

Southglade Newsletter

December 2024



Dear Parents / carers,

It's definitely been a very busy and productive Autumn term as we have finally seen the building works commence for the new school and our younger children moving into their new classrooms. Whilst Christmas has been slightly different this year these final weeks have seen everyone get into the festive spirit with an abundance of Christmas activities.

We had a fantastic Christmas dinner day last Wednesday and a massive thank you goes out to our school cook, all the kitchen team and our mid-day supervisors who did an amazing job serving Christmas dinner to over 400 children (and staff). This was followed by Christmas Jumper day and a celebration of the Christmas story.

We finished the term with our annual great Big Christmas Sing-along this morning and Christmas parties this afternoon.



New Build Update

Our Key Stage 1 and early Years children are now settled into their new classrooms and routines. They (and staff) are really enjoying their new classrooms and in the new year we will invite parents / carers into school so you are able to see their new classrooms. They really have been amazing and adapted so well to all the changes.

A huge thank you as well to you, our parents and carers, for your support and cooperation over the last few weeks as we moved into the new building and adjusted to our new start and end of day routines.



Beckhampton Road Gate

You will have noticed that the main school gate on Beckhampton Road is now being operated by B&K. There is no means to communicate with school from this gate. Therefore, it is vital that all pupils arrive at school and are collected from school on time.

The school gates are only open from:

8:35am – 8:50am

3:10pm – 3:35pm

During the day we are operating an appointment only system and these will be shared with B&K at the start of each week. Any unexpected events that require access to the school site will be shared daily with B&K eg being collected or dropped off after a medical appointment, a child having to go home early if they unwell.

As B&K receive more deliveries for the new school there may be periods of time during the school day, that the gate is unmanned therefore it is essential we are able to share this information with them.

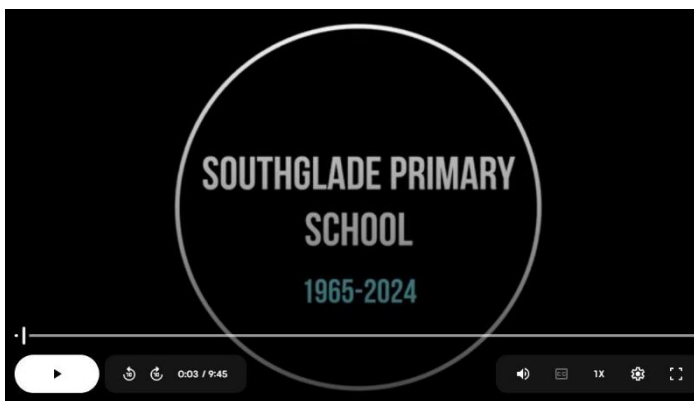
Drone Video

Just before we moved into the temporary school and before the current school is demolished, we had a drone video made as a memento of the original Southglade Primary.

You can find the link to the video on our school website:

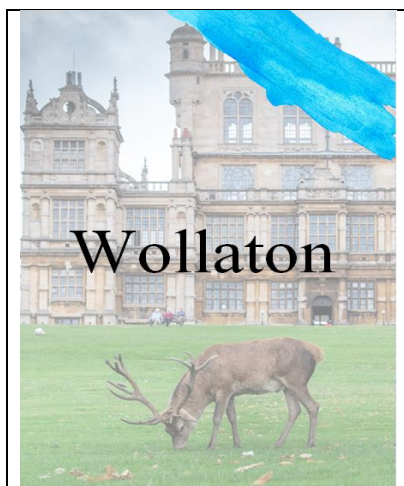
<https://www.southgladeprimary.co.uk/temporary-building-information-for-parents/>

There is a section towards the end (approximately 6 mins 40 secs) of the children saying a final farewell to the building.



House Points

Our winning house for this half term is Wollaton. All children in Wollaton House have received some Christmas sweets as a well done for collecting the most house points this term.



Attendance

Thank you to everyone who has helped support with attendance this half term.

Our whole school attendance is currently 94.5%.

Well done to 2H who are the current attendance leaders for the year with a fantastic 96.5%.

Class Number	Polar Bears	Penguins	1H	1B	2C	2H	3W	3S	4E	4H	5GS	5S	6S	6F
Attendance	92.8%	90.8%	94.9%	92.3%	92.3%	96.5%	92.7%	95.6%	94.6%	94%	95.2%	95.9%	95.8%	95.6%

The class with the highest attendance for this half term (4.11.2024 – 20.12.2024) is 5S with a wonderful 96.65%. All the children in 5S have received a Christmas Selection Box as a thank you for their great attendance this half term.

We also drew our 100% raffle this morning with 4 children winning a Christmas hamper as well as many other receiving a goodie bag for their outstanding attendance.

Please be reminded that **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. The government are determined that children should be in school as much as possible as there are strong links to academic achievement and **life chances**. Remember **parents that take children away on unauthorised holidays will be issued with a fixed penalty (fine)**.

Absence from School

All children should be in school every day. If your child is too unwell to attend then you must phone school on the first day of absence and provide a reason why your child is not in school. Where possible we ask that you provide a timeframe for your child's absence e.g 2 days. If you are unable to provide a timeframe then you must call each day. If a reasonable timescale has been agreed this will be recorded on the register by reception staff.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

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In January Education Welfare services will be launching a new attendance campaign '**Miss school-Miss out**'. During this time parents and carers will be sent regular attendance updates and Education Welfare will be running drop in sessions at local hubs. The new year is a perfect time to get back into good routines and to establish good attendance habits. Last half term 147 children achieved 100% attendance - it would be fantastic if we could get this even higher next half term!

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Every Day Counts!

Attendance matters. If your child's attendance for the year is...

95% = absent for 9 days	50 lessons missed
90% = absent for 19 days	100 lessons missed
85% = absent for 29 days	150 lessons missed
80% = absent for 38 days	200 lessons missed
75% = absent for 48 days	250 lessons missed

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Christmas Holidays Free School Meals Vouchers

If your child is entitled to benefits related free school meals then you should have received a £30 supermarket voucher, for each child over the Christmas holidays. These vouchers, containing an eCode, will have been sent to you from an account called Sodexo so please look out for it if you have not already.

If, due to the recent events, your working situation has changed and you think 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 as well as the supermarket voucher in February half term.

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

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.

Dates for your Diaries

Here are some dates for your diary:

Friday 20th December – school closes at the end of the school day for the Christmas holidays

Christmas Holidays: Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January 2025.

Monday 6th January 2025 – Children return to school

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2025 – Half Term Holiday

Finally, from all the Southglade team, thank you so much for all your ongoing support this year.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kind Regards and Best Wishes for 2025

A. Thomas

Mrs Alison Thomas

(Head Teacher)

