

# Southglade Newsletter

May 2026



Dear Parents and carers,

We are delighted to reach the end of our very first half term in our beautiful new school building. It has been a brilliant start—our new school has provided a wonderful space for learning, and it has been a joy to see how quickly the children have settled in and made it their own. From day one, we have been clear about our high expectations, and we are incredibly proud of how our pupils have risen to meet them, demonstrating positive attitudes, respect and a strong commitment to learning throughout.

School closes today – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – for the half term holiday and re-opens on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June for the final half term of this academic year.

## Well done to Year 6

Last week our year 6 pupils took their end of Key Stage 2 SATs. Their effort, attitude and behaviour were outstanding throughout, with them all trying their very best.

Well done year 6; we are super proud of you.



After the holidays they will return for their final half term with us. We have lots of lovely activities planned for them including rehearsing for their end of Year 6 play as well as preparing them for transition to their secondary schools. It will hopefully be a fun-filled and enjoyable end to their time at Southglade.

## Instagram Account



Southglade now has an official Instagram account, where we'll be sharing snapshots of school life, celebrating pupils' achievements, and keeping you up to date with events and activities. Please do follow us ([@southgladepriamaryschool](https://www.instagram.com/southgladepriamaryschool)) to see what's happening in and around our new school.

## Washing Machine

We have another new addition to our school – a washing machine. This is available for any of our families to use during the school day. Washing detergent is also provided. Please contact school if at any point you wish to use it.



## 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.

## Nut Free Packed Lunches and Snacks



We are a nut free school so please ensure that you do not send your child to school with products containing nuts, including peanut butter and Nutella chocolate spread. We do have children with nut allergies in school, so it is important that we keep school a nut free zone.

## New School Update

We are excited to share that Phase 3 of the building project is now underway, with the demolition of the old school having begun last week. The children have been fascinated to watch this process and there has been a real sense of excitement about the transformation taking place around them. This phase is due to be completed in the autumn term, and we are hopeful that when we return in September, we will be able to enjoy much more of our outdoor space. This will include fantastic new facilities such as a brand new MUGA, trim trail, climbing frame and a grass football pitch—we cannot wait to see this come to life.

In the meantime, however, our outdoor space remains very limited, and this is having an impact on how we are able to organise playtimes and lunchtimes safely. After the half term break, we have made the difficult decision that we can no longer have all classes outside at the same time. The reduced space increases the risk of children bumping into one another, and despite regular reminders, it is understandably very challenging for children to remain still and avoid running about in such a small area. Unfortunately, this has resulted in some avoidable injuries. **From after half term, Year 5 and Year 6 will follow a weekly rota for outdoor lunchtime access. Classes who remain inside will instead have supervised time on the playground at 1:30pm with their teacher. As Phase 3 progresses and access to the field is further restricted, it may be necessary to extend this approach to other year groups.**

We appreciate your understanding and support with this decision. As you will have seen during drop-off and pick-up times, space around the school is currently very limited, and the safety and wellbeing of all our children remains our highest priority.



There is also a page on our website documenting the whole build process from summer 2024. It is amazing to see how the school site has changed. [New Build Updates | Southglade Primary School](#)

## Water Bottles and Sun Cream



As the weather has now warmed up it is essential that all children bring a water bottle to school each day. These are kept in the children's classrooms and **must only contain water**. Juice and fizzy drinks are not allowed, apart from being unhealthy, they are also very difficult to clean up if they were to get spilt. If a child forgets their water bottle, they will be provided with a disposable cup to use for the day.

We have also spoken to all the children about wearing sun cream to school and you may also want to provide a sun hat / cap on hot days for your child to wear at playtimes and lunchtimes. We request that sun cream is applied in the morning before school.

## Pupil Premium Funding

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/>

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.

## Uniform



Thank you for your continuing support of the uniform policy and ensuring your children are always dressed in the correct uniform. Our uniform policy can be found on our website:

[Uniform Information | Southglade Primary School](#)

In summer, children are permitted to wear burgundy and white or red and white gingham school dresses or play suits— no other colours are allowed. These can be purchased from any of the large supermarket chains. Pupils are also permitted to wear black or grey school shorts. Inappropriate clothing or footwear will result in us lending a child appropriate clothing to wear for the day or if their footwear is deemed unsafe to play out in then they may be asked to stay in at playtimes and lunchtimes.

**Please can I remind you that crocs and flip flop style sandals are not allowed, and trainers must be all black.**

If you are struggling to provide the correct uniform including school shoes and would like support with this then please see a member of staff.

School Uniform
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan</li><li>✓ Grey or black trousers or school skirt/pinafore</li><li>✓ White school shirt /blouse or burgundy or white polo shirt</li><li>✓ Grey, black or white socks or tights</li><li>✓ Black school shoes</li><li>✓ On warm days - burgundy and white or red and white / checked school dresses or playsuits may be worn.</li><li>✓ School fleeces, reversible jackets, burgundy book bags and rucksacks are also available.</li></ul>
<b>PE Kit:</b> White T-shirt; black shorts; and plimsolls or trainers. No other sports wear (including football kits) are permitted to be worn. We have spare PE kit in school for children who forget their kit or bring inappropriate attire.

School are happy to accept donations of good condition second hand school uniform e.g. items your child may have outgrown that we can pass on to other parents at our nearly new uniform sales.

### **Dates for your Diaries**

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

**May Half Term: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May**

**Summer Term 2 starts – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4 Multiplication Check

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June- Year 4 trip to Twycross Zoo

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June – year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Wellbeing Day - Health

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - INSET Day. School closed to all pupils**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 9:00am New to Reception in September parents meeting

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Prom

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July – children visit new classes

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Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July – children visit new classes

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly

**Last day of term – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

For some of the events taking place outside of school more detailed information will be sent out nearer the time to the families of those children involved.

As we close today for the half term break, I would like to thank you for your continued support and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 1st June for the final term of this academic year.

Kind Regards



Mrs Alison Thomas

(Head Teacher)