

Southglade Newsletter

June 2026



Dear Parents and carers,

We are now approaching the final month of this academic year. School continues with the same high expectations as always and our children continue to be busy in their classrooms working hard and are currently completing their end of year assessments.

INSET Day

We have an INSET day this Friday 3rd July. School will be closed to all pupils on this day.

New Academic Year

Behind the scenes, staff are beginning to prepare for the new academic year and are thinking carefully about the children's transition to their new year groups and classes, and, in the case of our Year 6 children, their move to secondary school.

For some children, the end of the school year can be quite unsettling. Therefore, we do not discuss transitions with them until much nearer the end of term, as it is important that school remains a constant and familiar environment.

Children in F2 to Year 5 will visit their new classes on **Wednesday 15th July and Monday 20th July**. Drop-off and collection arrangements will remain unchanged, with children being registered in their current class and collected from there at the end of the day.

It is essential that children attend school on these days, as this will help them become familiar with their new classroom, teacher and classmates before the new school year begins. These visits will help to reduce anxiety, build confidence and ensure an even smoother transition. They will also provide children with the opportunity to ask questions and feel more prepared and excited about the next stage of their journey at Southglade.

Our children do not move through school as a single class. Each year, we 'mix' pupils to create two new classes. This approach helps children to develop positive relationships and friendships across the whole year group. As children share playtimes and lunchtimes, they are still able to maintain friendships with those in different classes.

Children currently in Nursery who will be starting school in September will have their new class visits on **Friday 17th July and Monday 20th July**. Parents will find out which class their child has been allocated to at the New to F2 meeting on **Friday 10th July**.

Leavers

We say a sad farewell to Mrs Barron and Miss Bryden at the end of this school year. Mrs Barron is retiring, and Miss Bryden is moving to a school closer to home.

I would like to thank them both for their hard work, dedication and commitment to Southglade over the years. We wish them every success and happiness as they embark on their new adventures.

Welcome

In September, we will welcome Mrs Sophie Smith to the Southglade team. Mrs Smith will be our new EYFS Lead, replacing Mrs Barron. She will teach in Nursery from Monday to Wednesday and will also spend part of the week teaching in F2. We are delighted to have her joining our team, and she brings a wealth of knowledge and experience as an established EYFS practitioner.

Staffing Structure for 2026 - 2027

The staffing structure for 2026 – 2027 is as follows:

<u>Nursery</u>	Mrs Smith – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Miss Gresko – Wednesday, Thursday and Friday	
<u>F2</u>	Polar Bears Miss Brierley	Penguins Mrs Bragg – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Miss Short – Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
<u>Year 1</u>	1E Miss Emsley	1H Miss Huggett
<u>Year 2</u>	2H Mr Hammond	2W Miss Whitby
<u>Year 3</u>	3ES Miss Storer	3LS Miss Stephenson
<u>Year 4</u>	4M Mr Murray	4H Mr Hunter
<u>Year 5</u>	5S Mr Smith	5F Miss Fryer
<u>Year 6</u>	6M Mrs Morton	6F Miss Finnie
<u>PPA and interventions teachers:</u>	Mrs Craven (F2), Mrs Bostock, Mrs Yates, Mr Land, Mrs Dowse, Mrs Griffiths, Mr Pegram, Mrs Rowlett	
<u>Creative Arts Teacher</u>	Mrs Dowse	
<u>Spanish KS 2 Only</u>	Mrs Drage	
<u>Sports Coach</u>	Mr Fisher	
<u>SENCo</u>	Mrs Griffiths	
<u>Deputy Head Teachers</u>	Mrs Rowlett Mr Pegram	

New School Build Update

We are delighted with the progress being made on our new outdoor facilities. The new MUGA has now been installed, and work continues on the climbing frame, trim trail, canopy, outdoor classroom and grass football pitch. To support the final phase of construction and help ensure the project remains on schedule for completion over the summer holidays, the school field will remain closed for the rest of this term. As a result, playtimes, lunchtimes and some PE lessons will be adapted due to the reduced outdoor space available.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding. We are now very much in the final stretch and are excited to unveil our fantastic new playground and outdoor learning areas when children return in September.

[Southglade Primary and Nursery School - New Build Updates](#)



Pupil Premium Funding

If your working situation has changed, you may 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.

Parents of Pupils in Year 2

If your child is in year 2 then access to universal free school meals will stop at the end of this academic year. Free school meals are only provided for children in school years 3- 6 who are entitled to benefits related free school meals.

School Dinner Price Increase

The cost to purchase a school dinner from 1st September 2026 will be **£2.95**.

Pre-Loved Uniform Donations



As the school year draws to a close, we would be very grateful for donations of any good-quality school uniform that your child has outgrown. Items such as sweatshirts, cardigans, polo shirts, trousers, skirts and PE kit can make a real difference to other families in our school community.

Donated items will be sold at our Nearly New Uniform Sale before the end of term, helping parents to purchase affordable uniform while also supporting sustainability by giving quality clothing a second life.

If you have any uniform items to donate, please send them into the school office. Thank you for your support and generosity.

Uniform

I know that many of you may already be thinking about ordering uniform for the new school year. There is a link on our school website in the parents' section: (<https://www.southgladeprimary.co.uk/uniform-information/>) which will provide you with more information and enable you to purchase uniform online if you so wish.

School Uniform	
✓ Burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan ✓ Grey or black trousers or school skirt/pinafore ✓ White school shirt /blouse or burgundy or white polo shirt ✓ Grey, black or white socks or tights ✓ Black school shoes ✓ On warm days - red and white checked school dresses or playsuits may be worn.	School fleeces, reversible jackets, burgundy book bags and rucksacks are also available. Please remember that shoes must be black.
PE Kit: 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.	

Have Your Say –The Big Future Survey

We have been asked by the Children's Commissioner's to encourage our children to take part in **The Big Future**, the biggest-ever survey of children and young people.

It is an opportunity for children to share their views about the issues that matter most to them. The survey asks children about:

- The changes they would like to see in their communities
- Their biggest concerns and challenges
- Their hopes and aspirations for the future
- What they think a good childhood should look like, both now and in the years ahead



As recognised in **Article 12 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child**, every child has the right to express their views on matters that affect them. By completing this survey, you can help ensure your child's voice is heard.

We would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete the survey with your child and encourage them to share their honest thoughts and opinions.

Take part in the survey here:

[About this survey : The Big Future survey - have your say!](#)

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Bookings

What is HAF?

The HAF programme offers free holiday clubs, activities, and healthy meals during the school holidays.

Who is eligible?

Children must be eligible for, or receiving, benefits-related free school meals.

- Each eligible child can attend up to 12 sessions over the summer
- Places are limited, so early booking is recommended

Bookings for the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme opened on: **Monday 29 June**

You can view activities and book here:

<https://eequ.org/nottinghamcityholidayactivitiesandfoodhaf>



Mobile Phones in School



A reminder to all parents and carers that pupils are not permitted to bring mobile phones to school. In line with our school policy, any child found with a mobile phone will have it confiscated and stored safely in the school office. The phone must then be collected by a parent or other responsible adult. If a mobile phone is brought onto site, the school accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage that may occur.

This expectation reflects the Department for Education's updated statutory guidance on mobile phones in schools, which came into force on 29 June 2026 and reinforces the expectation that schools should provide a mobile phone-free environment throughout the school day.

Thank you for your support with this.

MHST (Mental Health Support Team)

MHST work in school one day a week supporting pupils with their wellbeing and mental health through either parent and child sessions, small group activities and whole class workshops. The link below will take you to their website where you will be able to find out more about their service. Parents can also self-refer to the service for support and advice.

[Mental Health Support Teams \(MHSTs\) | Ask Lion - Nottingham City Directory](#)



Water Bottles and Sun Cream



In this hot weather 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 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 for your child to wear at playtimes and lunchtimes. We request that sun cream is applied in the morning before school.



Attendance

Well done to **4H** and **3ES** who are our current attendance leaders for the year!!



Class Number	Whole School	Penguins	Polar Bears	1H	1E	2W	2H	3ES	3LS	4M	4H	5S	5F	6M	6F
Attendance	94.4%	91%	90%	92%	95%	94%	95%	96%	93%	94%	96%	95%	93%	95%	95%

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

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 the Education Welfare that can result in a fine.

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 class with the highest attendance this half term will win the final Golden Envelope and a mystery prize. So far this year classes have won a pizza party and a film afternoon with a £50 budget and
- 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)



Dates for your Diaries

Here are some important dates for your diary for the final few weeks:

Wednesday 1st July – Common Transfer Day for Year 6 pupils

Thursday 2nd July – Time Capsule Burial on new playground site

Friday 3rd July – INSET Day. School is closed to all pupils.

Tuesday 8th July – RSC Playmaking Festival at the Theatre Royal for Year 4 and Year 6 pupils

Thursday 9th July – Year 6 Prom

Friday 10th July – New to F2 parents meeting at 9:00am

Tuesday 14th July – Year 2 trip to the farm

Tuesday 14th July – Year 6 Leavers Play performance to school

Wednesday 15th July – Year 6 Leavers Play

Wednesday 15th July – New class visits

Wednesday 15th July - End of year reports home to parents

Friday 18th July – New to F2 visits

Friday 18th July – Park Vale Dance Academy

Monday 20th July – New class visits all day

Monday 20th July – Year 6 Go for Gold Fun Run at Oakwood Academy

Tuesday 21st July – Merit Assemblies

Wednesday 22nd July – Merit Assemblies

Thursday 23rd July – End of Year Awards Ceremony

Friday 24th July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Friday 24th July – Last day of term

Tuesday 1st September 2026 – INSET Day

Wednesday 2nd September 2026 – School reopens for the new academic year

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.

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)