



An Amazing Year ahead!!

I've left it a bit late to say Happy New Year this year but I hope you're all off to a good start!

This year will be spectacular for Southport. Along with the Air Show, Flower Show and Fireworks Competition, work will shortly begin on the rejuvenation of the waterfront and pier! But the icing on the cake this year will be a number of events that will directly involve our children as the year progresses.

If you've not heard already, take a look at Page 2 to find out about **Light Port**, I've seen the plans...it's **BIG!**

There will be amazing performances in the town as part of **Crystal Palace** during the 3rd and 4th March. Our children will need to get their dancing shoes on for this! There will be a **Big Top Festival** celebrating the towns' circus links and to top it all a **Books Alive** reading festival in the Autumn Term. There are a few more events happening that will involve our school so keep an eye out both here and in on social media platforms.

When I grew up, the only fun we had was watching Rotherham United lose at football every week. This is an amazing place to live and so let's celebrate this year. And be proud!

SAFER INTERNET DAY—This will be on Tuesday, 10th February. The theme will be 'smart tech, safe choices,' with a focus on the safe use of AI.

Please note that other than the parent schools links, the only media platform we now use is **INSTAGRAM**. Please search up Birkdale Primary and you'll find us.

Children's Mental Health Week—This will run from 9th-13th February with each class taking part in age appropriate activities during the week.

This Year's **LOVE MY COMMUNITY** day which is undertaken by all the schools in Southport will raise funds for Elsie's Story, Bebe's Hive and Alice's Wonderdance.

It will be **MUFTI** for this on **Friday, 13th February. £1 per family please.**

The children have been hearing me talk about birds in assemblies and this is because we will be taking part in the **Big Schools' Birdwatch** over the next few weeks. I've told them all about the preserved sparrow nests that we have around our new gutters and the Juniors saw a bird checking out our camera birdbox during their assembly on Monday! Any bird food donations welcome!

Mark King from the **Oliver King Foundation** will kindly be teaching all our Year 6 CPR and how to use a defibrillator with his team on February 5th!

ADVANCE NOTICE OF WORLD BOOK DAY—This will be an opportunity for all those children who would like to come into school dressed as a book character can do so. This will be on Thursday, 5th March.

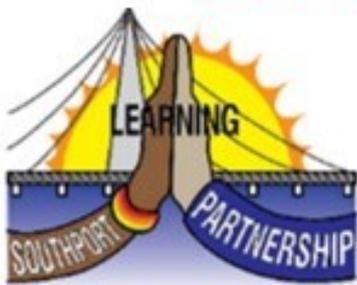
4M—there will be a **Recorder Performance** at 1.50 pm 4M on Friday, 13th February

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Light Port

A poster for the 'Light Port' event. The background features a vibrant, abstract pattern of curved lines in shades of orange, red, and white, resembling a rainbow or light trails. The title 'LIGHT PORT' is written in large, bold, light green letters on the left. In the top right corner, the text reads 'AN IMMERSIVE LIGHT AND SOUND EXPERIENCE THAT WILL WRAP YOU IN A RAINBOW'. Below the title, the event details are listed: '14 - 16 FEBRUARY | 17.00 - 21.00 | FREE', 'LORD STREET, SOUTHPORT', and 'WWW.SOUTHPORT2026.COM'. At the bottom right, there is a logo for '2026 SOUTHPORT Elegantly eccentric'. Along the bottom edge, several logos are displayed, including Liverpool City Region, Merseyside, Liverpool City Region, and Southport Council.

There are a number of exciting new events coming to Southport in 2026! The first event of the year is 'Light Port'!



Southport Learning Partnership, which is run by the Headteachers from all our primary and secondary schools across Southport, are keen to get the children in all our schools involved in the forthcoming events.

A couple of representatives from each of our schools will be able to meet with Lucid, the team responsible for Light Port and take part in the press launch and then return to school to tell all the children about it.

We will also have a Window of Light activity where some children will be able to create Rainbow Windows which will be displayed in Southport Market. Look out for the BPS badge to find ours during the event!

14th—16th FEBRUARY