



Thursday 9th July 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to be able to share our plans with you for the new academic year starting in September (our first day is Thursday 3rd September 2026). We are very pleased to report that again we are fully staffed. That said, there are some changes to our staffing team here at Southwood, with Mrs Page, our office manager, retiring after more than 20 years working at the school having joined in April 2005. Mrs Page is also a former pupil of Southwood, and more recently has seen her grandchildren pass through the school, so epitomises the family and community side of the school. We wish her well in her retirement, and of course, she is welcome back any time, if she can fit us in around her travels! This half term, we have welcomed back Mrs Phillips from maternity leave and will shortly welcome back Miss Jeffrey. We also welcome Miss Kaur, who has recently joined our Inclusion Team as a SEND Teaching Assistant apprentice. Unfortunately, we will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Phillips, as she is relocating to Australia after the Summer, Miss Palmer, who has worked in our School Business Office for the last 4 years and Mrs Rahman, who has worked in the Den as part of our Inclusion Team for the last 2 years. We thank them all for their hard work during their time at Southwood and wish them all the very best for the future.

Kind regards,
Scott Halliwell

Our Senior Leadership Team from September 2026:

Mr Halliwell	Head: School Development, Curriculum & Assessment, Partnerships, SLT Link for Specialist Teachers
Mr O'Byrne	Deputy Head: Inclusion, Designated Safeguarding Lead, SLT Link for Nursery, PSHE & PE
Miss Hanson	Assistant Head: Early English (EYFS/Year 1), SLT Link for Reception, Year 1 and Early Years Curriculum
Mrs Heggie	Assistant Head: English (Years 2-6), SLT Link for Years 3, 4 & 5 and Humanities
Miss Harris	Assistant Head: Maths, SLT Link for Years 2 & 6, Science, Design & Technology and Computing

Our Curriculum Leadership Team from September 2026:

EYFS	Mrs Miller
SENCO	Miss Veysi
Early English Support	Miss Scott
Reading Support (Years 2-6)	Miss Newlyn
Writing Support (Years 2-6)	Miss Reippa
Science & Technologies	Miss Tariq
History & Geography	Miss Wilson
PSHE & Healthy Schools	Mrs Mohamed
RE & SMSC	Miss Thomas

Please see below our class and staff information for 2026/27:

Nursery: Miss Markham

Support staff: Miss Arthur, Miss Lloyd and Mrs Miller

Reception:

Children from Southwood Nursery and children new to Southwood will be split into the 3 classes (information to follow separately)

Hedgehogs Class: Mrs Miller (4 days), Mrs Cook (1 day) and Miss West

Rabbits Class: Miss Cooney, Miss Kelly (4 days) and Mrs Cook (1 day)

Squirrels Class: Miss Jeffery (3 days), Miss Edmonds (3 days) and Miss Barnes

Year 1:

Hedgehogs Class to Green Class with Mrs Tregent and Mrs Binks

Rabbits Class to Pink Class with Miss Scott and Miss Mole

Squirrels Class to Blue Class with Mrs Dennis and Mrs Steward

Additional support: Mrs Cook (3 days – across Reception and Year 1)

Year 2:

Current Year 1 children will be split into 2 new classes (information to follow separately)

Orange Class with Mr K

Yellow Class with Miss Reippa

Support staff: Miss Uruci and Miss Jones

Headteacher: Scott Halliwell

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**Year 3:**

Lilac Class to Emerald Class with Mr Smith
Orange Class to Purple Class with Mrs Timbulas
Yellow Class to Red Class with Mrs Patel (4 days) and Mrs Price (1 day)
Support staff: Mrs Karagozlou

Additional support: Mrs Ali (across Year 2 and 3)

Year 4:

Red Class to Aqua Class with Miss Thomas (4 days) and Mrs Price (1 day)
Purple Class to Turquoise Class with Miss Tariq
Emerald Class to White Class with Miss Wilson
Support staff: Mrs Balciune

Year 5:

Current Year 4 children will be split into 3 new classes (information to follow separately)
Gold Class with Miss Newlyn
Platinum Class with Mr Mulqueen (4 days) and Mrs Heggie (1 day)
Silver Class with Miss Reynolds
Support staff: Mrs Postbeschild (4 days) and Mrs Bharadwaj (1 morning)

Additional support: Mrs Bejti (across Year 4 and 5)

Year 6:

Current Year 5 children will be split into 3 new classes (information to follow separately)
Bronze Class with Mrs Cooper
Copper Class with Mrs Mohamed
Mercury Class with Miss Nunn
Support staff: Miss Perry (4 days) and Mrs Bharadwaj (1 morning)

Additional support: Mrs Deol (3 days), Miss Harris

Reading Support: Mrs Bharadwaj (1 morning, 3 afternoons)

Specialist team:

Art: Mr Orr (3 days)
Music: Mrs Herbert (3 days)
PE: Mr Stevens and Mr D Raybe
Spanish: Ms Hermida (2 days)

Inclusion team:

Miss Veysi, Mrs Lyons, Mrs Overton (4 days), Ms Jack, Miss Stevens, Miss Kaur, Mr T Raybe (Tyrone), Miss Dobson, Miss Bird, Miss Easter and Mr Demir

Midday team:

Mrs Miller, Mrs Gash, Mrs Sampson, Mrs Drew, Miss Akinyemi, Mrs Lake, Mrs Mujeeb, Mrs Downton, Miss Woods, Miss Symm, Mrs Joyce and Miss Overton

School Office team:

Miss Reid, Mrs Neal (2 days) and Miss Blasdale (4 days) + Miss Harrington (Attendance) based in School Office (4 days)

School Business Office team:

Ms Walker, Mrs Farouk

School Premises team:

Mr Mitchell, Ms C Wright, Mrs Camden and Miss Pogmore

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