

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 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and the Community of Southover,

Our assemblies this term have had a focus on Friendships, one of our Southover Values. We have talked about how we choose friends (with my favourite book, 'You Choose'), how many best friends you can have (as many as you want) and how to be a good friend. If you are interested in supporting the Diversity work of the school then come along to the Diversity Group meeting on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 3.30-4.10pm in the library.

We have also had assemblies where we introduced the Summer Read Challenge, heard music from cellos, saxophone and violin and watch the Morris Dancers. These were lovely ways to showcase what we do at Southover. The Morris Dancers have performed across Lewes and in our playground.

Do you like what we do? Let us know via our annual survey:



The Summer Fair was wonderful!! I really enjoyed the vibrancy, the entertainments from maypole dancers, morris dancers, street dancers and the Skulldrummers drummers. Pat's Pizzas were so popular and the stalls gave great fun and value. My time in the stocks was nice with the weather although I am surprised so many lovely children wanted to throw sponges at me. A huge thank you to the PTA team for months and months of prep and to the volunteers on the day.

### Smartphone-Free School

We have always had a policy of children's mobile phones being locked away during the day and never being used on site by children. A reminder that we are strengthening our support for your child's development by becoming a smartphone-free school from September 2026 onwards.

From September 2026, children in Y5/6 will only be allowed to bring a basic phone ("brickphone"/"feature phone" – a phone that does not connect to the internet or have a camera), which will continue to be locked away in their class during the school day.

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

### School Hall for Hire

We like to utilise our resources out of school hours to support the community and to raise funds for the school. We will have the school hall available for hire in holidays from Easter as a long-standing let is just finishing. Please contact the office (or spread the word) if you are interested in hiring it during holidays.

### Sponsored Bike Ride – 9km!

Green United are inviting you to take on a challenge...

<https://greenunited.org.uk/announcement/join-the-green-united-sponsored-bike-ride-2026/>

**Your child may qualify for free school meals from September 2026.**

From 1 September 2026, eligibility is expanding so more families can get support. If your child is not currently eligible and you receive Universal Credit, you'll be able to apply now. Apply now: [Free school meals - East Sussex County Council](#)

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

## Enrichment at Southover

Y6 children had a great time in the heat at Broadstone Warren on their residential trip. They coped with the heat, climbed and worked as teams as well as kept their tents neat and tidy. All 45 children in Y6 attended the residential alongside 5 heroic staff. They had great fun and will talk about this for many years to come.

## District Sports

We had 63 children from Southover proudly represented the school at District Sports, demonstrating enthusiasm, ambition and kindness throughout the day. We were incredibly proud of how they represented Southover, bringing home new experiences, lots of smiles and many medals. Well done to everyone who took part!

We came 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 7 schools and the children were brilliant! Medalists were: Bibi, Ruby, Stella, Rory, Julian, Leo, Reuben, Woody, Arthur, Avril, Isobel, Annabel, Brooke, Archie, Edward, Evie, Joseph W, Sophie, Owen, Nico, Astrid, Bea and Buster.



## Cricket

I was delighted to take two teams to the Sussex Sharks' Y6 cricket tournament in June. We went to the Brighton tournament which has the keenest cricketing schools. They played six games in total and had a great time hitting fours, sixes and taking wickets. Fielding was very sharp with Louie taking an outstanding catch and Joshua managing five catches in his three games. They showed lovely manners, excellent behaviour and improved their bowling as the day progressed. The most experienced team came second in their group.



## Music

The children have had assemblies with a focus on: violins, saxophone, Morris Dancing, cellos. The children in Y3/4 are all learning brass instruments in their lessons. The choir performed beautifully to parents.

## Art

Y5 children attended a special art session at Priory school where they had a lesson from their art teacher and their work will be displayed in the end of year show – see the poster for details.

## A note from Dame Rachel de Souza, Children's Commissioner:

As Children's Commissioner, I am writing because I have not yet heard from any children or young people at your primary school as part of my national survey, *The Big Future*.

The survey can be accessed here: <http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>.

## Dates for your Diary

8<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day

9<sup>th</sup> July – Parents can visit new classees - 3.30pm

13<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Musical Performance

14<sup>th</sup> July - Y6 Musical Performance

21<sup>st</sup> July – Y6 Leavers Service in the Church – 2pm

22<sup>nd</sup> July – SCHOOLS OUT FOR SUMMER – 1.15pm finish

3<sup>rd</sup> September – INSET day

16<sup>th</sup> September INSET day

Link to ESCC term calendar: <https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/education-learning/term-dates>

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)

Looking for something to keep busy with?

### LEWES ATHLETIC CLUB SUMMER CAMPS

Booking is now open for the **Lewes Athletic Club Summer Camps**, where upper primary-aged children can enjoy exciting days of athletics and outdoor activities. The camp is open to children in **school years 3–7**.

Children will enjoy an exciting programme of athletics activities, including high jump, hurdles, discus, long jump, endurance running, and sprinting, alongside a range of fun outdoor games.

- Coaching is by the club's qualified athletic coaches. Children do **not** need to be Lewes Athletic Club members.
- Activities take place from 10.00am to 3.00pm each day and take place at the Lewes Athletic Track, Mountfield Road, Lewes, BN7 2XG
- Cost: £60 for Camp 1; £90 for Camps 2 and 3 (includes a Lewes AC training t-shirt)

Booking for all 3 Camps is via the [Lewes Athletic Club website](#)

There are **15 HAF places** available for Camp 3 (lunch included) - book on [EEQU](#)



**PRESS PLAY**

**World of Warhammer HAF workshops**  
Ages 9 to 16

- "FREE of charge for eligible families"
- "Friendly matches based on experience - all levels including beginners and experienced are welcome!"
- Make new terrain and customise models to add to your collection
- Improve your painting skills
- Design, factories, develop backstories and get armies ready to game.
- Booking <https://eequ.org/summer2026/pressplayfilmsic>

**24 to 27 Aug 2026**  
@ The Railway Land, Lewes, BN7 2FG

[www.pressplayfilms.co.uk](http://www.pressplayfilms.co.uk)



**SUMMER ANIMATION, FEEL GOOD FOOD & OUTDOOR PLAY**  
AGES 7-14

Free animation, feel good food & activities with Press Play Films and Feel Good Food.

For families receiving benefits related to free school meals or other criteria.  
(Universal provision with SEND Support)

**YUMMY LUNCH INCLUDED**

Funded by:  Brought to you by:  

**EASTBOURNE**  
St Andrews Parish Hall - BN22 7RT  
23 July 10.00 - 14.30  
24 July 10.00 - 14.30  
31 Aug 10.00 - 14.30  
1 Sep 10.00 - 14.30

**LEWES**  
Linklater Pavilion - BN7 2FG  
17 Aug 09.00 - 13.30  
18 Aug 09.00 - 13.30  
19 Aug 09.00 - 13.30  
20 Aug 09.00 - 13.30  
21 Aug 09.00 - 13.30

**NEWHAVEN**  
Lewes Road Hut - BN9 9RW  
26 July 10.00 - 14.30  
27 July 09.00 - 13.30  
28 July 09.00 - 13.30  
29 July 09.00 - 13.30

**PEACEHAVEN**  
The Hub - BN10 8R3  
24 Aug 10.00 - 14.30  
25 Aug 10.00 - 14.30  
26 Aug 10.00 - 14.30  
27 Aug 10.00 - 14.30  
28 Aug 10.00 - 14.30

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**east sussex dance**

**SUMMER SCHOOL 2026**

**WEEK 1 : PATCHAM £75**  
4th-5th-6th August, 9am-1pm

**WEEK 2 : LEWES £75**  
11th-12th-13th August, 11am-3pm

Experience different dance styles...  
**Ballroom & Latin**  
**Street Dance**  
**Rock n Roll**  
**Contemporary**

Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing  
Registered Member

For more information, contact Alex 07901 962163  
[www.eastsussexdance.com](http://www.eastsussexdance.com)