



THE SOHO SCOOP

News and Views from Soho Parish

26/05/2022

Headline



As the long weekend approaches, I hope all our families are looking forward to time together. Next term brings the promise of sunshine and outdoor events, including the Food Feast (please sign up!), International Evening, Active week and Sports Day. We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Thursday 9th June**.

Assessments for the children began this term, with Y6 and Y2 taking national assessments. Both classes have risen beautifully to the challenge, with many children saying they enjoyed the experience. We are delighted with the children's progress, given the challenges of the past two years. Assessments for all classes take place early next term, and these will inform the end of year reports.



We've had a spate of Art competitions this term too, and preliminary judging took place this week for the next set of Christmas lights. Watch this space for festive news!

Louise

Diary Dates

27th May – Last day of term

9th June – First day of term

WC 13th June – Assessment week

18th and 19th June – Soho Food Feast

27th June – School photos

WC 4th July – Active week

8th July – Reports out to parents

10th July – Soho Parish Sunday service at St Anne's

18th July – International Evening

22nd July – Class 6 leavers' event

22nd July, 1:30pm – Last day of term

BELONG • BELIEVE • BECOME
DALESDOWN

Class 4 had the best time at our residential in Dalesdown. We excitedly left Soho Parish on Wednesday morning and made our way to the Chislehurst Caves in Kent where we learnt about how they are completely man made and overtime have

helped people shelter from the world wars, been mined for chalk and even been a mushroom farm. We got to Dalesdown in the afternoon and spread ourselves out amongst all of the fun activities. There was mini-golf, volleyball, football, basketball, table tennis, air hockey and so many more games for us to play. That night we had a talent show where we saw singing and dancing performances, comedy acts and even some origami. It took a while for our excited students to get to sleep but who can blame them with all of the activities going on.



The next day we had breakfast prepared by the lovely chef Amy (who made all of our delicious meals while we were at

Dalesdown), and made our way to a local farm. We were lucky to have a tour of the farm and saw sheep, cows, deer, chickens and 2 humongous pigs who had 10 little piglets to look after. The farmer taught us all about the local plants and wildlife and let us know that the house he lived in was over 800 years old! The rest of the afternoon was spent playing all of the activities and using the adventure trail with a ropes course and zipline which was definitely a highlight.



We had a rainy morning on Friday so we spread ourselves out inside playing indoor games and watching a movie. After lunch we piled all of the tired students and some very tired teachers onto the bus and made our way back to Soho Parish. We all had a terrific time and wish we could go back again this week!

Well done and a big thank you to everyone involved in making Dalesdown possible, it was a trip that students and teachers will never forget!



We would like to share a couple of Worship events that have occurred during this term. Starting with the most recent, last week we held the official opening of our 'Prayer Room' with RE & Worship Ambassadors Jenny (Louise's mum), Revds Simon and Paul, Louise and Jacky, in attendance. This was a very special occasion as the creation of a 'Prayer/Reflective' space in the school has been under discussion, for a while, and we would like to offer our utmost gratitude to Jenny who has made this wish a reality. The room is set up beautifully with a peaceful ambience which enhances the thoughtful, creative and spiritual activities. The Opening Ceremony, with a snip of a ribbon, speeches, prayers and try outs of the activities was highly enjoyable. Classes have begun to visit this fun yet meditative room and we would like to thank Jenny and Revd Simon and Paul for launching this wonderful space within the school.



Due to our timetable, our Easter Service took place on the first Friday of this term. Reception and Class One visited St. Anne's Church for their first joint Assembly, on the very first day of the term. All of the adults were so impressed by their enthusiasm, participation and focus during this visit. On the Friday of that week, Classes 2-6 gathered

altogether for the first time since early 2020 and held an Easter Service, at St. Anne's Church. Being together as a whole community, in one hall was celebratory. The superbly written poems by Classes 2 and 5, readings across the year groups, hymns sung by all who attended, the highly entertaining yet full of messages skit from Revd Simon allowed children and adults alike to celebrate this important time in the Christian calendar. We would like to extend further thanks to Lucy, who accompanied us on the piano for all singing rehearsals and during the Service, Revd Simon and Jake from St. Anne's too.





On Monday 18th July, Soho Parish will be celebrating the diversity of cultures in our school with our annual International Evening celebration. The evening will run from 4.30pm until 6.00pm and all the festivities will take place outside in the playground (weather permitting!). There will be exciting performances from individuals and groups of children and we will be collecting a small donation on entry via the doors on Great Windmill Street.

You are also encouraged to bring some food or drink from your culture to share (or from any culture in which you have culinary skills!) These can either be left in the Little Kitchen on Thursday morning or you can bring it with you at 4.30pm. All food will be served during the evening in the Class 1 classroom.

Soho Food Feast Needs You!

Calling all parents: the Soho Food Feast is less than 4 weeks away and we need your help! We take over St. Anne's Garden's for the weekend of **18th and 19th June** for one of the school's major fundraisers. Restaurants from across Soho will come to cook samples for their delicious food, and each plate sold contributes to the school. But the Food Feast is also only possible because the school community - parents (past and present), staff and teachers generously support it with their time.

You could do one (or all!) of three things:

1. Volunteer!
2. Promote the event
2. Donate an item for the Raffle.

1. Volunteer!

The school community is at the heart of the Food feast through volunteering. The food for sale is given to us by Soho restaurants, but we need many volunteers to do a variety of things:

- Setting up and clearing up.
- Working behind the bar.
- Supervising children's activities
- Helping at the gate.
- Selling cake or raffle tickets

- and many other tasks

Please have a look at the roles we have through this link, and sign up for one (or ideally 2!) shifts. Volunteers get free entry to the Food Festival and a food token when they complete their shift.

SIGN UP HERE: <https://signup.com/go/xfgezvs>

Any questions, drop us a line on sohofoodfeast@sohoparish.co.uk

2. Promote the Food Feast

The Soho Food Feast is open to anyone who buys a ticket - invite your friends, invite your neighbours. Invite even your enemies, if they buy a ticket. Please pass the word around, and follow us on twitter <https://twitter.com/sohofoodfeast>

instagram: <http://instagram.com/sohofoodfeast>

facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sohofoodfeast>

3. Donate an item for the raffle

Do you or your company have something for the Soho Food Feast Raffle? Please send us your ideas or pledges - these can be food related, goodies or vouchers. They all help raise funds for the school!

Please contact us

at sohofoodfeast@sohoparish.co.uk



The poster features a central illustration of a silver cooking pot on a saucer, surrounded by a vibrant, detailed collage of various food items including vegetables, fruits, bread, and seafood. The text is prominently displayed in bold, black and red fonts.

10th
SOHO FOOD FEAST
JUNE 18th & 19th 2022

BAR CRISPIN, GROUCHO, STICKS N SUSHI, LINA STORES
CEVICHE, KOYA, KRICKET, BRASSERIE ZEDDEL, BAO,
BANANA TREE, UGLY DUMPLING, PHO, KASA AND KIN,
DUCKSOUP, NORMA, PITSTOP, GUNPOWDER, DEAN STREET
TOWNHOUSE, SUSSEX RESTAURANT, DEHESA, ANDREW
EDMUNDS, HAM YARD, RASA SAYANG, BRINDISA,
MALBY AND GREEK, MELE E PERE, CECCONI PIZZA BAR
BLACKLOCK, FLAT IRON, GAUTHIER, PARADISE, RITAS,
OLD COMPTON BRASSERIE AND...
GUEST APPEARANCE FROM SOHO FOOD FEAST FOUNDER
MARGOT HENDERSON OBE

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW
WWW.SOHOFOODFEAST.CO.UK

The SoHo Society presents the 47th

SOHO VILLAGE FETE



Tug of War

Dancing Horse

Spaghetti eating

Waiters Race

Jubilee Dog Show

Fruit

Tea & Cake

Snails

Cabaret

SUNDAY 10th JULY

2022 12 noon - 6pm

Admission FREE

St. Anne's Garden, Wardour St, W1

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Jubilee Arts Festival: Family Day
Saturday 4 June, 12:00–5:00 PM

Kick start your Jubilee weekend and drop in to our free family festival, where children's authors, artists and performers bring the historic moment to life through readings, performances and art trails. Activities include:

- **12:00–4:00 PM | The Royal Trail**
Pick up a children's activity sheet with puzzles on magnificent monarchs and fuzzy friends.
- **12:30 & 3.30 PM | Two Musical Workshops with Members of Fantasia Orchestra**
An hour of fun-filled music making with members of the acclaimed Fantasia Orchestra. All instruments provided!
- **1:00 PM | Poetry Workshop for Older Teens with Theresa Lola (meet in the Central Gallery at 12.45pm)**
Entitled 'I Come from Everywhere', this workshop is about writing poems to spectacularly introduce us to the world. We will explore the places, cultures, music, events and other things that have individually and collectively shaped us into who we are. This workshop is aimed at 14 - 18 year olds.
- **2:00 PM | A Reading with Michael Morpugo**
Join Michael Morpugo as he reads his new book, *There Once Is A Queen*, illustrated by Michael Foreman, telling the story of Queen Elizabeth II's life beginning with planting an oak tree with her father as a child.
- **3:00 PM | Battle of the Bears: Winnie the Pooh vs Paddington Debate with Intelligence Squared**
In this family-friendly debate, we pit two of the most beloved characters of British children's fiction against each other. William Sieghart, author and

founder of the Forward Prizes for Poetry, will champion Winnie-the-Pooh, the loveable 'bear of very little brain' who will do whatever it takes to get his hands on a pot of honey. Katherine Rundell, children's author and academic, will make the case for Paddington, the polite, often clumsy and confused orphan from darkest Peru, who usually has a marmalade sandwich tucked under his hat 'in case of emergencies'. The debate will be chaired by Nicolette Jones, author and children's book editor of The Sunday Times. Join us for an event that will appeal to bear lovers of all ages.

- **12:00–4:00 PM | Charlie Mackesy Drawing Station**

The illustrations of artist and author Charlie Mackesy are celebrated for distilling life's fundamental truths and pleasures. To accompany a selling exhibition of original works depicting characters from his bestselling book *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse*, children can express their creativity with colouring sheets created by Mackesy.

[Click here to book!](#)