



The Southbourne Junior School Satellite



April 2026 NEWSLETTER

We hope you had a wonderful Easter break and the children are looking forward to the summer term with the warmer weather and more time on the school field!

◆ **STAFFING**—We would like to welcome Miss Masheter to the Southbourne Junior staff. Miss Masheter is part of the finance and office administration team, so will be in the reception office every Wednesday morning and on Fridays.

◆ **CONGRATULATIONS**—I am sure you would like to join us in congratulating Miss Thomas as she became Mrs Andrews over the Easter holidays! Mrs Andrews is happy for the children in her class to continue to use Miss Thomas for the summer term.

◆ **RACES**—We were impressed with the enthusiasm and perseverance of our children competing in the Chichester Corporate Challenge. The primary boys team came 2nd overall and the girls team came 13th. We are incredibly proud of their achievements—WELL DONE TEAM! Elliot C came 1st in the Y5 primary individual as well as having the fastest time, an excellent achievement. Well done also to the children from Southbourne Juniors who represented West Sussex West at the cross country final in Crawley, as an area the team performed very well.

◆ **FARM SHOP** —The Farm Shop have kindly allowed parents to use their car park. Please respect this and ONLY park there for dropping off and picking up, NOT for longer events. Please also use the overflow car park ONLY so their customers can use the main car park. Thank you for respecting their site, we do not want to lose this facility.

◆ **LOCKDOWN** — All schools have a lockdown policy as a sensible response to any external or internal incident which has a potential to pose a risk to the safety of pupils and staff. Our pupils practice the fire drill termly and will also practice the lockdown procedure this term. Instead of leaving the premises to gather on the school field as we do for our fire drill. A whistle will sound and everyone will return to and remain quiet within their classrooms for a few minutes.

◆ **DIARY DATES**

- Mon 20th April Y6 Safety Event
- Tues 21st April Falcon Class STEM Enthuse at Bourne

- Thurs 23rd April Future Flyers PE event
- Mon 27th April Y5 Arundel Wetlands
- Tues 28th April Owl Class STEM Enthuse at Bourne
- Wed 29th April Open afternoon
- Mon 4th May **Bank Holiday**
- Wed 6th May Tri golf
- Fri 8th May Y5 Careers Fair
- 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**
- Tues 9th June Falcon Class STEM Enthuse at Bourne
- Thurs 11th June Big Sing
- Tues 16th June Owl Class STEM Enthuse at Bourne
- Tues 23rd June Locality Dance Festival—dance club
- Wed 1st July Transition Day
- Thurs 9th July Locality Area Sports
- Fri 10th July FOSS Summer Fair
- Tues 14th July Drama Club Production
- Weds 15th July Drama Club Production
- Fri 17th July Y6 trip
- Y3, 4 & 5 Outdoor Learning Day
- Mon 20th July Y6 Leavers event for parents
- Junior Duke Celebrations
- Wed 22nd July Last day of term

REMAINING INSET DAYS 2026: Monday 1st June 2026

2026-2027 INSET days: 1st Sept 2026, 2nd Sept 2026, 23rd Oct 2026, 2nd Nov 2026, 22nd Feb 2027

Safeguarding—What's App Accounts, group chats!

What's App is a significant concern for schools, particularly group chats. Monitor and manage your child's account: Contact management - parents can choose who can contact their child and which chat groups they can join. Children cannot join groups without parents approval. Messages from unknown contacts are sent to the parent first for approval. Activity notifications - parents can view their child's activity such as when a child adds a new contact or if disappearing messages are turned on. Parents will also be notified if their child blocks or reports a contact.

Link - [Introducing parent-managed accounts on WhatsApp.](#)

Link - [How to set up a parent-managed account.](#)

