

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 July 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and the Community of Southover,

As we reach the end of term, we can look back on the successes of the year and see how much our children have done and grown. For those in Heron class, they have had their first year of school and those in Falcon class have finished their seven years of primary school and are moving on to their next adventure. We are proud of how much we have managed to fit into a year and there are so many highlights, from amazing events through to individual achievements in class and on the sports field or music.

We are saying goodbye and thank you to Victor our swimming teacher and Maya our lifeguard who joined us for this term and did a great job down at the pool. A huge thanks to Mrs Fisher for the incredible hard work and devotion to keeping the pool running. We are delighted that Jay Curtis who has been working in the office will continue to be there in September in the Finance Assistant role.

**Please send the children in with a couple of strong plastic bags before Thursday so that they can take home some of the wonderful work they have done this year.**

### 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](mailto:no-reply@mail.arbor-education.com) Check they are not going to 'Junk' and add them to your inbox.

When emailing the school please can you include your child's full name and the class / class teachers name within the email so we can ensure your messages get forwarded quickly onto the correct staff / class.

Current Year 2 children will need to pay for their lunches in Y3 as Universal Free School Meals is only for KS1. You will need to set up a ParentPay account if you haven't already got one already. If you are in receipt of certain income-related benefits you may be eligible for Free School Meals which brings extra funds into the school. Please check it helps you and us.

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

Our Y5 classes had the chance to work with teachers at Priory School on an arts project this term. They had a lovely afternoon working at Priory School and their work formed parts of an exhibition. They got a mention in the Priory newsletter (see picture).

The children were treated to a wonderful musical, Peter Pan, performed by our talented Y6 children. It is great to see how they have grown and developed over the years at Southover and they look ready to move on to secondary school.

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

District Sports

Sixty children from Y3 to Y6 attended District Sports at the Lewes leisure centre running track. They were a great advert for the school and performed well. We had children doing their best and some children stepping in for others at short notice. Teamwork was great and fourteen children returned home with medals. Thank you to Miss Miller for all the work organising the athletes.

Thank you to all of you who came and joined in with our Sports Day. Mr Zobbo was magnificent in leading the event and Miss Miller organised it all. Great fun and engagement!

Don't forget to fully check lost property and to stock up on uniform for September. Black/brown shoes or trainers please. There is a Pre-Loved Uniform Sale this Thursday.

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July – **Leavers' Service at Trinity Church, Southover 2pm**

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – **Last day of the year 1.15pm finish (children will be registered for the afternoon, before they are dismissed)**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept – **INSET Day**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept – **Start of Term Y1-Y6**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Sept – **INSET Day**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov – **INSET Day**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Jan - **INSET Day**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026 – **INSET Day**

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

### **Intergenerational Project**

As part of the work within the community a group of children visited the House of Friendship to spend an afternoon with the elderly community of Lewes. This is a picture of the daisy chain the children and members made on Thursday at House of Friendship. Both young and old love these visits.

Outreach project with Southover School

We were very happy to have a visit from Southover Primary School last week who participated in our outreach project this term with the art department.

Year 5 pupils took inspiration from Jean Michel Basquiat and experimented with observational drawings, colour and mark-making before creating a series of gelli prints. We look forward to including a selection of the outcomes in our GCSE Art and Photography exhibition in July and in our Art Wave show at Lewes Town Hall in September. A big thank you to Ms Lawrence and the Student Leaders for Arts and Creativity for running the workshops on a swelteringly hot day!



Priory School Newsletter



## Governors

As another busy school year draws to a close, the school governors would like to congratulate all our children on their hard work and personal achievements. We thank all our wonderful staff for their commitment in providing a happy, exciting and safe learning environment. A huge thank you also to the Friends who have been tirelessly raising funds to support the school in so many ways.

The school governors have enjoyed working with the headteacher and the senior leadership team in their strategic role to ensure high quality education is delivered for all our children.

Wishing everyone a restful and happy summer holiday.

Susi Pollard

## Safeguarding

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: [change-grow-live](https://www.change-grow-live.org.uk) to find out more or email: [esdomesticabuse.info@cgl.org.uk](mailto:esdomesticabuse.info@cgl.org.uk) or call 0300 323 9985

Yours sincerely,

Noel Fadden



### 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](mailto:cccc@southover.e-sussex.sch.uk)



# Does your child like cycling?

**Join the joint schools-sponsored bike ride 2025!**

**Sunday 20th July  
2:15-4:30 p.m.**

**Green United** invites 10 children (plus parents, carers, and siblings) from each of the six Lewes schools to cycle the scenic Egret's Way in a fun 9-mile round trip - all to raise money for **Love Our Ouse**, helping protect and celebrate our local river.

**Spaces are limited - sign up today!**



[Registration](#)



Cake stop included



[Sponsorship](#)

Family-friendly route



# SUMMER SCHOOL


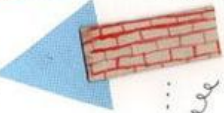
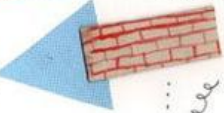
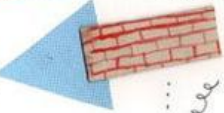
## ART CLUB

Painting  
Drawing  
Printing  
Textiles  
Making

Four Mornings of Fun and creative activities in the summer holiday!  
For ages 6-11

At Southover School, Potters Lane, Lewes  
26th -29th August  
9am-12pm

For more information or to book...  
email [info@deborahmanson.co.uk](mailto:info@deborahmanson.co.uk)  
phone 07962057014  
Instagram @deb.and.ems.art.club

### What's on Summer Holiday 2025 Week 1 (and across the summer)



**MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup> July**  
BIKEABILITY LEVEL 1  
10.00 – 12.00  
**Cost £12.00 pp**

BIKEABILITY LEVEL 2 DAY 1  
10.00 – 15.00  
**Cost £22.00 pp (for both days)**

BIKEABILITY LEVEL 1 PLUS  
13.00 – 15.00

**WEDNESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> July**  
**LEARN 2 RIDE SESSIONS**  
These sessions  
Are now all full  
Please book on  
Another date

FAMILY FUN WHIZZ  
14.00 – 16.00  
**Cost £6.00 pp**

**TUESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> July**  
BIKEABILITY LEVEL 2 DAY 2  
10.00 – 15.00  
**Cost £22.00 pp (for both days)**

BIKEABILITY LEVEL 2 PLUS  
09.30 – 14.30  
**Cost £25.00 pp**

**THURSDAY 31<sup>st</sup> July**  
MTB LED GROUP RIDE  
10.00 – 14.00  
**Cost £35.00 pp (Child)**  
**Cost £35.00 pp (Adult)**



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"BEST SUMMER EVER FOR MY KIDS - FUN THEMES & THEY COME HOME EXHAUSTED WITH BIG SMILES!" ★★★★★

BOOK SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUBS NOW

# SUMMER OF FUN 2025

FRESH AIR HARRY POTTER DAY  
WAND MAKING, QUIDDITCH & POTIONS

NO SCREENS SUPERHERO STAFF

NATURE NINJAS NERF CAMPFIRE  
CAMPING HACKS COOKOUT  
SUPERHERO STAFF

ADVENTURE GOOD TIMES

ROSY CHEEKS AMONG US  
SPY CAMP

ISLAND CASTAWAY SONIC VS MARIO  
MINECRAFT VS MINECRAFT WATER DAY BUSHCRAFT

DINOSAUR DETECTIVES: T-REX ISLAND  
CIRCUS SKILLS & WATER PISTOL PRINTING

SOUTHOVER SCHOOL PLAYING FIELDS - LEWES  
8:45AM - 3:15PM | AGES 5 - 11 (SCHOOL YEARS 1 TO 6)

[WWW.THEOUTDOORSPROJECT.CO.UK](http://WWW.THEOUTDOORSPROJECT.CO.UK)



Bikeability Sessions over the summer

Email: [holidaycourses@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:holidaycourses@eastsussex.gov.uk) Phone: 07584 262556 / 07766 422352