

Newsletter

22 April 2026

Climbing into a book...

Don't forget that we are celebrating "World Literacy Day" tomorrow!

- Children are encouraged to dress up as storybook characters. Please include a label (pin a note or make a copy of the book cover to wear around the neck) indicating which book title their character has come from.
- **Kid's Haven have a book sale on in the hall today and tomorrow.** The books are really cheap, so remember to send your child with some pocket money or pop in yourself to browse. Buying a book is a really good investment and teaches your child to value books and treat them with respect and love.



And while we're emphasising reading...why not spend a little extra time reading a book to your child? If they are older, we would recommend turning off the TV and spending some family time reading your own books quietly in each other's company. It's a beautifully calming experience and a great start to "happily ever after"!

He's bullying me...

Although we do understand that bullying is a real thing and should be aggressively rooted out whenever it rears its ugly head, we would just like to gently caution you not to "abuse" the word or label all childhood behaviour as bullying.

The definition of bullying is *unwanted, aggressive, and repeated behaviour involving a real or perceived power imbalance, designed to intentionally harm, distress, or intimidate another person.*

The following does **not** constitute bullying:

- Your child accidentally being bumped, kicked or hit by another child or ball while playing on the playground or running to class.
- One child deciding they do not want to play with another child.
- One child responding to provocation and reacting in anger towards another child.

Please be careful if your child says things like, "He ALWAYS does..." or "She NEVER plays...". Ask your child to **list specific examples**. In reality, it is often a random or once-off occurrence that can be easily addressed.

Children are learning to express themselves and negotiate a world of complex social relationships. We are guiding them to use kind words and the correct channels of correction. Please allow children to be children. As teachers, we do promise to assist if your child's feelings are hurt or if they are physically hurt, but let's reserve the term "bullying" for real, repetitive, intentional cases.

Our school takes bullying extremely seriously and we will deal with it radically and quickly. That being said we are happy to report that "real" bullying is extremely rare at Solids.



Shadow show...

Our preschool teachers are going all out with a "shadow show" this Friday. The teachers mime out a fairy story, back-lit, behind a big white sheet. The children are only able to see their silhouettes. It is usually a very fun and awe-inducing experience for the children.



Tarzan and Jane...

Our Grade 5-7 pupils will be acrobanching and swinging from high ziplines through the trees next week Thursday. Please remember to return your indemnity forms. It's a fear-conquering and skill-building annual treat for our senior pupils.

Chess champs...

The Solid Foundations Chess Club players participated in the Kempton Park Schools Individuals tournament. More than 300 players went head-to-head. Eight of our learners participated against 'heavy weights' and did very well. Unathi Moyo, Gandzelo Rikhotso, Naledi Mthombo, Shaun Motloun, Cayden Saveri and Ethan Griesel were our brave soldiers.

Leben Machuisa and Mkhongoteri Mdhluli were in the top 10 for their age groups and qualify for the Ekurhuleni District Finals. Well done to our team!



Soccer star...

Amo Kodisang (Grade 5) has been selected to represent KJ Sports at the upcoming IBERCUP Soccer Tournament taking place from 29 June - 05 July 2026 in Estoril, Portugal. What an honour! Congratulations, and we wish young Amo well.

Senior primary camp...

Don't forget that Grade 5-7 camp fees are R2200 this year. You can add R320 to your school fees this month and already make your first down-payment towards your child having a rich and fun reward at the end of their exams.



Public Holidays ahead...

School will be closed on Monday the 27th of April and Friday the 1st of May.

WE ARE, HOWEVER, OPEN AND ACTIVELY TEACHING ON THE 28th, 29th and 30th.

Pizza and bookbags

Grade RRR-2 will swap out their bookbags as usual this week. Please return bookbags tomorrow and report badly damaged books to us on:

<https://forms.gle/hwZxp6ZHpd41NWrD8> or with a general email if you'd prefer, so that your family will not be held accountable for the damage.

A reminder that you can place orders tomorrow for your child to have pizza on Friday (optional). Orders for pizza are taken in at the office for R40. Hotdogs and tuck will be sold on Friday.

Prayerfully and playfully

The Staff of Solid Foundations

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Classifieds...

Do you want to focus on early literacy skills (3 to 6 years) and reading support (7-13 years)?

Little Readers Classes will be on Wednesdays from 13:00.

Fee structure is termly - R1170 per term.

Give Your Child an Academic Advantage

Our Little Readers program is the **perfect solution.**

Through our fun, **sensory-integrated lessons**, we build a strong reading foundation that sets the stage for **lifelong reading enjoyment** and **academic success.**

Enroll today and **give your child the head start** they deserve!

We don't just teach kids to read – we teach them to **LOVE** it!

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Remedial assistance...

Looking for a private tutor after school hours for your Grade 1-3 child? Ndivhuwo Enock Netshilungwi has done his teaching practicums at Solid Foundations. He currently has a Bachelor of Education degree (Foundation Phase) and would like to work at Solids after school hours with Grade 1-3 pupils who are struggling in any academic area, working on CAPS-alignment, homework support, confidence building and overall academic assistance.

Programme Overview:

- Literacy (phonics, reading, comprehension)
- Numeracy (number recognition, basic operations, problem-solving)
- Homework support and revision
- Schedule:
 - 2-3 afternoons per week
 - 1-2 hours per session

Pricing:

- R100-R150 per session per learner (parent-funded)

Please feel free to contact Mr Netshilungwi at 063-542-1857 or email netshilungwindi@gmail.com

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EXPERT TUTORING FOR GRADE R – 3

Focus Areas:

- Literacy (phonics, reading, comprehension)
- Numeracy (number recognition, basic operations, problem-solving)
- Homework support and revision

Teaching Approach:

- CAPS-aligned instruction
- Small-group support
- Individual learner attention

LOCATION: Solid Foundations Primary School

- 2-3 afternoons per week
- 30 minutes to 2 hours per session

Benefits of the program learners:

- Improved reading and numeracy skills.
- Increased confidence and classroom participation.
- Individual academic support.

Benefits for Parents:

- Peace of mind knowing learners receive academic support after school
- Reduced homework-related stress

Invest in your child's success today!

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For enquiries, please use the contact details above and not the school contacts.



Get out there...

Our "get out there" drive is back in swing. Thank you for taking the school mascots to new and interesting places! Even without a mascot, get your child away from screens and out into the wonderful world around us!

