

Dear Parents/Carers,

A message from the Headteacher

The cold weather has certainly set in, and a huge thank you to Mrs. T and Miss Abbi for being out spreading the salt to keep our children safe.

My highlight this week has been visiting classrooms to see the excellent development in teaching practice, especially in questioning skills and modelling learning. I observed Year 4 learning to use similes to add description, and Year 5 engaging in deep thinking about vocabulary and inference. The absolute highlight was visiting Year 1 to see how Miss Wright and Mrs. Hunt are developing our young writers—I was so proud to see children using lots of adjectives, detailed sentences, and correct punctuation!

It was also wonderful to see our new Careers curriculum in action last Friday during our Power of Purple assembly. Children showcased incredible written work on the career of Aid Workers, demonstrating how we are raising aspirations and helping them think about the skills needed for different jobs.

Next week is December 1st, and Christmas will well and truly land at South Borough! I'm excited to launch our whole school advent activities in assemblies on Monday. Have a lovely weekend!

Mathew Currie
Headteacher



Celebration corner... gym expert Lexi



This week, we are delighted to share Lexi's massive gymnastics achievement.

Lexi competed in a South East Regional gymnastics competition in Guildford and achieved amazing results.

She got 1st Place overall out of 27 girls and was also awarded 2nd place on bars, 3rd place on floor, 4th place on vault and 4th place on beam. Her Pegasus team also achieved 1st place as a team too. We are so proud of her.

Staff shout out!



Mrs Kalete

A huge shout-out to Mrs. Kalete! As a calm, nurturing Reception teacher, she excels in phonics and has high expectations for every child. As the RE Subject Leader, she successfully implemented the new PKC scheme, organised incredible RE days, and champions equality and diversity. She's a dedicated expert who always takes time to care for both pupils and colleagues. Thank you for your incredible work!

Celebrating Professional Excellence

A massive, well-deserved congratulations to Mrs. Hayley Kelly who has successfully completed her Level 5 Diploma in Trauma and Mental Health Informed Schools and Communities!

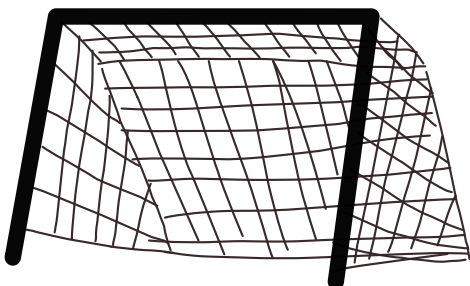
Mrs. Kelly achieved this rigorous qualification with a distinction of Merit, earning her Practitioner Status. Awarded by The Institute for Arts in Therapy and Education, this diploma signifies her deep expertise in creating environments that recognise and respond to the needs of students affected by trauma and poor mental health.

Her dedication ensures our school and community are better equipped to support the well-being and resilience of all our students. What a fabulous well done!

SPORTING SUCCESS...

The year 5/6 girls football team have continued their fabulous start to the year on Monday with an emphatic 8-0 win vs St Johns. A great all round performance.

The year 5/6 mixed football team also put in an incredibly hardworking performance earning a narrow win against Parkway yesterday. The match finished 3-2.



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

Reminder - clothing

As the colder and wetter weather is beginning to set in, please remember to equip your child with the necessary clothing to keep them warm and dry.

Coats, scarves, gloves and even layers worn under uniform will protect your children from the elements!



Celebration corner... Mason's bronze medal achievement!



Mason would like to share with the South Borough community a huge achievement. A few weeks ago, Mason won a bronze medal at his gymnastics competition. Mason showed such determination and practised immensely hard to perfect his gymnastics; his efforts well and truly paid off. Huge congratulations, Mason - we are all so proud of you!

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.

Nursery Noah G	
Reception A Iris C	Reception B Leo W-S
Class 1A Zahra M	Class 1B Grace V
Class 2A Nicole G	Class 2B Mya E
Class 3A George K & Namira R	Class 3B Hugo B
Class 4A Rosie C & Kai P	Class 4B Iljon S
Class 5A Zaara H	Class 5B Austin S
Class 6A Remi W	Class 6B Izabella A
Staff Mrs Janman	

Start of day

Please remember that the school day starts promptly at 8:50am.

Gates will open at 8:40am to allow pupils time to get to class.

Medication

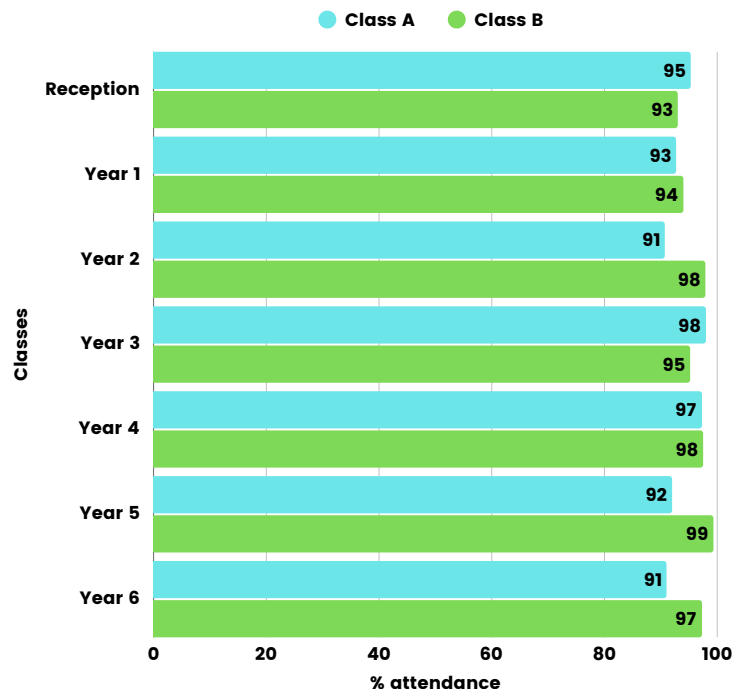
If you wish medication to be administered in school, please complete this [form](#) in advance.

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 **2B, 3A, 4A, 4B, 5B** and **6B** 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.