



The Southbourne Junior School Satellite



September 2026 NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to all our families and those that are new to the school!

- ◆ **COMMUNICATION** — Most of our communication is paper free so please ensure your priority email is up to date with the school office. Our school website has our diary dates, important information, policies, Satellite newsletters and class letters. Our Southbourne Schools Facebook page is for both the Infant and Junior schools to send reminders, updates and information, it is not a two way communication tool, so if you have questions please contact the school office directly. The Facebook posts can be viewed on the front page of our school website.
- ◆ **ATTENDANCE** —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, for our legal records. Please ensure you update the school daily of any 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 if possible so your child's learning is not disrupted. The new West Sussex Attendance Policy can be found on our website. Please be aware that penalty notices may be sought when a pupil has a minimum of 10 school sessions recorded as unauthorised absence in a 10 school week period; a school day is two sessions.
- ◆ **AD HOC MEDICINE**—If your child requires ad-hoc medicine please ensure you complete the appropriate medical forms available from the school office.
- ◆ **PE KITS** —Please make sure that you child has the correct PE kit on their PE days, the teachers have included the PE days in their learning letters. Long hair should be tied back and stud earrings removed or covered with tape.
- ◆ **JEWELLERY**—We would like to remind parents, carers and pupils that jewellery (necklaces, bracelets, rings) should not be worn in school for health and safety reasons. Our children are very active in school and they use a variety of equipment, especially in PE lessons. Jewellery can cause very nasty injuries especially if it becomes caught in equipment, it can also break or get lost. Please can jewellery be kept for out of school wear. If earrings are worn, these should be studs only, no hoops or dangly earrings.
- ◆ **TRIPS**—We have simplified the process for trips and visits payments his year. You should have received this letter for your year group recently. Please return the consent forms and contributions to the school office, thank you.
- ◆ **SECONDARY TRANSFER**—Year 6 parents and carers should have received the letter from West Sussex Admissions Team regarding the secondary transfer process for September

2027. Please complete the online application form by 31st October 2026.

- ◆ **HARVEST FESTIVAL**—Our harvest festival will take place in school, however each year group will visit St John's church at some point in the week to give their donations and see the harvest displays, to which they have contributed. We are extremely grateful for donations to support the Chichester Food Bank. Donations can include tins, packets, boxes, toiletries etc.
- ◆ **OPEN AFTERNOON 'Come and learn with me'**—We would like to invite parent and carers into school on Friday 2nd October to join in a lesson in your child's class(es). This will run from 2.45pm until the end of the school day.
- ◆ **DIARY DATES**

Tues 15th Sept	Buzzard Class STEM Enthuse at Bourne
21st –22nd Sept	CYE Year 5 residential
Tues 21st Sept	Healthy Eating Workshop
Mon 28th Sept	Harvest Festival week!
Fri 2nd Oct	'Come and learn with me' 2.45-3.20pm
5th—9th Oct	Year 6 residential Hindleap Warren
Fri 9th Oct	Wear something yellow for Mental Health Day
Fri 16th Oct	Outdoor Learning Day (non uniform)
Mon 19th Oct	Individual School Photos
Tues 20th Oct	Eagle Class STEM Enthuse at Bourne
Thurs 22nd Oct	Influenza Nasal Spray Vaccine
Fri 23rd Oct	INSET Day
Mon 26th Oct	Half Term
Mon 2nd Nov	INSET Day
Tues 3rd Nov	Year 4 Science Workshop
	Buzzard Class STEM Enthuse at Bourne
4th & 5th Nov	Parent Consultation Evenings
Thurs 12th Nov	Year 5 & 6 Speak Out Stay Safe workshop
Mon 16th Nov	Odd sock day for the start of antibullying week
Fri 20th Nov	Year 6 Fort Nelson
Fri 27th Nov	Egyptian Workshop Y3
Fri 18th Dec	Last day of term
Mon 4th Jan	Children return to school
Mon 15th Feb	Half Term
Mon 1st March	Year 4 Fishbourne Roman Palace
Thurs 4th March	World Book Day
Tues 9th March	Class photos
Tues 16th March	Year 3 Butser Ancient Farm
Tues 23rd March	Year 5 Planetarium Visit
Thurs 25th March	Last day of term

