

A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the start of Term 3! I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and that the outlook for 2026 is one of optimism and hope for all our families. Despite the cold, Term 3 has started brilliantly. Our children and staff have returned with great enthusiasm, quickly finding their rhythm and getting back into the routine of school life. Welcome to the families of the new children who joined our Nursery this week!

We have certainly returned to some extreme weather—it seems Madame Morrible from Wicked has been busy with her freezing spells! With the ice, snow, and wind, please stay wrapped up warm and ensure you are driving and walking safely. We will use Class Dojo to communicate any school closures, so please keep a close eye.

A quick reminder about school attendance which dropped to 95.1% throughout Term 2, which is below our expectation of 96%. It is vital that your child attends school on time every day to maximise their learning opportunities. Please remember that phonics and reading—the most important skills a child can learn—happen right at the beginning of the day, so punctuality is essential.

Warm regards

Mathew Currie
Headteacher

Celebration corner... Oliver's expert Lego build

This week, we are delighted to share Oliver's festive achievement!

After Father Christmas kindly gave Oliver a Home Alone Lego 4000 piece Lego set for Christmas, Oliver spent the rest of the holiday building his masterpiece!



Oliver had no adult help with building, in fact he asked his mum for a little help a few times but she couldn't understand the instructions!

Well done Oliver - what an amazing feat of engineering genius!

Staff shout out!



Mrs Fulcher

This week, we want to shine a bright spotlight on our Assistant Headteacher for SEND, Mrs Fulcher, for her unwavering commitment to inclusion at South Borough. Working tirelessly and proactively, Mrs Fulcher uses her expert knowledge to ensure that children with SEND thrive, delivering engaging training for staff while always being available on the gate to support parents with a kind and friendly word. As a key member of the Senior Leadership Team, she goes above and beyond to put others first, developing an exceptional SEN provision that is now recognised as a model of excellence across Kent and the Trust. Thank you, Mrs Fulcher!

Celebration corner...

Albert's red belt.

A huge well done and congratulations to Albert who successfully achieved his red belt in Judo on 19th December. Lots of hard work and without doubt boundless determination secured Albert this achievement. We are so proud of you!



Reminder - icy conditions

This week we have experienced some ice on the pavements and roads in and around the school site.

Please take care when walking on the pavements and/or driving in the car park during such conditions.

We will endeavour to ensure grit is applied as soon as possible on these days to help keep you safe.



Congratulations Ms Parkhouse!



We would like to congratulate Ms Parkhouse who got married over the Christmas holiday. It sounded like a perfect day and a perfect time of year to tie the knot!

Ms Parkhouse will now be known as Mrs Higham.

UNIFORM TO UKRAINE...

Last Monday, we received a hugely anticipated email from Goods For Good, the charity to whom so many parents donated old branded uniform. They wanted to pass on a huge thank you for the wonderful donation of uniform. The entire consignment was loaded onto a lorry on Sunday and is now on its way to support communities in Ukraine. I am sure you will agree this is a great use of these garments. Thanks everyone!



Important Notice: Snow and Inclement Weather Protocol

As we have experienced some freezing temperatures this week, we would like to clarify our procedures for potential school closures due to snow or extreme weather.

While we always aim to keep South Borough open, our primary concern is the safety of our pupils, families, and staff. On the rare occasion when poor weather dictates a school closure, we will endeavour to let parents and carers know as soon as possible.

All announcements regarding weather-related closures will be made via School Story on Class Dojo.

Please ensure that you are connected via Class Dojo and able to access posts from this platform.

Thanks as always for your continued support with this.

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 Elaha G	
Reception A Sidharth R	Reception B Archie-Jay J
Class 1A Kali B	Class 1B Flossy T
Class 2A Frankie L	Class 2B Ella W
Class 3A Novalee E	Class 3B Ronnie F
Class 4A Marni C	Class 4B Mia S
Class 5A Emily W	Class 5B Levi C
Class 6A Violet F	Class 6B Ayah A
Staff Mrs Field	

Holidays

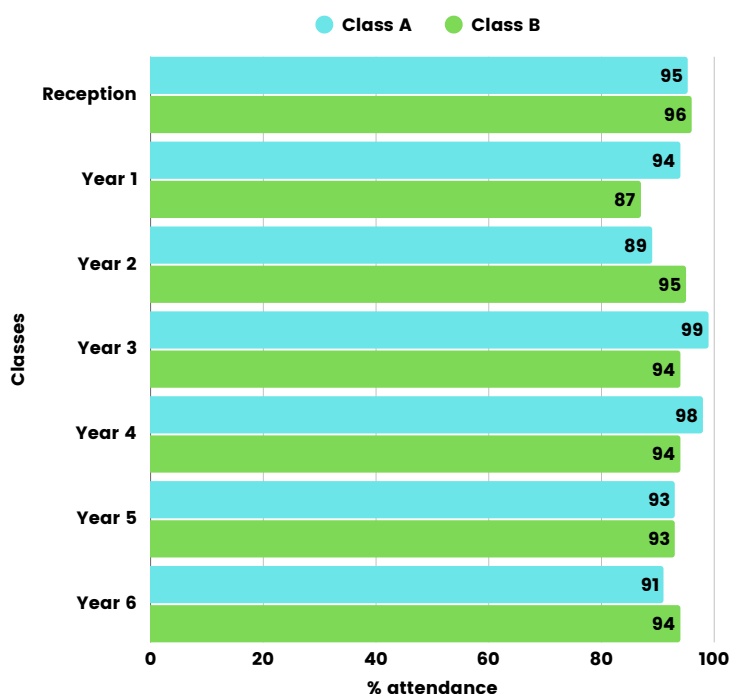
Please remember that holidays will not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Last day of term

The last day of Term 3 is **Friday 13th February**. Please check term dates [here](#).

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 **RB, 3A** and **4A** this week!



In 2025 we certainly made a great start in celebrating children's out of school achievements. Thanks to those parents who sent in photos and messages of your child achieving amazing things.

NOW let's make 2026 even bigger and better!

It would be great to include a range of achievements no matter how big or small you may perceive them to be. We will be keeping count; 100 is our target for 2026, which will mean more than 2 per week!

Any achievement at all will be welcomed and celebrated.

Just send them in by messaging Mr Currie directly on Class Dojo.