

Everyone at Southover achieves their potential, is valued for who they are and knows they belong

Southover CE Primary School

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At Southover Church of England Primary school:

We all work together —children, parents, staff, Trinity Church and the community.

We inspire each other to learn through a vibrant curriculum, set within a safe environment that meets the needs of all children.

We gain strength from the love of God and our love for one another; we feel we belong to Trinity Church.

We value: Trust, Compassion, Friendship, Hope, Thankfulness and Fellowship.

We have a healthy mind, body and spirit to allow us to 'Live, Love, Learn'.

Newsletter October 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and the Community of Southover,

Term has started well and the children are working hard and enjoying seeing their friends and teachers again. Our core value for the term is Hope and we have talked about how hope keeps us going and helps us strive for better. Being positive is so important and having hope that we can make the world a better place. Our Harvest Festivals will celebrate the food we have and remind us how others may not be as fortunate as us. As part of the celebrations, we will have a Food Heritage event on Thursday 16th October where you are invited to bring in some sample foods to share and celebrate the food cultures we have in our families.

Forest School is underway this term and has 100% positive feedback. We need to have extra adults to allow the sessions to be more exciting and more hands-on. **Please help if you can spare half a day on Thursday or Friday.**

If you want to keep up to date with school events, you can visit our website and click on the button to link it to your own online calendar.

Smart and Punctual

The gates open at 8.35am and so your child can come in at that time and line up with their friends. The whistle goes at 8.45am when the children should be lined up and ready to go in. Parent/carers can head off once their children are in the line. Please keep back from the line so teachers can see them all clearly.

We are delighted to have one of the Healthy Minds team able to offer advice for when you are having tough mornings getting them in or leaving them. Please come along: **Wednesday 5th November 9am Tricky Mornings Workshop.** Picking up advice now can save a lot of stressful mornings for both you and your child.

Office News

All communications from Southover School come via our Arbor system. Please look out for the emails with an address: no-reply@mail.arbor-education.com Check they are not going to 'Junk' and add them to your inbox. If emailing the office please include your child's full name and class so we can pass it on quicker.

Southover C E Primary School
Potters Lane, Lewes, BN7 1JP

We are proud of our high achievement, an enriching and engaging curriculum and a caring environment.

We are delighted to welcome you to visit our school to meet the head teacher, staff and children

Tuesday 11th November 9.15am
Wednesday 12th November 9.15am
Thursday 13th November 9.15am
Tuesday 18th November 9.15am

Contact the office to book a place:
Tel: 01273 473015
E-mail: office@southover.e-sussex.sch.uk
Website: www.southoverceprimary.co.uk

Enrichment - *we inspire each other to learn through a vibrant curriculum*

Exciting opportunities for Glyndebourne visits are being arranged for autumn. We have a coachload of children in Y5/6 off to watch The Railway Children and we have the choir gracing the stage themselves just before Christmas. What superb opportunities to aspire and perform in the arts.

Sport *we have a healthy mind, body and spirit*

We sent a team of Y5/6 footballers to play in the Albion Cup at the Brighton and Hove training ground. The standard of the teams playing was high and the coaches from Brighton organised and refereed the games. The team won one and drew one of their four games with every game being tight. The manners and team play were excellent alongside goals from Joseph, Nico and Yaser.



Next matches are against LOGS on Monday 13th October.

Visit our website to check out the extensive list of clubs on offer at Southover.

Half Term activities to keep them busy include the very popular Outdoors Project on our field and Albion in the Community are running their camps in Brighton

(<https://bookings.bhafcfoundation.org.uk/activities/courses/courses.htm?typeId=88>)

Key Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 14th October - **Harvest Festival** 9.30am KS1 2.00pm KS2

Thursday 16th October – Food Heritage Event 3.15pm

Monday 20th October – EYFS Reading Club 2.40pm

Thursday 6th Nov – **INSET Day**

Thursday 13th Nov – Parent/Carer Consultations

Tuesday 18th Nov – Parent/Carer Consultations

Monday 5th Jan 2026 - **INSET Day**

Monday 1st June 2026 – **INSET Day**

Community News - *we all work together* —children, parents, staff, Trinity Church and the community.

Safer Streets

The Potters Lane entrance is a lovely way to get to school with the traffic restrictions in place. Please remember that residents of the enclosed area are able to use the road at these times so it is not guaranteed traffic free. Please also remember to park responsibly in the surrounding streets if you need to drive.

I love seeing so many bikes and scooters parked up at the entrance. Get you bike oiled up for Cycle to School Week - 13-17 October 2025.

Food Heritage Event

We have had great interest in this event and hope that it will be a success in celebrating the different cultural heritages we have at Southover. Please let us know if you are bringing some food so we can put out enough tables. Children will need an adult to be with them when trying the foods.

Key points

No nuts/sesame

Bring a list of ingredients so intolerances can be managed

Finger foods will be best

No need to bring enough for everybody in school; make what is manageable.

A sign, a label or a flag may be added to your table

Email: diversity@southover.e-sussex.sch.uk to let us know you are joining in.



Intergenerational Project

A group of children went to the House of Friendship in Lewes to play and chat with elderly residents. The feedback from the residents was gorgeous: lovely manners and impressive spelling. They were very good at Boggle! It is nice to think that the children and adults get so much from these visits.

Governors

If you are interested in knowing more about being a school governor then please get in contact with Susi Pollard or Burt Browne who are the vice chairs. spollard@southover.e-sussex.sch.uk or bbrowne@southover.e-sussex.sch.uk

Safeguarding

As part of their learning and development, your child will have the opportunity to access a wide range of digital technologies, including computers, tablets and iPads at school. We recognise the value of using these digital technologies and the potential risks involved and therefore have rigorous online safety policies and procedures in place which are available to read on our website.

If we needed to have remote home learning, your child will also have the opportunity to access digital technology at home, as they do at school. We recognise the value of using these digital technologies, but also the potential risks involved.

In order to support us further in developing your child's knowledge and understanding about online safety, please read the agreement below and discuss this with your child. In assembly this week, I talked to the children about the agreement, being safe online and why we need consent

Please go online on Arbor and log in for your child.

Go to Consents and 1a) Agreement for using school computers Yr R,1,2 SOUTHOVER or 1b) Agreement for using school computers Yr3,4,5,6 SOUTHOVER

Please tick if you give consent. Children will only be able to use computers in school if we have consent.

Children do not need a phone at school. They are not allowed to use phones on site and the phones are locked away during the day. If your child is in Y6 and is travelling alone to school then you could get them a simple phone if you want to be able to text or phone.

Don't forget that children build language skills through talk from adults and peers. Avoiding your phone when with your children helps them build their language and is good role modelling.



Domestic Violence at home happens in all school communities. If it is happening to you then you are not an isolated case. Search for: changegrowlive to find out more or email: esdomesticabuse.info@cgl.org.uk or call 0300 323 9985

Yours sincerely,

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NSPCC Website and Support

You may be interested in the support that the NSPCC can offer through their website at <http://www.nspcc.org.uk/> In the section on 'Keeping Children safe' they provide a range of information, advice, and child-friendly animations and activities covering areas such as e-safety, anti-bullying, social networking, safe relationships, advice on talking about difficult topics...and much more! They also run a helpline for parents for help and advice, as well as for reporting concerns about children.

Compliments, Comments, Concerns and Complaints! Have you got something positive you would like to say about the school, or a comment you would like to make? Have you got something which is concerning you or an issue need to complain about? If so, please let us know in person, by letter, by phoning the school office or by email. We have set up an email specifically for this which will be monitored only by the head and the Co-Chairs of Governors: cccc@southover.e-sussex.sch.uk



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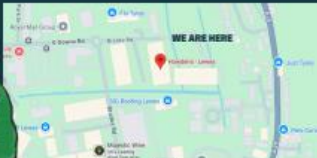
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