

SOUTHDOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER MAY 2025



GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK!

We wish Mrs Hughes a world of love and luck today as she starts her maternity leave. We look forward to hearing the good news and meeting Baby Hughes very soon. We therefore welcome Miss Cudworth who will be teaching the class next half term.

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Mocanu as her role at Southdown comes to an end. We are sad to see her go but are very grateful for all the time and love she has given to supporting a number of children over the past 8 years. You'll be very much missed Mrs Mocanu but we send you lots of luck in your new role with Barnardo's.

Congratulations to Miss Cox who will be starting as the new Deputy Headteacher at Westwood Primary School in September. Miss Cox has been on a secondment with the Local Authority for the past 18 months so we've already said 'goodbye' but we are thrilled for her and wish her a lot of success.

SCHOOL NEWS

It is amazing that the half term has only been 4 weeks but we've still managed to squeeze in so much!

- Year 4 are currently on their way back from Plas Menai. They have had a wonderful time and we are so proud of how the children threw themselves into the different activities. A massive thank you to Miss Say, Mrs Smith, Mrs Bell, Mrs Wilson, Miss Hughes-Roberts and Mrs Ellison for taking them.
- Year 6 have also just about recovered from an amazing 2 nights at PGL Boreatton Park last week. We were also so proud of them too and many of them had to face a few fears with some of the activities! The Giant Swing was a big hit along with the Zip Wire and Jacob's Ladder. A massive thank you to Mrs Mathieson, Mr Williams, Mrs Mocanu, Miss Williams and Miss Luke.

- Thanks to Friends of Southdown and staff that supported the School Disco. It is the first one we've had in a while and it was enjoyed by all!
- Congratulations to the children who have represented the school at sporting events this half term. These events included Years 3 to 6 at the Swimming Gala and Years 3, 5 and 6 who took part in the Cross Country at Buckley Common. Great team spirit as always with a number of success to!
- We had our class photographs this half term and all the details on how to order them have been emailed.
- Year 1 & 2 Trip had a wonderful time at Erddig. They were a real credit to the school, learnt so much and most importantly had lots of fun too!

PLANT SALE

The Eco Club have been using their green fingers growing lots of plants. Thank you to those of you who have supported their plant sale over the past week or so. Last year the money raised was used to enhance the garden -the photos do not do it justice but I hope you can see that the money was well spent.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

As we start our final term now is a good time to place your school uniform order for your child in September. Orders can be placed via School Gateway and sent home with your child. If we don't have an item in stock this gives us plenty of time to place the order with our supplier before the end of the school year.

TRAVELLING TO SCHOOL

We know that the better weather does help but it has been lovely to see so many children walking and riding their bikes/scooters to school. If your child does use a scooter or bike to travel to school please can you ensure that an appropriate safety helmet is worn at all times. If children are not wearing a helmet we will ask that scooters and bikes remain at home. We want our children to be safe so appreciate your support with this.

DATES

- Monday 2nd June: Back to School
- Wednesday 4th June: Year 6 trip to Dangerpoint
- Thursday 5th June: Song writing workshop Years 4-6
- Monday 9th June: Wellbeing Week starts
- Tuesday 10th June: Phase 3 Sports Day at 1.30pm
- Wednesday 11th June: Phase 2 Sports Day at 1.30pm
- Thursday 12th June: Nursery Sports Day at 10.45am
- Thursday 12th June: Reception Sports Day at 2pm
- Wednesday 18th June: Summer Fair after school
- Tuesday 24th June: Year 5 Team Building at Elfed
- Tuesday 24th June: New Nursery 2025 Parents Meeting at 6pm
- Wednesday 25th June: New Reception 2025 Parents Meeting at 6pm
- Friday 27th June: Year 6 Transition at Argoed & Elfed
- Friday 27th June: Moving Up Morning (Nursery to Year 5)
- Friday 27th June: New Nursery Stay and Play -10am

- Wednesday 2nd July: Year 4 Puzzle morning at Elfed
- Wednesday 2nd July: Year 6 ASB project with North Wales Police
- Thursday 3rd July: Nursery Trip to Manorafon Farm
- Tuesday 8th July: Buckley Jubilee (School Closed)
- Thursday 10th July: Year 4 Egyptian Day
- Friday 11th July: School Reports to go home
- Monday 14th July: Report parents meeting 4-5pm (only if needed)
- Tuesday 15th July: Year 6 Bowling
- Thursday 17th July: Year 6 Leavers Assembly
- Friday 18th July: School Closes for the Summer