

A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been a fantastic week full of curriculum highlights, including Year 2 practising their photography skills, Year 3 enjoying coding, and further success for our football teams!

The absolute highlight, however, was catching up with so many of you at our Parent Consultations. It was lovely to hear positive feedback about your child's progress. I hope you had the chance to celebrate their achievements and look through their books with their teacher.

We were also thrilled to welcome Danielle from Read Write Inc on Tuesday for an external review of our phonics lessons. While phonics has long been a strength of the school, it was reassuring to receive external validation: she was highly impressed by the quality of the teaching and how much the children were learning. Thank you so much for the vital reading support you give at home.

Wishing you all a great weekend! As the festive season draws closer, I am hoping to tick off a few Christmas jobs and watch my children play football—let's hope the rain holds off!

Mathew Currie
Headteacher



Successful Tree Planting Day

We are thrilled to celebrate the success of our recent Tree Planting Day! In total, we planted 60 different species! This included 30 species of native shrubs such as dog rose, hazel, crab apple, and dogwood, and 30 species of trees, including silver birch, rowan, and wild cherry.

We hope to see these trees grow alongside your children, bringing a new dimension to both our play offer and our school environment. The trees will create new natural spaces for imagination, learning, and physical development. Every child will get a chance to help nurture their trees.

A huge thank you goes to Miss Overy (Play Coordinator) and Miss Longley (Curricular Lead for Play) for organising this fantastic event. Thank you for your ongoing support as we cultivate a greener, more sustainable future for our children.





Christmas 2025



Nursery Nativity Songs 3rd December 1pm
4th December 9:15am

Year R Nativity & Songs RA - 12th December 9:30am
RB - 12th December 2pm

Y1-6 Carols/Fete 16th December

Xmas Dinner, Jumpers & Party 17th December



Celebration corner... kickboxer Albert

This week, we are thrilled to share Albert's huge success with the whole school community.

Following lots of hard work and determination, Albert achieved the red belt with yellow stripes in kickboxing.

Well done, Albert - we are all so proud of you!



Reminder

From Monday 24th November, children will only be allowed on the field with wellies on.

See Class Dojo for more details



Final school tours

25th November will mark our final school tours for new Year R parents. Don't forget to book on if you wish to tour.

Term Dates 26/27

We have now published [term dates for 26/27](#). You will notice that these dates include a 2 week October break.

Staff shout out!



Mr Macfie

Shout out to the magnificent Mr. Macfie! He's an amazing Year 4 teacher whose passion and clarity ensure every child gets the best deal. His drive for music shines through, from coaching Young Voices for the O2 to leading Christmas events and organising Rocksteady. He's ignited music's flame at South Borough. A trusted, supportive colleague, his kindness and humility make him a great team member!

Football success...

Year 3/4 mixed team

Congratulations to the year 3/4 football team on their 3rd place finish at the PASS football tournament. Some brilliant individual and team performances.

Year 5/6 mixed team

A win in our 1st league fixtures of the year. After a difficult start to the match they showed fantastic character and grit to come from behind twice before sealing the victory 4-3 in the closing moments of the game. Player of the match was our goalkeeper making fantastic saves to keep us in the game.

Power of Purple Awards

We are so proud to let parents know children across the school who have been awarded one of our Power of Purple Awards. These stars have shown expected behaviours to an exemplary level.

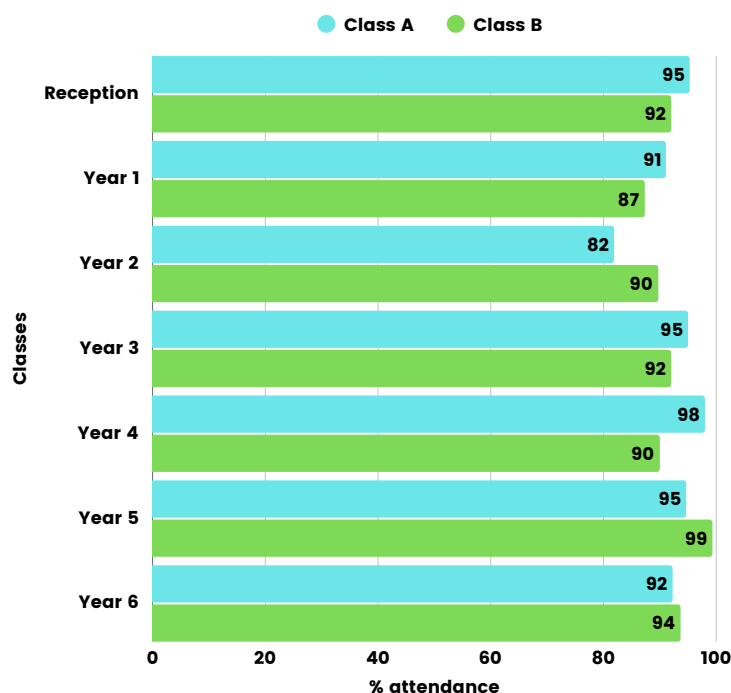
Nursery Kai W	
Reception A Kian G	Reception B Alexa D
Class 1A Bella R & Musa F	Class 1B Cormac C
Class 2A Ruby N	Class 2B Zendaya O
Class 3A Cece H & Howard M	Class 3B Archer P
Class 4A Lexi B & Rory G	Class 4B Kathleen P
Class 5A Daisy C	Class 5B Rayan T
Class 6A Ben L	Class 6B Maja O & Henry F
Staff Mrs Chirita	

STEM Day

On 28th November, we will be welcoming back Mark Dawson from Swale Academies Trust to work with some pupils on a new STEM activity day. We can't wait to share what they get up to in a future edition.

ATTENDANCE

Take a look at last week's class attendance figures. Classes who achieve 96% or above attendance get to roll the dice in our Classopoly game in assembly. Congratulations to **4A** and **5A** this week!



Thank you to those people who have shared photos and stories of their children's achievements outside of school. They will be included in future editions of South Borough News.

Please do keep sending them in by messaging Mr Currie directly on Class Dojo. It would be great to include a range of achievements no matter how big or small you may perceive them to be.

Perhaps your child has achieved a milestone that they are really proud of. Perhaps your child carried out an unexpected act of kindness. Perhaps your child has overcome a fear.

Any achievement at all will be welcomed and celebrated.