



Newsletter Issue 37 – Friday 16th October 2026

Headteacher's message:

Welcome to the latest edition of our school newsletter as we reach the conclusion of our first half term. It is once again a wonderful opportunity to reflect on what has been a remarkably busy, productive, and successful eight weeks. Our pupils have settled brilliantly into the academic year, consistently demonstrating our core values of being Polite, Prepared, and Productive.

We have seen some outstanding pupil achievements across sports, the arts, and extracurricular pursuits over the past fortnight:

- **Team Sporting Success:** Huge congratulations to our KS4 Girls Football team, a thrilling penalty shootout victory—featuring heroics from goalkeeper Flora—has sent them through to the area final! Our Year 7 Boys Football team also made a fantastic competitive debut, securing three wins out of three without conceding a goal to advance to the next round. Well done also to all our netball players for their drive and resilience throughout this half term.
- **Individual Talents:** We are delighted to celebrate Fleur M, whose story Teacher from Mars was selected to be published in the upcoming book Story Lab - Worlds of Imagination. Congratulations also to Piya G for passing her Grade 5 Piano exam with Distinction, Lily D for winning a Silver medal in the U12s National Schools Snowsports Championships, Lily P for earning her Karate Bronze Belt, Alastair G for finishing in the top 2% of the Leicester 10k, and Sam for reaching the final of an U17s darts tournament, including throwing a 180!

In the classroom and across our departments, pupils have been making the most of fantastic learning opportunities:

- **Languages & Leadership:** We recently marked European Day of Languages with a fortnight of cultural clubs, staff assemblies, a French film night, and Year 10 language ambassadors preparing to teach local primary pupils.
- **Reading & Careers:** Our Year 9 and 10 Reader Leaders successfully completed their training to mentor younger pupils, while five pupils enjoyed an inspiring career visit to Leicester City FC's state-of-the-art training ground in Seagrave to explore grounds management.

Important Reminders & Operational Updates:

- **Mobile Phone Policy:** Please ensure you check your email for my letter sent via ParentPay on Thursday 15th October detailing our updated Mobile Phone Policy. The new policy, utilising lockable phone pouches, comes into effect on Wednesday 28th October. Please discuss this with your child ahead of their return so expectations and sanctions are clearly understood.
- **Health & Safety:** A gentle reminder to all families that South Charnwood is a strict nut-free school to protect pupils and staff with severe allergies.

I hope you all have a relaxing, safe, and enjoyable half-term break with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming our pupils back to school on Monday 26th October.

Thank you for your continued partnership and invaluable support.

Mr Andrews

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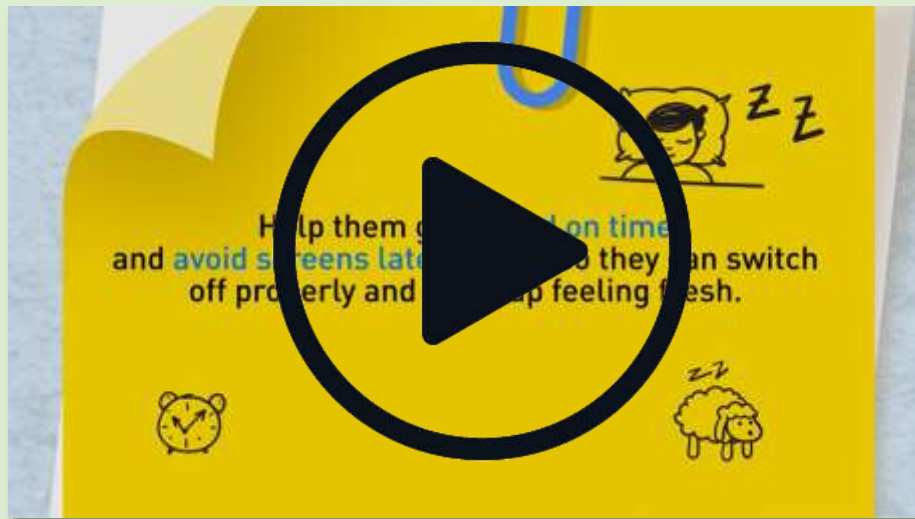
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TIPS FOR HOW PARENTS CAN SUPPORT WITH GOOD ATTENDANCE IN SCHOOL



DARTS CHAMP SAM

On Sunday 20th September Sam took part in an under 17s darts tournament (player 2 on the image).

He made it to the final getting a 180 & winning himself £20!

Well done Sam!

Player 1	Details	Player 2
4	Legs	1
70.67	3 Darts	58.93
73.40	First 9	76.27
8	100+	3
2	140+	1
0	180s	1
76	High Finish	20
18	Best Leg	20

LIVE SAFE

Live Safe is a space for information and support on staying safe in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

There's no doubt about it. Talking about violence and where it leads is tough. It can be hard to know where to turn for advice. But by understanding how these things affect our community, our health and our wellbeing, we can make a powerful, positive change, together.

[See how you can help keep you, your mates, your family and our community safe.](#)

Let's make our home a safer place to live and thrive.

FIND OUT MORE

I AM A

YOUNG PERSON

PARENT/ CARER

PROFESSIONAL

LATE BUSES

If your child's bus is late arriving to school, please could you remind them they must sign in at reception to avoid getting a late mark.

FLEUR M - BUDDING AUTHOR

Fleur in Year 7 has been selected to be published in a book!

'Story Lab – Worlds of Imagination' will be published in November. We will share further information when the book is released. Fleur's story is called "Teacher from Mars - Prologue". I wonder if it was inspired by anyone at South Charnwood!

Fantastic work Fleur.



KS4 GIRLS FOOTBALL SUCCESS CONTINUES

On Tuesday 29th September, our KS4 girls were in CVL action at Brookvale. Our first game was against Brookvale, where the girls came away winners. The second game was against Market Bosworth, which finished in a draw.

Our semi-final was a really tight game against Hastings, which finished 1-1 before eventually going to penalties. The SCHS girls kept their cool and won the shootout, putting them through to the final against Market Bosworth. Again, it was a really tight game which finished 0-0, so to penalties it went. Up stepped our hero keeper, Flora, who was absolutely fantastic, making some really good saves in the shootout and helping us progress through to the area final, which will now be our next step.

The girls should be extremely proud of themselves. There were some debut performances in the squad, and the attitude and determination shown was something special, which saw us over the line.

Well done to all the girls and thank you to Mr Whitley & Mr Coyne for their expert coaching.

Flora, Niah, Pearl, Megan M, Megan F, Lola, Daisy, Sophie, Isobel, Starlah, Skye, Honey, Alyssa, Kiera, Mia.



LILY P – KARATE BRONZE BELT

Well done to Lily in Y8 for achieving her bronze belt in karate. Lily has attended karate classes since she was 2 years old.

Well done Lily, your determination and dedication has really paid off.

Lily's Sensei is Paul Barnett from [PB Karate School](#).



LILY D – SNOWBOARDING SUCESS

A big well done to Lily D in Y7 who won a silver medal in the U12s Girls snowboard race at the National Schools Snow Sports Championships.



LCFC GROUNDSKEEPING

On 7th October, five of our students had the opportunity to visit Leicester City Football Club's state-of-the-art training ground in Seagrave to learn more about the world of grounds keeping.

The day was organised by Leicester City in the Community in partnership with the Grounds Management Association, with the aim of inspiring young people to learn more about the wide range of careers available within the grounds management industry.

The students enjoyed a tour of the training ground and took part in a variety of interactive sessions exploring different aspects of grounds keeping. They learned about the specialist skills and knowledge required to maintain high-quality sports pitches, as well as the different career pathways available within the industry.

A particular highlight was hearing from professional groundskeepers working at Leicester City, as well as members of the GMA who manage grounds and pitches for a variety of prestigious organisations and sporting venues, including Wimbledon. This gave our students a fantastic insight into what it is really like to work in the industry and the opportunities that could be available to them in the future.

All five students had a fantastic day and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. They represented our school exceptionally well throughout the visit. We are incredibly proud of their enthusiasm, behaviour and willingness to get involved and we hope the experience has inspired them to consider some of the many exciting careers available within grounds management.



ATTENDANCE MARKS

Please be aware we do not use Go4Schools to initially record pupil attendance. Go4Schools is updated to reflect your child's attendance 24-48 hours after the date they were in/absent from school.

PUPIL ABSENCE

It is the school's policy for you to call each day if your child is not attending. You can leave a message on the absence line 01530 242351 or email office@southcharnwood.org leaving the pupils name, tutor group and reason for absence. If we do not receive a message your child will have an unauthorised mark.

PIYA G – PIANO DISTINCTION

We would like to share some wonderful news that Piya G in year 11 has passed her Trinity Grade 5 Piano exam with a distinction, scoring 87/100!

This is a fantastic achievement and she is already working hard on her Grade 6 pieces. Piya has been learning to play the piano since the age of 5, and her hard work and perseverance are now bearing fruit.



PARENTS OF PUPILS WHO ARE CONSIDERING A T-LEVEL AS A POST-16 OPTION



ALASTAIR G – 10K CHAMP!

Well done to Alastair G in year 11 who ran the Leicester 10k and came within the top 2% of the whole race!



SCHS GIRLS NETBALL

A huge well done to all the girls who have taken part in the Netball teams this half term.

They have all been amazing and supported each other fantastically.

We haven't always been successful but across all the year groups the girls have shown resilience, and a real drive and enthusiasm for the sport.

They have been an asset to the school. If anyone would like any more information about local clubs they could join, to continue their netball journey. Please speak to Mrs Vickers in PE.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: NUT-FREE SCHOOL POLICY

We would like to remind all families that our school operates a strict nut-free policy.

We have several pupils and members of staff with severe nut allergies. Exposure to nuts—even through indirect contact or airborne particles—can trigger life-threatening anaphylactic reactions.

To help keep our school community safe, please ensure that any packed lunches, snacks, or birthday treats brought into school do not contain nuts or nut products.

Thank you.

NEW TERM SCHOOL MEAL MENUS

SCHOOL MENU WEEK ONE				
	 MAIN OPTION	 VEGETARIAN OPTION	 SIDE	 GRAB TO GO
 MONDAY	Hunters chicken	Hunters style Quorn fillet	Wedges, Corn on the cob	Brunch wraps Homemade soup and a roll
 TUESDAY	Cottage pie	Vegetarian cottage pie	Peas, Carrots, Gravy	Assorted burgers Homemade soup and a roll
 WEDNESDAY	Mac and cheese with margherita pinwheels	Mac and cheese with margherita pinwheels	Salad	Hot dogs Homemade soup and a roll
 THURSDAY	Sausage and mash	Veggie sausage and mash	Peas, Beans	Assorted paninis Homemade soup and a roll
 FRIDAY	Southern fried chicken goujons and chips	Quorn dippers and chips	Chips, Beans, Peas	Pizzas
<i>Good food. Good energy. Ready to learn.</i>				

SCHOOL MENU WEEK TWO				
	 MAIN MEAL	 VEGETARIAN OPTION	 SIDES	 GRAB-TO-GO
MONDAY	BEEF CHILLI	VEGGIE CHILLI	RICE AND SALAD	HOT DOGS HOMEMADE SOUP AND A ROLL
TUESDAY	CHICKEN PASTA BAKE	CHEESE AND TOMATO PASTA BAKE	WEDGES, PEAS AND CARROT	NACHOS AND ASSORTED PIZZAS HOMEMADE SOUP AND A ROLL
WEDNESDAY	ROAST OF THE DAY	ROAST QUORN	ROAST POTATOES, VEGETABLES, STUFFING, GRAVY	ASSORTED BURGERS HOMEMADE SOUP AND A ROLL
THURSDAY	TOAD IN THE HOLE	VEGGIE SAUSAGE TOAD IN THE HOLE	MASH, PEAS AND BEANS	ASSORTED PANINIS HOMEMADE SOUP AND A ROLL
FRIDAY	SOUTHERN FRIED CHICKEN GOUJONS	QUORN SOUTHERN FRIED NUGGETS	CHIPS, BEANS, PEAS	ASSORTED PIZZA
 GOOD FOOD FRESH, BALANCED AND DELICIOUS  GOOD ENERGY FUEL YOUR MIND AND BODY  GREAT YOU EAT WELL, FEEL WELL, PERFORM WELL				



SCUBA NETWORKING EVENT

Planet vs. Profit: Will you join the conversation?

Today's youth aren't just looking for jobs; they're seeking purpose. They want to work for organisations that balance business growth with responsibility for our planet.

On 26th November at South Charnwood High School, our next SCUBA roundtable brings local business leaders and passionate students together to debate Planet vs. Profit and explore why ethical organisations attract young talent.

We're delighted to welcome key note speakers Emma Chouhan and Gavin Fletcher from East Midlands Freeport, who will share their environmental plans for future-proofing the Freeport. Along side them ex South Charnwood pupil, Amy Langton from Dyson Farming, will give a short presentation on the green initiatives driving more sustainable agriculture.

We're calling on local business leaders to join the conversation, collaborate with our SCUBA students and discover what matters to your future workforce.



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26TH NOVEMBER
4.00 - 6 PM

Markfield Parish Council
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HALLOWEEN EVENT

Fun, Free & Spooktacular!

Saturday 31st October | 2pm - 5pm | Markfield Scouts Hut Main Street

FREE TICKETED EVENT

TIME SLOTS	
Tickets available from 1 st October at the Parish Council Office	Limited availability per time slot 5 ticket limit per family
2pm - 3pm	
3pm - 4pm	
4pm - 5pm	

 TALES WITH TOM THE TALE TELLER at 2:30, 3:30 & 4:30	 SHONA'S FABULOUS FACE PAINTING	 KIDSPACE NURSERY Crafts & Pumpkin Painting	 FREE REFRESHMENTS & CAKE ON ARRIVAL
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Come along for a spooktacular time - we can't wait to see you!

Markfield Parish Council | 01530 245 933 | admin@markfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk | www.markfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

YEAR 7 BOYS FOOTBALL

Through to the Next Round of the CVL Competition!

What a fantastic evening for our Year 7 boys, who secured three wins from three games to progress to the next round of the CVL competition!

This was the boys first taste of competitive football together, and they certainly rose to the challenge.

South Charnwood 2-0 Winstanley

Our opening game was a tough test against Winstanley. Battling against the wind, the boys showed great determination to reach half-time at 0-0. A much-improved second-half performance saw goals from Jotham and Billy seal an excellent 2-0 victory.

South Charnwood 2-0 Bosworth Academy

The boys started brightly and created five excellent chances in the first half, but unfortunately couldn't find the breakthrough. Their patience and persistence paid off after the break, as Tommy and Max found the net to secure another well-deserved 2-0 win.

South Charnwood 1-0 Brookvale

With Brookvale having won their previous two games, the boys knew a victory was essential to progress. We dominated much of the first half and created some promising opportunities, but the game remained finely balanced. Everyone knew how important the first goal would be, and up stepped Rapolas who powered home a fantastic leaping header from a corner to put South Charnwood ahead. The boys held on brilliantly to secure the win and complete a perfect evening!

The boys were an absolute credit to South Charnwood, they should be incredibly proud of what they have achieved in their first competitive outing.

READING LEADERS: TRAINING DAY SUCCESS!

Yesterday we held our training session for this year's Reading Leaders and we couldn't be prouder of the Year 9 and 10 pupils who took part. From start to finish, they showed enthusiasm and a real commitment to helping younger students enjoy reading.

Going forward, our Reading Leaders will spend 15 minutes each week reading with a younger pupil. These sessions will help build confidence around reading but also give our older pupils valuable experience in leadership and mentoring.

A huge well done to all our Reading Leaders. We're excited to see the difference they'll make!



EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

Saturday 26th September was European Day of Languages so, as ever, South Charnwood has celebrated what can be gained by learning foreign languages and interacting with people from other cultures. We planned a fabulous fortnight of exciting activities to commemorate the event, encouraging the pupils to see how their horizons could be broadened and how they could learn vital life skills that will benefit them when looking for jobs, or simply living in a 21st-Century globalised world.

Pupils had an assembly where Mr Walker, Mrs Hallam, Ms Petra and Mrs Skidmore reminisced about their life living abroad and considered how it changed them as people throughout their lives. Other staff around school have been showing off on posters on their classroom doors, detailing what languages they speak.

On the European Day of Languages itself, pupils practised showing gratitude by writing a staff member a thank you note in a foreign language. In addition, staff and pupils alike enjoyed the tutor time quiz where they needed to figure out the badly translated band names. Well done if you won the prize for best tutor group in your year! Lessons throughout the day included aspects of foreign languages.

We were proud to offer a staggering range of languages to pupils from across the school, who came to lunchtime clubs to learn the basics. We had sessions about the language and culture of China, Wales, Greece, Thailand, Poland, Russia and Germany. Congratulations to the pupils who were able to get their "passport" stamped for all or most of the sessions! Staff running the sessions were blown away by the enthusiasm and curiosity of the pupils taking part.

Once again, we ran our very popular languages film night. Pupils watched the French film *Ernest et Célestine*, accompanied with the obligatory portion(s) of popcorn and fizzy drinks. The pupils were extremely well behaved and they seemed to find the film funny and entertaining!

Finally, four year 10 language ambassadors are due to make the trip to Stafford Leys to teach year 6 pupils about school subjects. We look forward to seeing some future South Charnwood pupils, as well as showcasing the amazing Key Stage 4 pupils we have studying GCSE French and their leadership and communication skills.

We are extremely proud of the culture around languages that we have developed at South Charnwood High School. Due to our regular extra-curricular activities and our outstanding GCSE results, we are firmly established as one of the more popular GCSE options. We now have our first GCSE cohort of Spanish and we look forward to seeing their progress throughout this academic year.



MUSIC LESSON HEADPHONES

All students are required to have a pair of wired headphones for use with the Music computers. This will enable them to fully focus on their work and aid in their composition projects. The headphones need to have a small jack plug.

Headphones are available to purchase from Mrs Parrott for a cost of £1.



MOBILE PHONE POLICY

Please could all parents and carers look out for an email sent on Thursday 15th October via ParentPay containing our new mobile phone policy.

The policy comes into effect on Wednesday 28th October. All pupils will have had an assembly explaining the phone pouches by this date.

Please discuss this with your child to ensure they fully understand the new school policy.

TEEN HEALTH

We would like to remind you of a service based in school called Teen Health.

Teen Health work with young people aged 11-19 on three key areas:

- Mental and emotional wellbeing (self-esteem, body image, resilience etc.)
- Healthy relationships (friendships, bullying, violence etc.)
- Risky behaviours (substance and alcohol misuse).



Our allocated worker, Lisa Preston, will be at South Charnwood High School every Wednesday delivering workshops, 1-1s and lunchtime drop-ins.

Anyone can refer including the young person, parent or school. (Please note that Teen Health require consent primarily from the young person to work with them.)

[You can find more information and the referral form here.](#)

LEICESTER YOUNG CARERS

The Leicestershire Young Carers Team would like to make you aware of a new confidential text support service available to Young Carers aged 13 - 18. It is called SIDEKICK and is run by the charity Action for Children. [All the information about the service can be found here.](#)

This service is a great opportunity for Young Carers to access support in a quick, confidential and anonymous way.

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS – Pupil Achievements Outside School

We know our pupils are talented in all sorts of ways, not just in the classroom! We'd love to celebrate their successes and achievements outside of school too.

Has your child been **excelling at a sport, performing on stage, volunteering, raising money for charity, helping others or making a difference in their community?** We want to hear about it!

Send your news (and, if possible, a photo) to media@southcharnwood.org and you could see their achievement celebrated in a future newsletter!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Tuesday 3rd November, Ski Trip Meeting, 5-6pm
- Wednesday 11th November, Remembrance Day
- 16-20th November, Year 11 Mock Exams
- Friday 20th November, Non-school uniform day in aid of Children in Need
- Thursday 26th November, SCUBA network meeting