

South Borough News



5th December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

A message from the Headteacher

Welcome to this week's South Borough News!

With less than three weeks until the big day, I hope your Christmas shopping is progressing far better than my own!

We've had a truly eventful week here: Year 2 enjoyed making Gingerbread biscuits, Year 6 wrote amazing factual texts about space, and Year 4 demonstrated their debating skills on the topic of the Elgin Marbles. It was also lovely welcoming our Governors into school on Tuesday; they were particularly impressed by our new Careers curriculum; how engrossed Year 3 were with their learning about Ancient Egyptians and the amazing learning in Early Years linked to Transport.

It was a joy to welcome Nursery parents in for some festivities—Christmas jumpers and angelic singing—what more could you ask for!

Finally, I have a very exciting announcement regarding curriculum development at South Borough coming soon, but for now, my lips are tightly sealed! Thanks for a lovely week; enjoy the weekend.

Mathew Currie
Headteacher



Introducing our Eco-Warriors!

Introducing this year's new gang of Eco Warriors! Led by Mrs Baird, these students will be looking at ways we can improve how sustainably and environmentally conscious we are as a community. Their first task was to create posters to remind us all to turn off the lights and screens at the end of every day! We look forward to undertaking new projects and activities throughout the year.



Stay n Play - small hall

Stay n play will now be taking place in the Small Hall, which is in the main school building.

Teamtheme's extensive programme of activities and booking arrangements remain unchanged.

Pick up is from the white doors (nursery entrance).
Just ring the same number as before.



Yr R Nativity/Songs RA - 12th December 9:30am
RB - 12th December 2pm

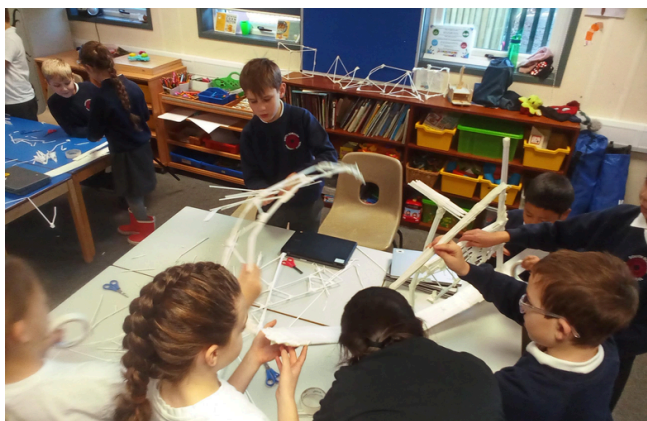
Y1-6 Carols/Fete 16th December

Xmas Dinner, Jumpers & Party 17th December

Reminder: photographs can be taken of your child at Christmas events. Please do not, under any circumstances post these photos on any form of social media. Many thanks.

STEM DAY SUCCESS

Last Friday we were lucky enough to be visited by Mr Dawson (the Trust's computing lead) who hosted an exciting STEM day for some children. They designed bridges and programmed their own microbits. Team work, problem solving and technology combined = a great day!



Staff shout out!



Ms Parkhouse

Shout out to the brilliant Ms. Parkhouse, our amazing Family Liaison Officer! ✨ Ms. Parkhouse is a shining light whose work is central to supporting our most vulnerable community members. Her roles include managing safeguarding, attendance, and medical needs. She is proactive and kind, successfully campaigning for food boxes and securing 12 places at Dandelion Time for children last year. Always the first to offer help, thank you, Ms. Parkhouse, for your dedication and vital support!



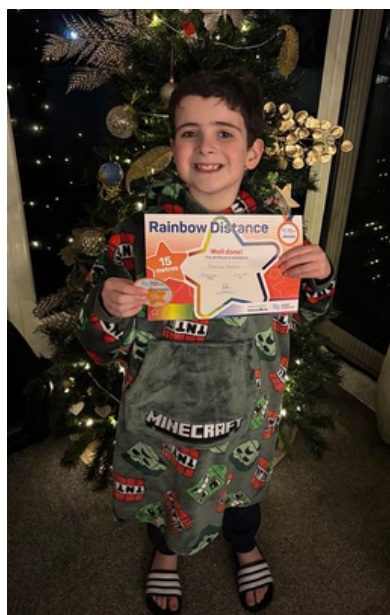
Something to ask your child... have they found all of Mrs T's festive gingerbread people who have descended on our beautiful school? How many are there? Are they all the same?

EXCITED?

We are excited with anticipation to share the photos and stories of your children's out of school successes! So come on... send them straight to Mr Currie via Class Dojo for these memorable moments to be included in future editions. How many can we get in next week?

Celebration corner...

Ronnie's 15m achievement!



We think the picture speaks volumes of just how proud Ronnie is of his swimming achievement this week. He has only gone and swum 15 metres and achieved a special badge and certificate to recognise this. Take note guys - this could be the face a future Olympic champion! Well done Ronnie - we are so proud of you too!

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.

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| Nursery Alex S | |
| Reception A Songul S | Reception B Asra A |
| Class 1A Aria M & Lexi-Ann H | Class 1B Martin H |
| Class 2A Bishes R | Class 2B Scarlett D & Aiden M |
| Class 3A Izabella R | Class 3B Olivia J |
| Class 4A Felicity S & Patricia T | Class 4B Gabriel J & Shayaa S |
| Class 5A Ayman T | Class 5B Amelia P |
| Class 6A Abigail C | Class 6B Riley J |
| Staff Mr Smith | |

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

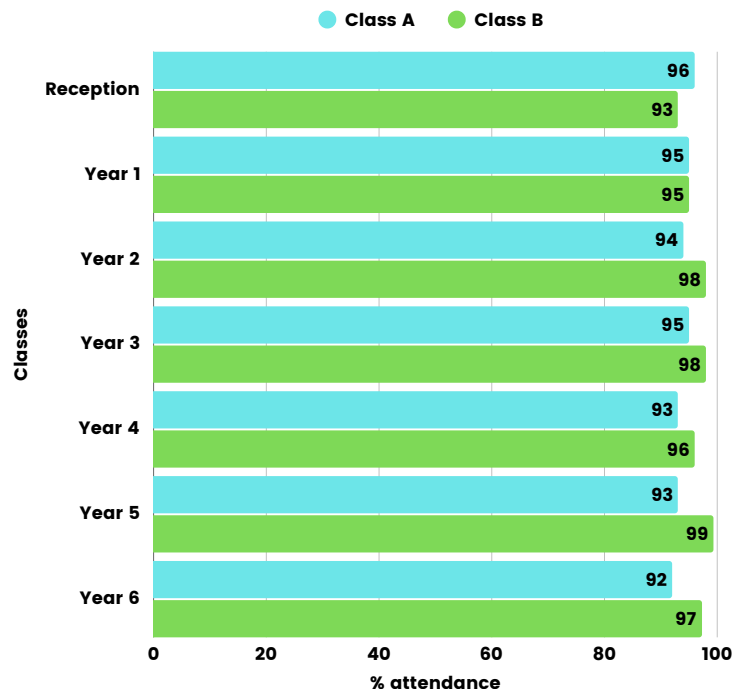
If you wish medication to be administered in school, please complete this [form](#) in advance.

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 **RA, 2B, 3B, 4B, 5B** and **6B** this week!



XMAS advent calendar

In assembly on Monday 1st December, Mr Currie launched this year's whole school advent challenge. A class are selected each day to carry out a festive mission and find our hidden **Advent Family**, who have found some rather inconvenient hiding places in classrooms. Here they are:



Have a look at this video shared in assembly for some more detail.

<https://youtu.be/2XXyRQ8RVJ4>