

St Philip's C of E Primary School

11th September 2026

Dates for your Diary.

Sunday 13th – Back to School
Sunday Service St. Philips church, all welcome, 10.30 am

Every Thursday morning
before School
Choco Church in church!

Mon 14th pm- Greenbank and Birkdale visits to Year 5 and 6

Each Friday - Year 4 swimming

Harvest- Monday 12th October in church (pm, time to be confirmed)

Parent meetings- class teachers
Weds 21st October (afternoon)

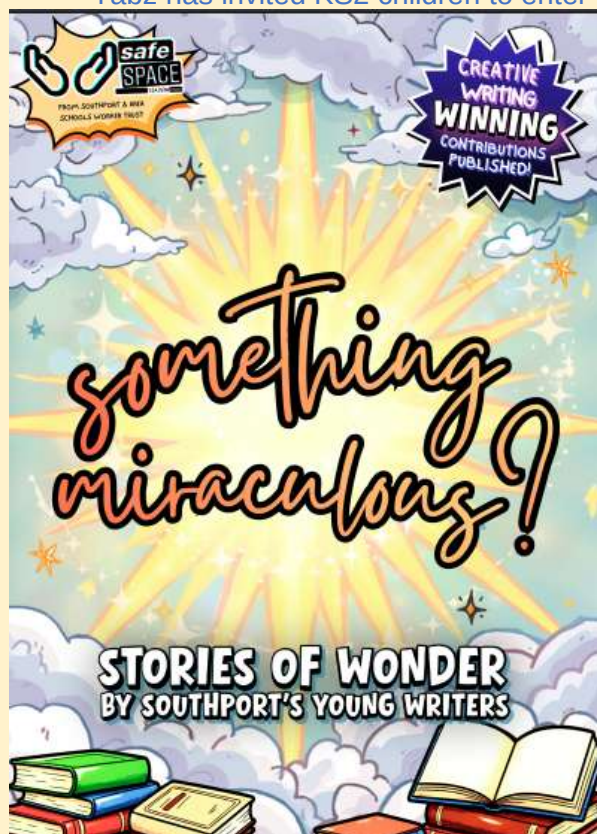
P.S High School Open Evening
Dates are out for Y5 and Y6.
Check high schools individually.

The Mayor's Civic Service



A number of our children attended the Civic Service, where they read prayers beautifully and were excellent representatives of our school. We were especially proud of how clearly and thoughtfully they spoke. A special thank you to Gladys, who was there representing both our school and her Brownie group. It was wonderful to see our pupils taking part in such an important community event and demonstrating our school values so well.

Tabz has invited KS2 children to enter a story writing competition – 500 words.



COULD YOUR STORY BE PUBLISHED IN A REAL BOOK?

Imagine opening a professionally printed book and finding your name and your story inside it. We're searching for Southport's young writers to create 500-word stories filled with imagination, wonder and the unexpected. One hundred selected stories will be published in our book: "Something Miraculous? – Stories of Wonder by Southport's Young Writers."

One overall winner will be announced at a special book launch at Christ Church during Southport's Books Alive festival—and their story will be read aloud to a live audience!

THE CHALLENGE:

Write an original short story of no more than 500 words in which something miraculous happens.

Your miracle could be enormous or almost unnoticed; mysterious, funny, dramatic, faith-inspired, fantastical or surprisingly ordinary. It might change a life, answer a deep hope, reveal something hidden or make the impossible possible.

You decide what "miraculous" means in your story.

HOW TO WRITE:

Need some help structuring your story?

1. Opening – Who, when and where: Introduce the setting and a character who needs something?
2. Build Up – Create a problem: what gets in their way? Develop interest and/or suspense.
3. Dilemma – The problem reaches its peak. Raise the stakes: what could be lost, discovered or changed?
4. Resolution – Make it miraculous! Slow down the action and bring the moment to life.
5. Closing – What's the difference? What has changed by the end?

Start close to the action, use a small cast and choose vivid details. Show how your character reacts and finish with a memorable final line.

HOW TO ENTER:

Go to www.saswtrust.com/miracle or scan the QR code below

WHO CAN ENTER?

KS2 and KS3 young writers who live, attend school or have another clear connection with the Southport area.

WHAT TO SUBMIT?

One original story of up to 500 words. The title does not count towards the word limit.

WHEN'S THE DEADLINE?

Submit by 11.59pm on Friday 9 October 2026.

How?

Ask a parent or carer to upload your story as a DOC, DOCX or PDF via the webpage. (Your school does not need to submit it for you.)

Your story must be your own writing—do not use AI to write or rewrite it. Keep it suitable for a family audience and do not include private contact information.

Don't forget to join in with the full Books Alive festival – a reimagined literature festival designed for families and young readers. Running through half-term, the event will fill the town with storytelling installations, live performances and author-led workshops, turning Southport into a living storybook. There's even free "Miracles Alive" interactive storytelling sessions in Christ Church on 29th and 30th October running 10am, 11am, 1pm and 2pm. Plus, an event for grown ups to raise funds for your book! All the details online – just scan the QR code or go to www.saswtrust.com/miracle





RSE parent information meeting

Thank you to all our parents and carers who came along to our RSE consultation.

It is so important to us that you have a clear understanding of what your child is learning, the resources we use, and the opportunity to ask questions and share your views.

We were genuinely surprised and delighted to see so many of you attend. Your support, interest and engagement mean a great deal to us and help us to work together to support our children.

Thank you once again for taking the time to come along!



	You've been Spotted		Behaviour award	Star of the week	Math' Magician	Handwriting and presentation award
	Name	Christian Value				
R	Alfey	Friendship	Coby	Aine	Emily	Lilly
1	George L	Friendship	Brody	Toby	Christopher	Sofia
2	Phoebe	Kindness	Isaac	Una	Talia	Mia
3	Tucker	Determination	Amelia	River	Freddie	Olivia H
4	Ellie W	Perseverance	Logan	Ailsa	Thane	Skyla
5	Charlotte	Helpfulness	Ophelia	Sasha	Lain	Gladys
6	Melodeigh	Dedication	Okitha	Darcy	Ayaan	Ben

This week's attendance winners are: Reception and Year 2 with 100% attendance

Reception - 100%
 Year One - 98.6%
 Year Two - 100%
 Year Three - 97.3%
 Year Four - 99.3%
 Year Five - 99.3%
 Year Six - 98.6%