



# NEWSLETTER

Happy Friday!

## Next Year's Classes

Stand by your WhatsApp - here are the classes for next year! We have told the children in class this afternoon.

Once you've read this bit please do read on - there is a lot of other important info this week!

Current Class...	Will Become...	Their New Teacher Will Be...
	Seahorse (Preschool)	Miss Sally Greenwood / Miss Danielle Tuvey
	Starfish	Miss Jemima Bellamy <i>We are delighted that Miss Bellamy will be joining us to cover Mrs Parker's maternity leave this year.</i>
	Jellyfish	Mrs Naomi Barnaby / Ms Voirrey Armstrong <i>We are delighted that Mrs Barnaby is joining us as our new EYFS Leader.</i>
	Octopus	Mr Alex Pearce <i>Alongside teaching Octopus class, Mr Pearce will be taking up an exciting new role in school as our Early Careers Leader.</i>
Starfish	Bear	Miss Scarlett Ballantine <i>We are delighted to be welcoming Miss Ballantine to the team.</i>

Jellyfish	Butterfly	Miss Jo Hall / Ms Hayley Watts
Octopus	Badger	Ms Melissa Lawrence / Ms Erin Mitchell <i>Ms Mitchell will be Miss Jo Hayes' Maternity cover until December 2024.</i>
Bear	Falcon	Miss Emily Griffiths
Butterfly	Flamingo	Miss Charlotte Spooner
Badger	Fox	Mrs Ujvara Masih <i>I am pleased to share that Ms Masih will become our new Key Stage 1 Leader.</i>
Flamingo	Honeybees	Ms Sophia Kmit / Mrs Charlotte Makings
Falcon	Heron	Miss Seren Mason <i>We are delighted to be welcoming Miss Mason to the team.</i>
Fox	Hedgehog	Mrs Hayley Hayes / Miss Sam Thomas
Honeybee	Kangaroo	Mr Jamie Smith
Heron	Kiwi	Mrs Karina Hall
Hedgehog	Koala	Miss Jenni Trimnell <i>Miss Trimnell will be applying her extensive knowledge of SEND to become our new Deputy SENCo.</i>
Koala	Lion	Miss Sophie Munnings
Kangaroo	Leopard	Ms Jenny Hargreaves / Mrs Liz Loughran
Kiwi	Lemur	Miss Caitlin Murphy

Lemur	Pelican	Mr Damian Ellershaw
Leopard	Puffin	Mr Harry Rogers
Lion	Penguin	Miss Emily Moore

### Staff Updates

You may notice some familiar faces are missing, which brings us to some teacher-related updates:

Miss Edwards is taking a sabbatical next year to spend some time travelling the world! We will really miss her but wish her all the very best for her trip and are already looking forward to welcoming her back in September 2025.

Mrs Parker is having a baby, and although we will see her (briefly!) at the start of September, we are anticipating she will be on maternity leave for the remainder of next year. Congratulations Mrs Parker!

Mrs Charnock has been part of the Southville family now for 10 years but unfortunately, we will be saying goodbye to her at the end of this term as she steps out of the classroom to explore new opportunities and adventures (more about that next week). Amy is a fantastic teacher and leader. Her care for the children is palpable and she is a hugely positive energy around the school as well as being brilliant to work with. We will be sad to see her leave but are so grateful to have had her as part of our team and are excited for her as she embarks on the next chapter of her career.

Mrs Creton has been at Southville for 11 years in a variety of roles which has seen her working across the school as a PPA teacher, intervention teacher and most recently teaching in Preschool, where she has been for the last 4 years. If you are lucky enough to have your child taught by Ruth, you will know firsthand what a kind and skilled teacher she is. She has welcomed countless children and families to our preschool, and they couldn't have wished for a warmer, more caring introduction to life at Southville. We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Creton, but we all wish her lots of love and luck for the future.

Katie Abercrombie has been a really significant part of the school team for the last 9 years and in July will be saying goodbye as she moves with her family to Devon. As many of you have experienced firsthand, Katie is a brilliant and caring teacher. She is a really valued member of the staff team and has taught and inspired countless children over the years. We will be sad to see her leave but know that the next chapter will be full of exciting opportunities and memory-making. We wish her and her lovely family all the very best for their next adventure.

### Reminder - INSET next week

This is just a reminder that next Friday 5th July will be an Inset Day and therefore school will be closed for the children.

### Meal Prices from September

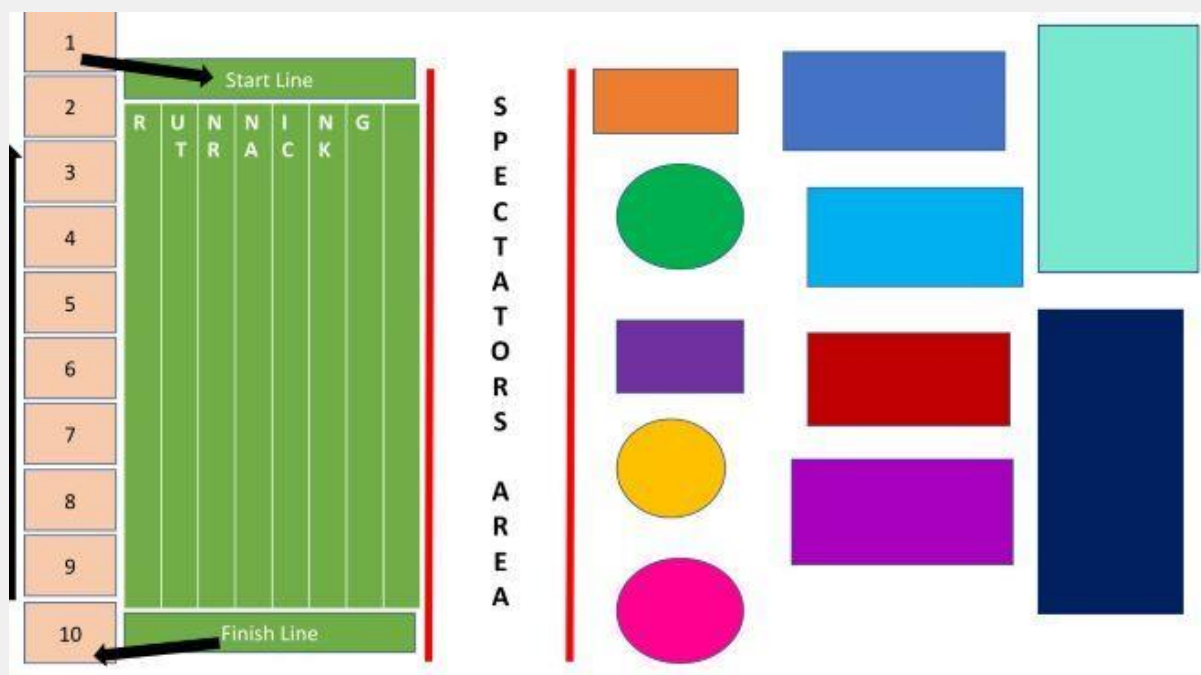
As you are aware, costs in all areas have been increasing in recent years and it has become more and more difficult to source quality ingredients for school meals whilst continuing to make the service viable.

In order to maintain the quality and portion size we currently offer; from September the cost of a preschool meal will be £2.45 and for a Key Stage 2 pupil it will be £2.90. We are anticipating that Key Stage 1 meals will continue to be fully funded.

### Sports Day Next Week

Hopefully you will have seen the information about Sports Day which went out earlier this week. For those of you who haven't been before, it is held on the field opposite Compass Point School on South Street.

Mr Rogers has produced this handy visual so you can see where the spectators' area will be:



We look forward to seeing you there!

### Southville Swimmers!

On Sunday, Southville Primary School made a splash at the Bristol Primary Schools' Swimming Gala. The event, held at Easton Leisure Centre, allowed some of our top swimmers to showcase their skills and team spirit in a competitive environment- some for the very first time! Amidst enthusiastic cheers and energetic swims, our young athletes demonstrated remarkable talent and pride as each participant gave their best effort in the pool, making it an unforgettable experience for all involved.



A special mention goes to Vincent H-P, who won gold in the 25m breaststroke, and also to Ned F, Finley G and Luke W who each swam a leg in the freestyle relay and earned themselves a bronze medal for their efforts!

Finally, a big thank you to all the parents / carers who made this event possible- watch this space for future swimming events next year! Go Southville!



Mr Rogers

### **Netball**

On Thursday, our Year 6 netball team rounded off their highly successful season with a friendly away fixture against St. Mary Redcliffe Primary School. The game was an end-to-end encounter with the lead changing hands on several occasions throughout. However, it was Southville that eventually put their quick passing and sharp shooting skills to best effect in the final quarter meaning we went on to win the fixture 16-10. Well done team!





Mr Rogers

### **Southville Chess Masters**

*A couple of weeks ago, 9 of our Year 6 pupils qualified to participate in the UK Chess Challenge 2024 Bristol Megafinal at Bristol Grammar School.*

*Forty schools were represented, with 150 chess players competing. Southville Primary sent nine pupils, the largest number of representatives from one school in the U12 category.*

*The competition involved playing six games throughout the day, with scores of 0 for a loss, 0.5 for a draw, and 1 point for a win. Players scoring at least 3.5 points out of 6 rounds would qualify for the Gigafinals.*

*This was the children's first experience of competitive chess outside of school, and they were amazing. They exhibited great concentration, strategy, and resilience, even when they lost a game and felt upset. Each child, along with their parents, experienced a roller coaster of emotions—from the exhilaration of winning to the disappointment of losing.*

*So, how did they do? It might sound like a cliché, but they're all winners, regardless of whether they advance to the next stage or not. They put their very best efforts into the day. Four of the boys scored enough points to qualify for the Gigafinal. However, after such a tense experience, some are still deliberating whether they want to take up that challenge!*



Thank you to the parents who supported this event (and to Cam for the lovely report above!) and well done to our fantastic chess players for taking this challenge on and representing the school so brilliantly. We are really proud of the growing chess culture we have at Southville and will be continuing to provide the chess workshops for all children in years 2 and 6 as part of our curriculum next year.

Have a lovely weekend, Andy Bowman