



MESSAGES FROM MR GALE

Headteacher's Introduction – March Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a busy and purposeful month at Southfields, I am delighted to share just some of the many achievements and experiences that have taken place across our school community.



March has been filled with enriching opportunities for our pupils. Year 5 began the month with a **Sustainability Workshop**, gaining a deeper understanding of how to be energy efficient, while parents received valuable guidance on accessing support to make their homes more sustainable. Our celebration of **World Book Day** once again brought creativity and excitement to classrooms, reminding us all of the joy that reading brings.

Pupils across the school have represented Southfields proudly in **several sporting events**, including an impressive performance from Year 5 in gymnastics. Every year group also had the opportunity to explore science and innovation at our **whole-school STEM Fair**, which was a real highlight for staff and pupils alike.

We continue to prioritise the wellbeing and resilience of our learners. Our involvement in the **Healing Classrooms Project** and the **Jan Dubiel Early Years Project**, focusing on the development of self-regulation and executive functioning skills, has strengthened our practice and provided children with powerful tools for learning.

A group of our pupils also took part in **Coventry Young Ambassador Training**, developing leadership skills and representing the school with maturity and pride.



This month has also offered valuable opportunities for professional collaboration and school development. I was pleased to take part in a **Peer-to-Peer Review Project** with two other Headteachers from across the city, focusing on effective school improvement.

We have welcomed a range of visitors into school, including our **Read Write Inc. consultant**, who continues to support us in refining our early reading provision. Additionally, we were visited by the **Local Authority Senior Improvement Lead**, who was very impressed with the quality of education and care provided at Southfields.

Our **governors** have also been active in school life this month, carrying out monitoring visits and contributing thoughtfully to our Full Governing Body Meeting. We were proud to welcome colleagues from other schools who visited Southfields to learn more about our successful work on **Oracy**.

Finally, I would like to congratulate several members of staff who are currently undertaking **National Professional Qualifications**. Their dedication to ongoing professional development directly enhances the experience of every child in our school.

As ever, I am grateful to our pupils, families, staff, and governors for their continued support and partnership. March has certainly showcased the strength and ambition of our school community, and I look forward to seeing all that the next term brings.

Warmest regards,

Mr Gale
Headteacher





WANTED

PARENT GOVERNOR

We are looking for a parent / parents to join our governing body to bring the perspective of parents to the strategic decision-making process at school.

If you would like to get involved with school life in more depth and are interested in helping to contribute to the improvement of the school, please get in touch.

For an informal chat about the role, please get in touch with Mr Gale via the school office or email enquiries@southfieldsprimary.org

Thank you

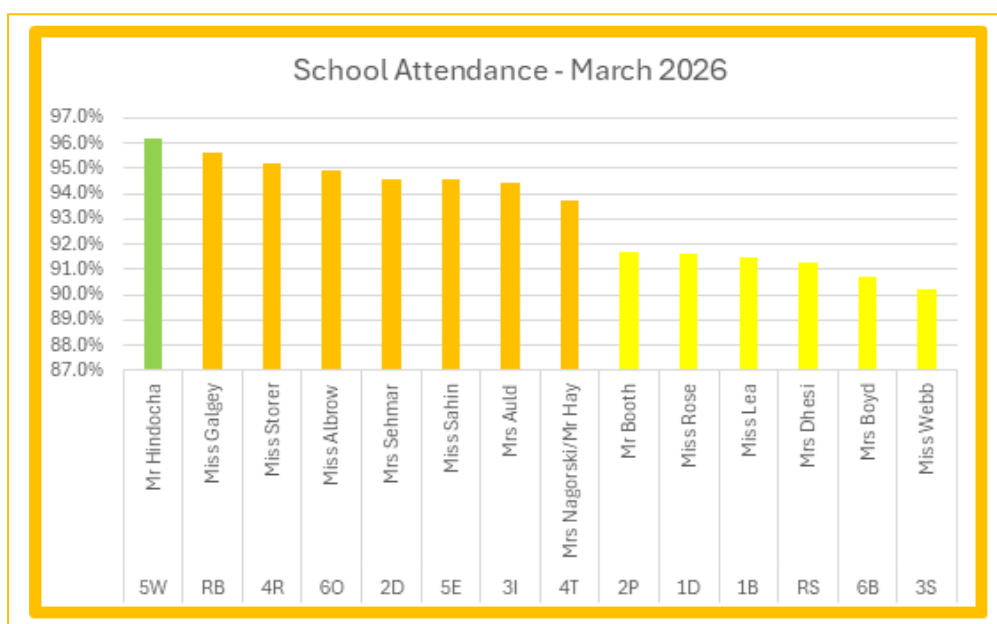
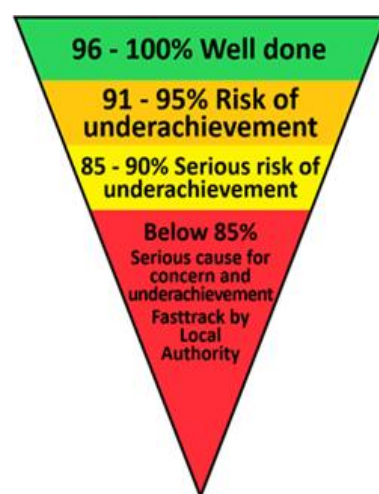




ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Attendance Update - March Whole School - **93.3%**

The Attendance Target we have set is 96%!



A reminder **that it's fine to send your child to school** with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature. Remember to encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

**The table below shows: Persistent Absentees
(Pupils who have Less than 90% Attendance)**

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
9	4	5	2	1	2

Persistent absence is when your child has missed so much time off school that they become categorised as PA or persistent absence (Attendance below 90% + persistent absent). Poor attendance impacts on a child's future not just academically but also on their social and emotional development.





ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Dear Parents/Carers

The Department of Education (DfE) **does not consider holidays or leisure travel** to be exceptional circumstances. All requests for Exceptional Leave of Absence must be completed in advance and forms are available from the school office. The Local Authority will issue fines where parents have taken their children out of school, and it has not been authorised by the Head Teacher.

Fines for unauthorised absence:

- **1st Offence** - £160 per parent reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days
- **2nd Offence** - £160 per parent
- **3rd Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)** - the third time an Offence is committed a Penalty Notice **will not** be issued, and the parent(s) may be prosecuted under section 444(1).

If fines are unpaid, parents may be prosecuted under the Education Act 1996.

Mr J Gale

Being Late is Never Great!

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
1 hour 48 minutes	1 hour 56 minutes	1 hour 43 minutes	2 hours 4 minutes	58 minutes	2 hours 29 minutes	1 hour 6 minutes
Total Minutes Lost - 11 hours & 34 minutes						

A reminder that the school gates are open between 8.50 and 9.00am.

The knock-on effects being late has on a child's learning is massive. Children have commented on how they dislike being stared at when they enter classrooms late and the anxiety this causes.

Please be aware that if your child is late to school, they will now need to sign in using the monitor by the main office. A reason for the lateness will be required.

Thank you to all those parents who continue to ensure their children arrive on time every day.





School Sport, Clubs, & Competitions

After school clubs – Summer term!

All after school clubs for **SUMMER TERM** are on the My Child at School (MCAS) app – sign up now before you miss out. If you have not yet registered for the app, then please do so. The MCAS app is where you can easily sign up and pay for clubs and trips.

Clubs will start the week commencing 20th April 2026 and will finish week ending 10th July. You **MUST** sign your child up for the new term. The list of clubs and prices is below. If you do have difficulty covering the cost of any of these clubs, please do come and talk to the office or pastoral team. We want every child to have the opportunity to do these clubs.

REMINDERS:

- Parkour is at Fargo Village with pick up from there at 4.45pm.
- South Asian Dance is a Parent and child club.

Day	Club	Cost
Monday	Year 3/4 Boys' football	£10 per term
Monday	Year 1/2 Multi-sports	Free
Monday	Y3-6 Parkour	£25 per term
Tuesday	Y5/6 Boys' Football	£10 per term
Tuesday	Y1-4 Story Garden	Free
Tuesday	Y5/6 Music	Free
Tuesday	Y4, 5, 6 Cooking club	£15
Wednesday	Y3-6 Singing	Free
Wednesday	Y3-6 Girls' football	Free
Wednesday	Y3-6 Skateboarding	£25 per term
Thursday	Y4/5 Basketball	Free
Thursday	Reception Multi-sports	Free
Thursday	Y3-6 Journalism	Free
Friday	South Asian Dance	£25 per term (for adult and child)

Sports Superstars

Athletes of the Month:

Yasmina, Nika, Zara and Aldijana; Nathan (6B); Alea (2D) and Tomas (1B)

Sports Classes of the Month:

Year 3 Gymnasts; Year 5 Dancers; Year 1D and Year 2 Gymnasts





Southfields Superstars of the Month

Y1 Daisy	Umar – GL Ref	Hawa – GL Res	Ira -GL Cur	Ishaan – GL Res
Y1 Buttercup	Fatima-GL -Res	Om Ved- GL - Res	Ayarin-Resilient	Abasin – Respect
Y2 Daffodil	Aramis - GL	Fatima - Respectful	Nivaan – GL Perseverance	Alea - GL
Y2 Poppy	Abubakarr (GL)	Savreen GL Res	Dylan (Respect)	Yalini GL Res
Y3 Iris	Sandra GL - Res	Ivy-Rae K	Jeremiah GL reflective	Habiba GL collaborative
Y3 Sunflower	Shuaib – GL – resilient	Elanique – resilient	Yakob for good learning - resilient.	Asher GL collaborative
Y4 Rose	Yafait – Collaborative learner	Rory – GL Reflective	Robert – GL Collaborative	Isla – Respect
Y4 Tulip	Rohan – GL - Curious	Angus - kindness	Marwa – GL - Resilient	Sultan – respect
Y5 Elm	Miki - Respect	Tyler – GL resilient	Nathan GL resilient	Firnas - respect
Y5 Willow	All - Acceptance	All - EGL - Resilience	Joshua - Resilient	Fatima I – GL - Resourceful
Y6 Birch	All - Respect	Adelina – GL Resilient	Stanley – GL Resourceful	Shuaib - Respect
Y6 Oak	Makhilini – GL Curious Learner	Nicola – GL resilient	Hassan – GL Resilient	Elvira – GL Resilient





Reading with your child



Each month we award children in each class for REMARKABLE READING. We place reading at the centre of our curriculum and are determined to encourage a love of reading in all of our children. At the end of each month we award our 'Readers of the month' with a book of their choice!

Congratulations to our amazing 'Readers of the Month' for their superb dedication to reading. These children will all receive a book of their choice! Great work!

Year 1: Hanzala and Celeste

Year 2: Junhao and Abubakarr

Year 3: Rashid and Khrithya

Year 4: Deepti and Samuel

Year 5: Yaqub and Adia

Year 6: Siem and Hassan



Key Diary Dates

- Mon 30th March to Friday 10th April - School Closed for Easter Holiday
- Mon 13th April - School Re-opens for All Children
- Thurs 16th April - NHS Heights & Weights for Reception & Year 6 Children
- Thurs 16th April - 1B Trip to Twycross Zoo
- Fri 17th April - 1D Trip to Twycross Zoo
- Wed 22nd April - Nursery Trip to Ash End Farm
- Wed 22nd April - 2D Trip to Monks Kirby
- Thurs 23rd April - 2P Trip to Monks Kirby
- Thurs 30th April - 4T Trip to London
- Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday (School Closed)
- Thurs 7th May - 4R Trip to London





Pastoral Team Updates

Baby and Me

Every Tuesday
09.30am – 11.00am

Fun sessions for babies and young children up to two years with their parents/carers to enjoy new experiences, learn about child development and make friends.

For more information, please call 024 7697 8030

Harmony Family Hub
Clifton Street
Coventry
CV1 5GR



Coventry & Warwickshire (C&W) FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE

Support for Autism, ADHD & Neurodivergence



Free Online Workshops



Practical Advice & Support



Understanding & Community

Find Out More:



Coventry & Warwickshire Family Support Service
Autism & ADHD Advocates

Our pastoral team are here to support you and your child during their time at Southfields. If you would like to contact the team please email / phone:

Email: pastoral@southfieldsprimary.org

Phone: 02476 226810

If ever our children are concerned about anything in school or at home, we encourage them to share these with trusted adults. We let children know that our school website has a 'Virtual Worrybox' where children can share their concerns directly with key professionals in school. This can be found under the 'Key Info' tab.





The image shows a classroom scene where a teacher is interacting with a group of young students. The teacher, a woman with dark hair wearing a patterned green top, is standing and gesturing while speaking. Several students are gathered around her, some looking at a large display board. The display board is titled 'Spring' in large, colorful letters. It features a central section titled 'Growing' with a list of plants: Tulips, Daffodils, Crocuses, and Pansies. Below this list is a table with columns for 'Plant', 'Color', and 'Height'. The table contains several rows of seedlings in small pots. The board also includes a poem about spring and various drawings and photos of children. The students are dressed in casual clothing, including a yellow shirt and a black hijab. The overall atmosphere is educational and interactive.

