



Dear parents,

It has been such a delight to have a few glimpses of sunshine this week; the SBS grounds are just such a great place to be, especially in sunshine! At lunchtimes, we have now opened the Woodland area for children as another place to play. The imaginative play that goes on in here is magical to watch; we've had hedgehog homes built, campfires made, potions created and mud cement strengthen the building. The laughter and chatter that goes alongside this play is wonderful and so important for children to have time to explore, collaborate and imagine!



Attendance

The good news is that our attendance figures remain 2% above national figures – well done SBS! Our regular monitoring highlights any gaps we have in attendance and we are grateful for the support of families in closing these gaps where this is possible. I am sure many of you are aware from stories in the national press that there

is a huge national drive from the DfE to address the gaps in school attendance that have emerged across the country since the covid pandemic. There is a clear expectation that schools will highlight any gaps in attendance with parents and work in partnership with the school community to return to pre-pandemic levels of attendance.

Class photographs

These are taking place in school on **Thursday 2nd May**. Please remember to send your child/ren to school in smart school uniform or PE kit if attending an after school sports club.

Worship and a cuppa

A reminder that there will be an opportunity to meet with Nicola Goode, who has joined the SBS team to work on communications. Nicola will be available for a cup of tea after Friday Worship, which starts at 9am, on **Friday 3rd May**.

Flower arranging

Do you enjoy arranging flowers? St John's, Boldre and St Mary's, South Baddesley would be pleased to welcome new people to join the flower arranging teams. Both churches have a flower fund and there are lots of generous gardeners who are happy to supply greenery. The experienced flower arrangers would be very pleased to show you the kit to help you get started.

Flowers are a hugely appreciated part of a church's worship, and many people – men and women – value the opportunity to spend a quiet, creative time in the church on their own.

If you are interested, please get in touch with Terence at terence@bsbbchurches.com



Superstar Sports May half term holiday course

May half term is just around the corner and Superstar Sports welcome you to join them at their May Madness Holiday Course running at a venue near you. Come and join specialist coaches for fun-filled days of football, gymnastics, inflatables and performing arts activities.

Visit the [Superstar Sports website](#) and click Book Now! to save your child's space.

To find out more information please see our attached flyer. Any questions please don't hesitate to contact superstarsportsuk@gmail.com.



- 2.5.24 Class photographs
- 3.5.24 Community worship followed by tea and coffee with Nicola Goode
- 13.5 - 16.5.24 Key Stage 2 SATs**
- 27.5 - 31.5.24 - Half term
- 3.6 - 7.6.24 Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check week**
- 10.6 - 13.6.24 Year 1 Phonics Screening Check week**
- 17.6-21.6.24 - Tulane and Shadow class final assessments of the year this week
- 22.6.24 - SBS Summer Fete**
- 25.6 - 28.6.24 Year 6 trip to Avon Tyrrell**
- 4.7.24 SBS Big Camp Out**
- 23.7.24 - Celebration Assembly, 1:30pm
- 23.7.24 - End of summer term

Leavers' Service and Year 6 Production to be confirmed but anticipated during the week beginning 15th July.

INSET days 2023-24
3rd June 2024

Open Days for prospective parents
12.6.24, 9-10am
24.6.24, 10.30-11.30am
4.7.24, 9-10am

Sports day and back up sports day
Sports day A - 3.7.24, 12:15 - 3pm
Sports day B (back up) - 10.7.24, 12:15 - 3pm

Community Worship
3.5.24 - Faith and Aggie
10.5.24 - Emilia and Chiara
17.5.24 - Kitty, Isobel and Mae
22.5.24 - Alezia and James
24.5.24 - George and Hugo
7.6.24 - Jake, Teddy and Henry
14.7.24 - Osian and Max O
21.7.24 - Tom M and Eros

STRIVE AND BELIEVE TO SHINE

Gruffalo learning

Gruffalo class have been enjoying so many exciting activities, including painting in their new outside Art Studio, monitoring their caterpillars and developing their woodwork skills. Look at Otto's robot - he certainly looks pleased with his work!



Reading Challenge lunch

Alex, Mae, George, Iris and Ami celebrated winning the Reading Challenge this week with their special pizza delivery lunch. They seemed to really enjoy this treat and were able to tell me so much about the books they had read and were continuing to read. It is a pleasure to talk to such enthusiastic readers.

The reading challenge has started again and all children in KS2 are able to participate. Good luck everyone!

Taking learning outdoors

Miss. Fairlie has been working hard with her class to open up outdoor spaces for learning. The children have enjoyed helping to organise these spaces and making the most of working outside too!



Forest School at Brockenhurst Primary

Theo, Lochy, Sophie and Florence joined children from Milford-On-Sea, Brockenhurst and William Gilpin to sample Forest School at Brockenhurst this week. It sounds like the children had a great afternoon trying new activities and even making new friends!



Friday Explorer Awards

Gruffalo



John Dudbridge

For creating a well thought through collage of a caterpillar.

Elmer



Charlie Pullen

For such a brilliant week in all areas. All adults have noticed how hard you're working this week.

Paddington



Henry Powell

For amazing creativity when designing, making and improving a postman puppet.

Tulane



Sophie Boulter

For publishing a piece of descriptive writing using brilliant language choices. You also supported other children with their editing. Well done!

Shadow



Max Osborne

For writing a very detailed and interesting description of the whale sighting. Well done Max!

Aslan



Phoebe Dale

For her informative and exceptionally well-written non-chronological report about the musical Six.

Thought/question for the month

Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes can be endless.