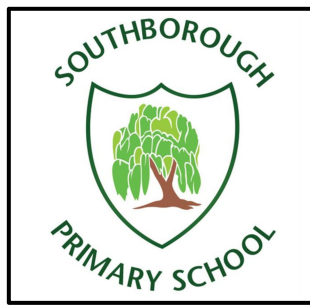


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CLICK ON ME



Whole school attendance is 94.9% which is 0.1% higher than National.

Attendance percentage	
School	94.9%
National	94.8%
Local Authority	95.2%

Message from Mrs Berthoud

It was so lovely leaving home this morning and driving to school in the light! The dark days of winter are nearly behind us and I look forward to stepping into spring. There are only 5 weeks after half term until the Easter holidays and the summer term will be upon us.

Thank you to all the staff and children for a great half term - the Trust have visited three times to look at Teaching and Learning, the business processes and Mr Mason Ellis has spoken to parents, staff, governors and children. All visits have been highly positive.

LEARNING

I am very grateful for the hard work of staff in organising fun trips and experiences for the children this week.

Year R to China Town, Year 3 to Surrey Docks Farm, Year 4 to the London Aquarium, and Year 2 to the Sky Gardens.

Staff visit the venues before hand in their own time too. I am immensely grateful to all the parents for accompanying the trips. We literally couldn't do them without you.

A huge thanks to the staff going to PGL with Year 6 soon too!

SAFE

I have asked all teachers to teach a 'celebrating differences' lesson after half term so we can remind children about kind words and the impact words can have on others - especially words in relation to another child's skin colour, hair, how they look, talk or where they are from.

STAFF CHANGES

Helen Pelling from Galaxy is retiring from Southborough Primary School after 11 years on 27th February 2026. I thank her for everything she has done for the children and community.

Attendance Matters

Who is 96%+?

Attendance percentage	
Atten	98.4%
Benjamin	95.9%
Bowie	91.3%
Curie	91.4%
Donaldson	98.7%
Earhart	96.1%
Johnson	96.0%
Jordan	94.0%
Kahlo	95.6%
Mandela	95.5%
Simmonds	93.8%
Singh	96.0%
Thompson	95.8%
Wonder	93.4%
National	94.8%
Local Authority	95.2%

School Uniform

A reminder that children should be wearing all black shoes or trainers to school please.

PE kit should be a top in house colours and then black shorts/joggers and a plain black sweatshirt/hoody (school logo ones are available) or their normal green school jumper/cardigan.

Children should not be wearing football strips for PE lessons or other non uniform clothes please.



February 16th to 20th 2026
Half term

February 24th and 25th 2026
Year 4 swimming starts

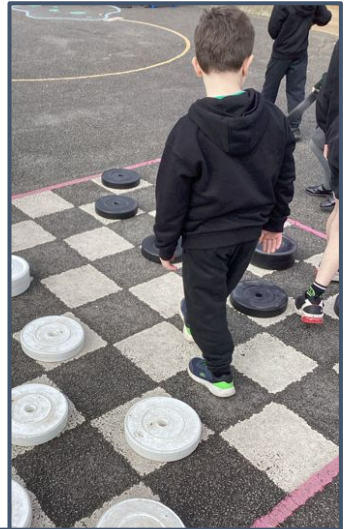
February 26th 2026
Year 1 trip to Bromley fire station

February 27th 2026
FOS Disco

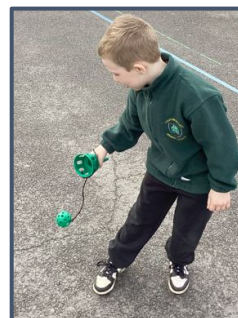
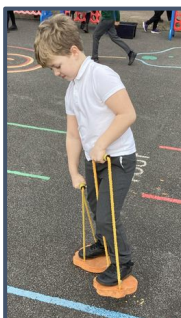
March 5th 2026
World Book Day

March 13th 2026
FOS Mother's Dad

The children have LOVED the new playground equipment this week - Thank you FOS and Coach Taylor.



Just wanted to feed back that [redacted] said he had 'the best day ever in school' because of all the fantastic new activities at break time! He particularly loved dancing with his friends, building towers and reading the books.



WORLD BOOK DAY

It is that time of year again when we start to get excited about World Book Day! This year, World Book Day is taking place on Thursday 5th March 2026 and, in order to get into the spirit of the day, we would like every child in the school to dress as their favourite storybook character (e.g. Harry Potter, Cinderella, etc.). There will be prizes for the best-dressed boy **and girl in both EYFS/Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Children should arrive at school already** dressed in character.

Throughout the day, your child will take part in a range of activities based on a selection of books carefully chosen by the class teachers. Activities may include role play, book reviews and a book cover treasure hunt.

Thanks to the generosity of National Book Tokens Ltd, each child will receive a book voucher. They can take this voucher to a local bookshop to get £1 off any book costing over £2.99, or swap it for one of eight £1.00 World Book Day books. Some selected classes may even be lucky enough to visit Waterstones in Bromley to spend their tokens. These visits will be arranged by the class teachers.

GET CAUGHT READING COMPETITION

Where is the craziest place you have ever been caught reading? Was it at the bus stop, in the bath or even up a tree?

Back by popular demand is our 'Get Caught Reading' competition, where we are aiming to find the child with the most extreme reading pose! Photographic evidence needs to be posted on your class ClassDojo page by Friday 27th February 2026, and the winners will be announced on World Book Day. There are book vouchers for the most extreme picture up for grabs!

Kind regards,
Mr Ming



Attendance Matters

Good attendance means

175 days not in school for holidays, appointments, exercise

190 days to make the difference

Being in school at least 96% of the time or 180 to 190 days

195 days in school year

Best chance of success Target for all schools 96%

At high risk of underachievement

At severe risk of underachievement

Attend school regularly, attend school punctually, attend school prepared!

Spotlight on Attendance



Attendance and punctuality are very important.

Regular attendance is paramount for our children to be able to achieve their best both academically and in forming and maintaining friendships. Our attendance target is for each child to have a minimum level of attendance of at least 96% (5 days absence across the whole school year). We understand that children will suffer from illnesses across the year, however regular poor attendance can have a detrimental effect.

We monitor attendance on a weekly basis at school and communicate with parents where there are concerns.

Take a look at the attendance ladder. Are you staying 'in the green'?



School penalty notice fines for attendance changes from 19th August 2024

First offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or low attendance the amount will be:

£80 per parent per child if paid within 21 days.
£160 per parent per child when paid within 28 days.

Second offence (within a rolling 3-year period)

£160 per parent per child to be paid within 28 days.

Third offence (and any further offences within rolling 3 years)

The 3rd time a Penalty Notice is issued the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates Court. Fines of up to £2500 per parent per child can be issued.

Note: Cases found guilty in Magistrates Court can show up on parents future DBS certificates as a failure to safeguard a child's education

5 consecutive days of term time leave

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days. Inset days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more consecutive days if there was intent to be absent for term time.

The LA can issue fines for less than 5 days, under certain circumstances.

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 - week period

Per parent per child

Penalty notice fines will be issued to each parent (including step parents) for each absent child.

For example, 3 siblings absent for leave during term time will result in each parent receiving three separate fines.

FRIENDS OF SOUTHBOROUGH

School DISCO

FRIDAY 27TH FEBRUARY

Disco One

Reception* - Year 3

6pm - 7pm

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

£5

WWW.FOSPTA.CO.UK

Disco Two

Years 4, 5 and 6

7.30pm - 8.30pm



Help Needed

Please volunteer to help if
you are able to lend a hand

Tickets must be booked no later than
Wednesday 25th February at 7.30pm

KIDS TUCK SHOP

Cash / Cards accepted
No mobile phones allowed

Parents / Carers may stay and accompany reception children only. Due to health and safety restrictions this is strictly limited to ONE parent/carer and NO siblings.

Please be aware that strobe lighting effects may be used at the disco



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WARNING

Illegal and inconsiderate parking near our school is risking the **SAFETY** of our **CHILDREN**.

The London Borough of Bromley's Civil Enforcement Officers regularly visit schools. Penalty Charge Notices of up to **£130** will be issued to drivers who contravene parking regulations. To avoid being penalised do not park on:

ZIGZAG MARKINGS, YELLOW LINES, FOOTWAY PARKING OR ACROSS DRIVEWAYS.

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