

SOUTHDOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2025



November has flown by, and December is almost here! With the end of term approaching, here's a quick update on all the exciting things we have been up to during another busy month.

Miss Luke, Headteacher

STAFF UPDATE

I am sad to let you know that Mrs Joanne Jones has decided that the time has come to say goodbye to Southdown. Mrs Jones has been such an important part of our school for over 23 years, supporting individuals, groups, and whole classes as a valued member of our Learning Support team. Her love of art and boundless creativity has enriched the experiences of countless children throughout her time at Southdown. Although Mrs Jones hasn't been in school for the past few months due to illness, and we hope to see her soon to give her a proper Southdown thank you and farewell. We are incredibly grateful for everything she has contributed to our school community, and she will be greatly missed.

We will be welcoming back Mrs Delyth Hughes in the new year. Mrs Hughes has taught at Southdown before, and we know that she will be a perfect fit to take on the responsibility of PPA from Mr Godwin. Mrs Hughes will therefore be working across the school, and this will initially be until Easter.

SCHOOL NEWS

- Thank you again for those of you who have donated towards the Operation Christmas Child boxes. We were able to send off 25 boxes.
- It was lovely to welcome back STAND North Wales as they provided another Sensory Play workshop for the parents of our younger children.
- Thank you to Mrs Wooding who created a beautiful wreath for Remembrance and also to Jessie and Archie who proudly represented Southdown at the service.
- Being kind is something we always focus on, especially as it is one of our school rules however Monday 10th November was the start of Anti-bullying week. It was kicked off with Odd Socks Day and was followed by lots of different activities and learning to further understand that we are all different.
- On Friday 14th November, children came to school wearing spotty or own clothes and gave donations to Pudsey. £281 was raised. Thank you so much for all your donations.
- Thank you to Rev. Chris and Open the Book who led assemblies this month.
- Years 3 and 4 enjoyed hockey with Hockey Wales, and Year 3 had a creative experience at Elfed's Creative Arts Festival.
- Well done to our Year 4, 5 & 6 football team for representing Southdown at the Buckley/Mynydd Isa consortium competition. Even though they didn't win, they showed fantastic teamwork and enjoyed the experience despite the chilly weather!
- Year 6 had a fantastic Careers Week, learning about a range of jobs and the skills required for each. We are very grateful to all the adults who shared their experiences and inspired our children.

- Film night was a great success and was enjoyed by all. A massive thank you to the Friends of Southdown who organised the event, purchased and cooked all the food on the night. We really couldn't have done it without you. Thank you to all the staff who gave up their own time too to stay but a particular thanks to Mrs Davies for leading the team.
- Congratulations to Amber in Year 6 for winning the Jack Sargeant MS Christmas card competition for Southdown. She is visiting Toyota to receive her prize and find out who will be the overall winner from all the Flintshire schools. Her design was wonderful and we wish her the best of luck!
- As we have already shared, we have continued our work on 'Be Safe' with our first 'Safer Inside' drill of the new school year and NSPCC assemblies on 'Stay Safe, Speak Out' have been shared with children from Reception to Year 6.

PURPLE DAY

Thank you to all the children for supporting Purple Day in memory of Aaron Wharton on what would have been his 10th birthday. If you would like to continue supporting Aaron's Army, you can make a donation at: [Aaron's Army - JustGiving](#)

JUST A FEW REMINDERS

- Dojo is a wonderful app and it really does help us with communication but please remember that anything important like home time arrangements or absence from school, appointments should go through the school office.
- Another plea to keep our children and families safe when driving and parking outside school. Please be patient, please be considerate and please consider walking if you can.
- We will be sending home our colour coded attendance letters at the end of this term so please look after them. If your child is unwell and not going to be in school, please can you contact the school office on 01244 544473 by 9.15am at the latest.

CHRISTMAS CLASS PARTIES

Children to come to school in party clothes. Games, activities and party food will be served.

- Monday 15th afternoon – Years 3 & 4
- Tuesday 16th morning – Year 1 & 2
- Tuesday 16th afternoon – Years 5 & 6
- Wednesday 17th morning and afternoon – Nursery & Reception

FANCY DRESS AND TOYS

Friday 19th December is our last day, and we invite all children and staff to wear fancy dress of their choice – We are sure there will be some wonderful creations. We would ask that your child has suitable clothes underneath their costumes (where necessary), to enable them to play outside at play and lunchtimes and also go to the toilet! Fancy dress is not compulsory so if your child does not want to participate in this that is fine.

Children can also bring in a toy on this day, making sure they are age appropriate and no mobile phones or electronic items please –we have plenty of iPads/laptops. All items are the responsibility of the children and should go home with them on that day. **(No toys from home for Nursery and Reception children please)**