

12/06/26

Dear Families,

Another busy week at Southmead Primary!

The Year 1 pupils have had their Phonics Screening Tests – national tests which check pupils’ reading abilities, the Year 4 children have been doing their national Multiplication Times Tables Checks and we have been preparing for Sports Days next week.

Adding to this, a group of girls went on a Hackathon Trip to Imperial College, London to learn about coding and programming robots, Year 4 Laurel went to Southfields Library today and groups of children have been working with Commando Doug who will be at Southmead every Friday for 12 weeks to encourage resilience, facilitate team-building and to enrich pupils’ movement breaks through “missions” and challenges.

For Sports Days next week, please ensure your children are wearing sunscreen and bring water bottles with them. You may also want to provide a hat/cap. Please do come along to support the children.

Have a super weekend
From the Southmead Staff Team

Southmead Sports Days

Date and Time	Year Group	Venue	Information
Monday 15 th June 9am approx. (leaving school) – 1pm	Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6	Wimbledon Park Track	Please meet your child’s class in the playground after registration and walk with them to the track or meet us there.
Wednesday 17 th June 9:30 – 10:30am	Nursery & Reception	Front Playground	Please drop off your child as usual and then walk around to the main entrance.
Wednesday 17 th June 2 – 3pm	Year 1 & 2	Back Playground	Please sign in at the main office

Girls Hackathon Trip

Hello World Hack is a one-day hackathon for girls aged 7–10 which introduces them to coding and problem-solving through hands-on activities, programming robots and designing apps. This girls-only event provided positive STEM role models and an inspiring introduction to maths and computing.



A Message from Ms Laguna

Last Wednesday **5th June 2026**, some of our students visited The **BFI** (British Film Institute) **Southbank** to take part in a **Spanish workshop**.

In the morning, the presenter took pupils on an exciting journey to practise the Spanish language in a fun and interactive way using **short movies in Spanish**. After each clip they were given time to complete some questions about the movie in Spanish.

The movies taught different **cultural celebrations** in various Spanish-speaking countries.

In the afternoon, pupils enjoyed watching a full **Uruguayan feature film** called "Anina" (with subtitles).

With this workshop children developed their **listening and understanding skills**, and reinforced their **Spanish grammar knowledge** using authentic Spanish resources on this enriching learning experience.



Reminders

Drop off Time

Nursery, Reception, Cherry Class, Y1, Y2 and Y3 pupils should be arriving at the back gate between 8:40am and 8:55am every morning.

This is in place so that they can be met by staff before going straight in to their classrooms. If you have older children too, they can also come in that gate and walk through the school to their classrooms.

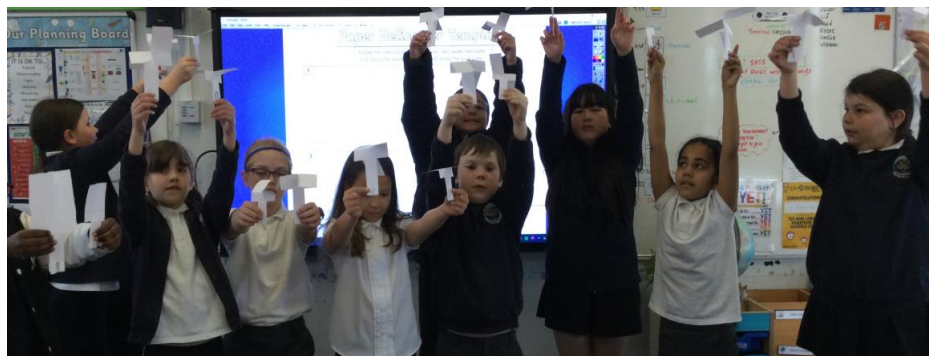
Sunscreen, sun hats and water bottles

Please help us to keep your children safe in the sun by providing water every day and applying sunscreen on any exposed areas of skin before they arrive at school. Some pupils are very confident at applying this themselves and this is certainly to be encouraged if appropriate.

No nuts or nut products

Please do not send in any nuts or nut products for snacks or lunch. We have a number of staff and pupils with serious nut allergies and we cannot put them at risk. No nuts, Nutella, peanut butter etc please as staff will take dispose of these items.

Science photos from Mrs Beazley



A volume investigation in the playground, Willow Class going to look at eggs and chicks and Science Club pupils investigating the size of helicopter blades through making and testing different sized spinners.