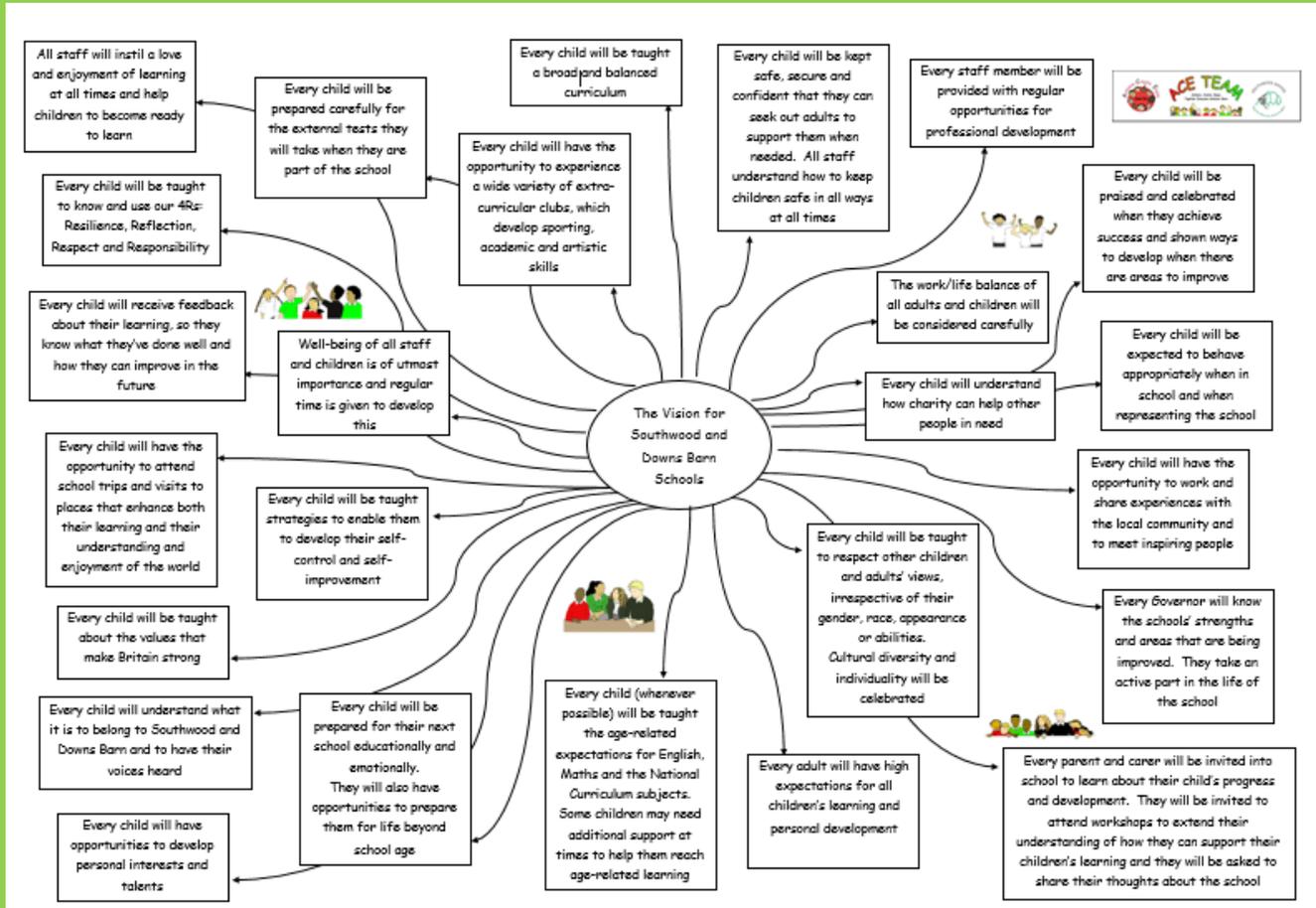


Southwood and Downs Barn Schools' Vision



At Southwood and Downs Barn, the children and staff members have been working on what we feel we want as a vision for everyone who learns, or works at the two schools. We will be displaying this vision on both sites and will continually work to ensure we meet every aim.

Sponsored Walk

A special thank you to Keegan, Tyler, Fabian, Abbie-Mae, Esme, Jack and Nicholas who raised fantastic amounts for the Sponsored Walk. The school raised £581.04 in total!

Welcome

We have welcomed two new members of staff, Mrs Donovan and Mrs Satish, who are supporting children's learning in the school.

Attendance

Please remember that holidays during school term time will not be authorised and that a Fixed Penalty Notice may be issued by Milton Keynes Local Authority in these cases.

Last year, several families received Fixed Penalty Notices at Southwood School and our overall attendance for the year was 96.5%. The expectation is 97%.

If you need further clarification, please visit Milton Keynes Council's website for the information:

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schools-and-lifelong-learning/information-for-parents/milton-keynes-council-school-attendance>

Head Lice

Unfortunately, we already know that we have some unwelcome visitors in the school, so please check your child's hair regularly and please tie long hair up, to prevent children coming into contact with the adult lice. The advice below is from the NHS website.

How to get rid of head lice

Treat head lice as soon as you spot them. You should check everyone in the house and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day. There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

Wet combing

Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing. You should try this method first. You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits.

There may be instructions on the pack, but usually you:

- wash hair with ordinary shampoo
- apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do)
- comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends (it usually takes about 10 minutes to comb short hair, and 20 to 30 minutes for long, frizzy or curly hair. Do wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is free of lice on day 17.

Medicated lotions and sprays

Ask a pharmacist for advice if you have tried wet combing for 17 days, but your child still has live head lice. They may recommend using medicated lotions and sprays. These kill head lice in all types of hair, and you can buy them from pharmacies, supermarkets or online. Head lice should die within a day. Some lotions and sprays come with a comb to remove dead lice and eggs. Some treatments need to be repeated after a week to kill any newly hatched lice. Check the pack to see if they're OK for you or your child and how to use them. If lotions or sprays do not work, speak to a pharmacist about other treatments.

Royal Institute of Science

On 9th October, we have been lucky enough to invite The Royal Institute of Science into Southwood School. The children will be educated and entertained during the school day, the teachers are having a special session to help the teaching of Science and we will also have a Community performance from 5.30pm to 6.30pm, to which parents are warmly invited (it is a free event!). We are really looking forward to it.

Science in schools shows

Create a buzz about science at your school with explosive shows from the Royal Institution. Support children's science education, meet CPD requirements for teachers, and raise funds for your school.



Dates for your diary:

Tue 15th October:	TLC
Thu 17th October:	TLC
Thu 24th October:	End of Half Term
Mon 4th November:	Children return to school
Fri 15th November:	Children in Need
Fri 20th December:	End of Term

Cross Country

The Milton Keynes Cross Country Championships will take place on Saturday 19th October. Mr Pretorius will let you know if your child has been selected to take part, so that you may be able to come along and support the school!

Keep checking our blog site to see what each class has been doing recently:

boulevardblogs.net

It can also be accessed by clicking the image below on the school website. Look for this picture:

Visit the school's website for general school information and copies of recent letters. <http://www.boulevardprimarypartnership.org.uk/home-sw>

