Tues 10th Mar Y6 Prinsted Beach
- Thurs 12th Mar Future Flyers PE event
- Tues 17th Mar Osprey Novium Museum
- Fri 20th Mar Merlin Novium Museum
- Fri 27th March Outdoor Classroom Day
Y4 final swimming lesson
FOSS Easter Tombola
Last day of spring term
- Mon 30th March **Easter Holidays**
- Mon 13th April Children return to school for summer term
- Wed 29th April Open afternoon 3.20—4.30 pm
- Mon 4th May Bank Holiday
- Mon 11th May SATs week
- Mon 18th May Sports Week
- Fri 22nd May Sports Day am
- Mon 25th May **Half term**
- Mon 1st June **INSET DAY**
- Wed 1st July Transition Day
- Wed 22nd July Last day of term
- Remaining INSET days for 2025—2026:
Monday 23rd February
Monday 1st June

Online Safety—Family Gaming Database

Common Sense Media have thousands of unbiased and up-to-date reviews which can be really helpful for parents regarding gaming. When it comes to games specifically there's an equally great site which is called **The Family Gaming Database**. This is a fantastic resource with a plethora of information for families and currently 3,485 video games and 197 board games already reviewed.