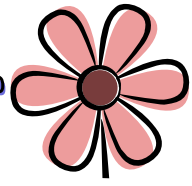




# Southridge First School Whole School Newsletter



April 20th 2026

## Welcome Back for our Summer term!

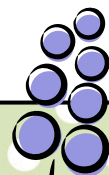
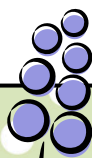
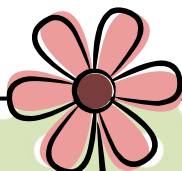
We are looking forward to a lovely summer term where we can continue to build on all the children's hard work this year, where we can enjoy the lovely grounds here at Southridge to the fullest and where we can get growing in our allotment to prepare for the Farmers' Lunch in July!

### Fun Run - This Friday

We are looking forward to our sponsored Fun Run this Friday where (hopefully with the help of lovely weather) the children will enjoy a fun-packed fun run while raising money for the children's chosen charity for this year (The Bobby Robson Foundation), and to purchase more outdoor play equipment. If you need another sponsor sheet, please visit the school office.

### Spring Assemblies

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for the lovely year group assemblies in the final week of last term. The children demonstrated just what fabulous singers and public speakers they are becoming. Blending an understanding of Easter with an appreciation of the changing seasons, we hope they sent you off with a 'Spring in your Step!'





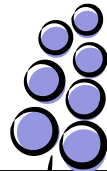
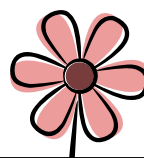
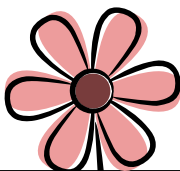
## Outdoor Learning Endorsements

As you will know, the children's learning here at Southridge offers a blend of high achievement in the classroom, alongside a pride in taking our learning outside of the classroom's four walls and out into the natural environment. Following the publishing of David Scott's review of our Outdoor Learning offer, we have been incredibly proud to have received positive feedback from academic royalty, in the shape of Jean-Philippe Ayotte-Beaudet (the world's first Professor of Outdoor Learning), environmental royalty when Sir David Attenborough commended the children on their work and most recently from actual Royalty when both HRH King Charles, and Catherine, Princess of Wales, both wrote to us here at Southridge to commend staff and children on our outdoor learning offer. Princess Kate commented that the children "at Southridge First School are fortunate to have these opportunities", while his majesty the King was "heartened" to hear about Southridge's work on the environment.

We are sure that you will agree that this is a wonderful endorsement and we are all extremely proud of all that has been achieved.

## Cyber incident

During the Easter break, one of our staff email accounts was breached during a cyber attack. The incident was identified extremely quickly by school staff and made secure by technical experts. A Local Authority investigation found it to be a result of technical, rather than human, error and confirmed there is no evidence of data having been compromised.





## Upcoming Dates

### April:

Mon 20th - Afterschool clubs begin.

Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> - Y3 Gymnastics Competition

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> - Sponsored Fun Run

### May:

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> - Y4 Trail & Challenge event

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> - Bank Holiday

Tues 5<sup>th</sup> - STEM Week

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> - Reception Trip to Stephenson's Railway Museum

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> - Class Photographs

Sat 16<sup>th</sup> - Early Years Open Morning (9.30-11.30am)

Weds 20<sup>th</sup> - Big Maths Day (more details to follow)

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> - Last Day of Summer 1

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> - Teacher Training Day

### June

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> - First Day of Summer 2

Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> - Y2 Gibside Trip

Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> - Y3 Glendale Countryside Day Trip

Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> - Y4 Bikeability

Fri 5<sup>th</sup> - Y4 Bikeability #2

Fri 5<sup>th</sup> - Y2 Skipping Festival

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> - Y2-4 Sports Afternoon (2pm)

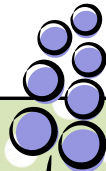
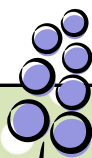
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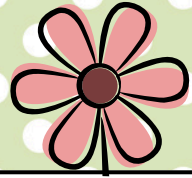
Weds 17<sup>th</sup> - Choir & Strings Concert (4.30pm)

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> - New to Nursery Meeting (4.30pm)

Tues 30<sup>th</sup> - Y4 Middle School Transition Day 1

Tues 30<sup>th</sup> - "New to Year 1-4" Classroom Drop-in & Meet Your New Teacher (3.30-4.30pm)





## Upcoming Dates Continued

### July

Weds 1<sup>st</sup> - Y4 Middle School Transition Day 1

Weds 1<sup>st</sup> - Nursery - Y3 Transition Day

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> - Y1 Glasshouse Trip

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> - Summer Fair

Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> - Y4 Leavers' Assembly

Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> - Y4 Leavers' Disco (4.30pm)

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> - Whole School Booknic (2pm) (more details to follow)

Tues 14<sup>th</sup> - End of Year Report Drop-In Opportunity (3.30 - 4.30pm)

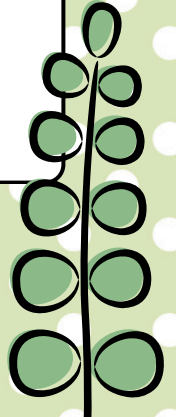
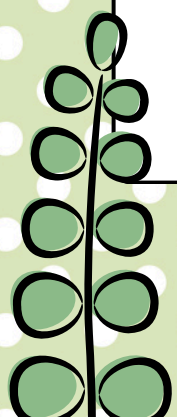
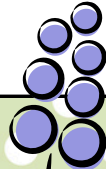
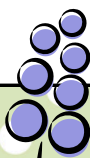
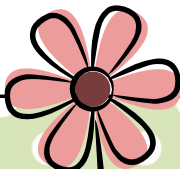
Fri 17<sup>th</sup> - Last Day of Summer term

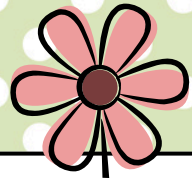
### September

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> - Teacher Training Day

Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> - First Day of Autumn term

Tues 15<sup>th</sup> - Individual Photographs





## Outdoor Play Donation Wishlist

Thank you to everyone who has donated small-world toys and other toys for the children to use at playtime. They have been greatly appreciated.

### Things we currently need:

- board games
- wooden pallets (x5);
- 2-3m of house guttering
- soft outdoor seating;
- an old sofa

### Please remember:

Donations are not expected to be new / unused but should be clean and in safe working order – they also need to be given rather than loaned.

If you have something and you are not sure if it is appropriate, please speak to Mr Willcock or Mrs Statham on the school yard, or email [office@southridgefirst.org.uk](mailto:office@southridgefirst.org.uk)

## PTA Uniform Free Shop

As part of our ongoing commitment to help the environment our wonderful Friends of Southridge will be holding a uniform pick-up this Friday afternoon (after-school) on the main yard. Please do use this opportunity to get a good stock of summer uniform to see you through to July.

It is completely free, and definitely has a **Positive Impact**.

