

# Southglade Newsletter

January 2025



Dear Parents and carers,

The spring term is now fully underway at Southglade and the children are all settled in their classes and enjoying their new topics.

## New Build Update

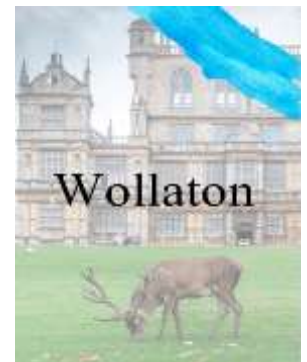
You will have noticed that the Key Stage 1 and Early Years building has now nearly been demolished. It comes with a feeling of sadness to think of all the memories that have been created in that building over the last 60 years but also an air of excitement as the new era of Southglade comes even closer to being achieved. It is expected that the building will be fully demolished by the middle of next week and then we will see an increase of traffic on site as they begin to remove all the debris and rubble. Please ensure that your children are at school by 8:45am each day because as the site becomes busier there may not always be someone available to unlock the school gate straight away after 8:50am.



## House Champions



Well done to Wollaton House who were our House Champions last half term. All the children in Wollaton House were rewarded with some Christmas chocolates. The house points have now been reset and the children are already earning tokens to try and be this half term's winning house.



## Jewellery

We are noticing an increase in children wearing jewellery to school. Please be reminded that in line with our uniform policy the only items of jewellery permitted to be worn by pupils are a **watch or stud earrings**. We will ask any child who is wearing any item of jewellery, other than those stated, to remove it during the school day and we will return it to them at home time. Jewellery is the responsibility of the pupil and school and any lost or damaged items will not be refunded.

Our uniform policy can be found on our website:

<https://www.southgladeprimary.co.uk/uniform-information/>

## Lost Property



We have a very overflowing lost property box in the main reception foyer containing everything from cardigans, jumpers, trousers, coats, socks, gloves and even shoes! Please pop in and have a rummage through if you are missing any items. It is located in the key stage 2 building near main reception.

## Parent Voice

We love to hear your suggestions about how we can continue to make changes to improve the provision we provide at Southglade and really value the contributions you make to our school. Please send any suggestions to [admin@southglade.nottingham.sc.uk](mailto:admin@southglade.nottingham.sc.uk) and will endeavour to put them into action. We will update our parent voice page of the website with any news of requests we have been able to make a reality.

## Governor Vacancy

We still have a vacancy for a parent governor. If you are interested in becoming governor or would like to find out more about this role please contact school to discuss further.

## Free School Meals

If, due to the recent events, your working situation has changed you may now be eligible for benefits related free school meals. Please follow the link below which will take you to the on-line application form. If your application is successful and you qualify for FSM, you will then be entitled to receive for your child/ren either a free Southglade school bag, Southglade fleece or an item of uniform of your choice,

<https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/information-for-residents/education-and-schools/benefits-for-school-aged-children/free-school-meals-and-free-milk/>

Children entitled to Free School Meals also receive a supermarket voucher during the school holidays to help families with the cost of food. **The next vouchers for £15 per child will be issued in the February half term holiday.**

As a school we'll also receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve educational provision and resources to help pupils reach their full potential regardless of their background or financial situation.

## Parent Contacts and Phone Numbers



It is essential that we have up to date mobile phone numbers for all our parent / carer contacts. If you have changed your number recently can you please make sure your new phone number is shared with us. On a number of occasions, we have had difficulties contacting a parent as we have incorrect contact details. We are also required by law to have at least two emergency contacts for each child. If your emergency contacts have changed please ensure that you let school know so we can update our system.

## Parking and Road Safety

We are still receiving complaints from parents and local residents about dangerous driving and inconsiderate parking around school. Could we please ask that if you are bringing children to school by car, you park safely, away from the school gates and with due consideration to the safety of all pupils.

**The Highway Code states:**

**Rule 243**

**DO NOT stop or park:**

- Near a school entrance



- **Opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space**
- **Anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services**

## Attendance

Thank you to everyone who has helped support with attendance so far this year. The government are determined that children should be in school as much as possible as there are strong links between good attendance and academic achievement and life chances.

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

Our whole school attendance is currently 94.2%.

**Well done to 5S who are current attendance leaders for the year with a fantastic 96.1%.**



Class Number	Polar Bears	Penguins	1H	1B	2C	2H	3M	3S	4E	4H	5CS	5S	6S	6F
Attendance	93.1%	90.1%	93.8%	91.8%	92.7%	95.5%	92.2%	94.5%	94.7%	94.4%	95%	96.1%	95.7%	95.4%

**Please be reminded that school starts at 8:45am.** Our school gates open at 8:35am so that children have plenty of time to get to class ready to start their learning at 8:45am. After 8:45am your child is late for school and will need to report to the main reception.

At Southglade we want all children to reach their maximum potential and this can only be achieved with excellent attendance. **Any child with attendance below 90% is considered a persistent absentee** and if a child of compulsory school age, who is registered at a school, fails to attend regularly then the parent is guilty of an offence under section 444(1) of the Education Act 1996. School will do everything we can to work with our families to support with attendance but sadly if attendance fails to improve then we will have no option but to make a referral to Education Welfare that can result in a penalty notice.

As a school we are working hard to ensure that all our pupils are in school as much as possible. This includes an attendance team in school who oversee pupil absences every day and take appropriate action. We also offer a range of incentives to reward classes and children who have good attendance.

This half term our attendance incentives are:

- The Southglade Attendance Shop is back! Pupils can earn Southglade pounds for each week they are in school without a day off. On a Friday those children who have been in school all week will be rewarded with a Southglade pound. On the last week of term, they will be able to spend their Southglade money at our Pop-Up Attendance shop.
- Highest attending Class for the half term – the class with the highest attendance from 06.01.25 – 14.02.25 – will win a pyjama day.
- Classes with attendance of 98% or higher for a week earn a spin on our Attendance Wheel to win a class prize
- Classes who achieve 100% attendance for a whole week win a class party (as well as a spin on the Attendance Wheel)



If your child is too unwell to attend school then please make sure you contact school before 9:00am on the first day (and any subsequent days) of your child's absence. You can leave a message on the answer phone giving your child's name, class and reason for absence or alternatively can email the same information to

[admin@southglade.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@southglade.nottingham.sch.uk)

This will prevent any unnecessary phone calls having to be made by school and also avoids staff having to carry out home visits. If we do not hear from you or are unable to contact you then we will carry out a home visit.



### Dates for your Diaries

Here are some important dates for your diary for this term:

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Children’s Mental Health Week

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Last day of term

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Half Term**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – School reopens

**INSET Day - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

Once again thank you for your continuing support in the development of our school and your child’s education.

Kind Regards

*A. Thomas*

Mrs Alison Thomas

(Head Teacher)