

Southglade Newsletter

July 2026



Dear Parents and carers,

As we reach the end of this academic year, I am pleased to share my final newsletter of the year. It has certainly been a memorable and very busy year for our school. We began the year split between our old building and temporary classrooms, and we are ending it in our beautiful new school building. While the year has not been without its challenges, operating on a busy building site that has often been noisy and disruptive, our children have continued to demonstrate remarkable resilience, positivity and, above all, RESPECT.

Thank You

I would like to extend my thanks to our incredible staff team: teachers, teaching assistants, learning and academic mentors, SNAs, midday supervisors, office staff and site manager. Every member of our team has worked tirelessly throughout the year to try and ensure that every child at Southglade receives the highest quality education, care and support.

I would also like to thank you, our parents and carers, for your continued support throughout the year. Together, we have navigated a significant chapter in Southglade's history as we moved into our new school building. Your patience and support have been invaluable, and we are grateful for the trust and confidence you have shown in us.

Goodbyes

Year 6, we are incredibly proud of everything you have achieved during your time at Southglade. You leave us as confident, resilient and respectful young people, ready for the exciting opportunities ahead. We wish you every success as you begin the next stage of your education and look forward to hearing about all that you accomplish in the future.



You will always be Southgladers to us – Once a Southglader; always a Southglader.

To the families moving on from Southglade, thank you for your support over the years. You have been an important part of our school community, and we wish you happiness, success and many wonderful memories in the years ahead.

We also say goodbye today to Mrs Barron, Miss Bryden and Mrs Mitchell. We would like to thank them for all their hard work, dedication and commitment to Southglade. They have been an important part of our school community, and we will miss them very much. We wish them all the very best for the future and every success in their next adventures.

House Champions



Congratulations to Rufford House, our final House Champions of the year! As a reward for their achievement, they enjoyed an afternoon of water games and a delicious ice cream treat. Well done, Rufford House!



New Build Update

We are delighted to share that the final phase of our new building project remains on track for completion ready for our return in September. This exciting milestone will give our children access to our wonderful new outdoor space, providing even more opportunities for learning and play. After a year of patiently managing the challenges of limited outdoor provision, we cannot wait to see the children enjoying these fantastic new facilities and making the most of everything our completed school site has to offer.



Medication

Mrs Burrows or a member of our administration team will be contacting all parents/ carers of children who are on long term medication, including inhalers, at the start of term to update paperwork and ensure we have the correct medication in school.

If your child requires medication on the first day of term, please ensure that this is handed in at reception at the start of the school day.

Remember as a school we are only able to administer prescribed medicines that due to timings have a dose that has to be administered during the school day. Our 'Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions' policy is available on our website.

School uniform and PE Kit

It is school policy that all children wear the correct uniform to school every day. If your child does not come to school wearing the correct uniform, then we will provide them with a school jumper / cardigan to wear for that day. There is a link on our school website (under the parents' section) which will provide you with more information and enable you to purchase uniform online if you so wish. Please see a member of staff

if you are struggling to provide the correct uniform and would like support with the purchasing of uniform for your child.

Recently we have seen a few children wearing Crocs to school. These are not part of the school uniform policy and children will not be permitted to wear them in September.

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

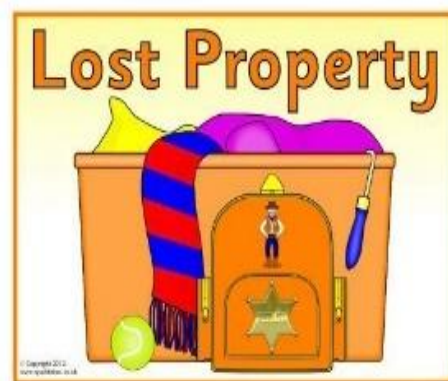
School Uniform	
• Burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan • Grey or black trousers or school skirt/pinafore • White school shirt /blouse or burgundy or white polo shirt • Grey, black or white socks or tights • Black school shoes (trainers, open toe or strappy sandals, Crocs are not acceptable) • On warm days – red/burgundy and white checked school dresses or playsuits can be worn.	School fleeces, reversible jackets, burgundy book bags and rucksacks are also available. Please remember that only all black trainers are allowed. 
	PE Kit: Children also need an appropriate PE kit: • black shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms; • plain white T-shirt or one with the Southglade logo; • plimsolls or trainers. • Possibly an appropriate long sleeved top if the weather deems this appropriate. The government advises that <u>all</u> pupils do a minimum of 2 hours physical activity in school per week. Can you please make sure that your child brings their PE kit to school on the relevant days, or even better, leaves a PE kit at school on their peg which they can take home at the end of each half term. Any child who does not have a PE kit in school will be expected to take part in a spare kit from school or their school uniform.

Lost Property Reminder – Please Label All Belongings

Our lost property box fills up quickly, often with unlabelled items that are difficult to return. To ensure your child's belongings can be easily identified and returned, **it is essential that all clothing and personal items are clearly labelled with their full name.**

Please use sew-in or iron-on labels, or a permanent (indelible) marker. Avoid using biro, as it tends to wash off over time.

Thank you for helping us keep lost property to a minimum and ensuring items find their way back to their owners.



Dates for your Diaries

Here are some important dates for your diary:

Last day of term: Friday 24th July

Tuesday 1st September – INSET Day

Wednesday 2nd September - first day of the new school year

INSET Days for 2026-2027

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Friday 2nd October 2026

Friday 27th November 2026

Friday 2nd July 2027

Monday 5th July 2027

Now it is time for a well-deserved break. Whether you are getting away or staying at home I hope you have a wonderful time this summer and I very much look forward to seeing you all in September.

Best Wishes

A. Thomas

Mrs Alison Thomas
(Head Teacher)