

Welcome Back Newsletter

September 2026



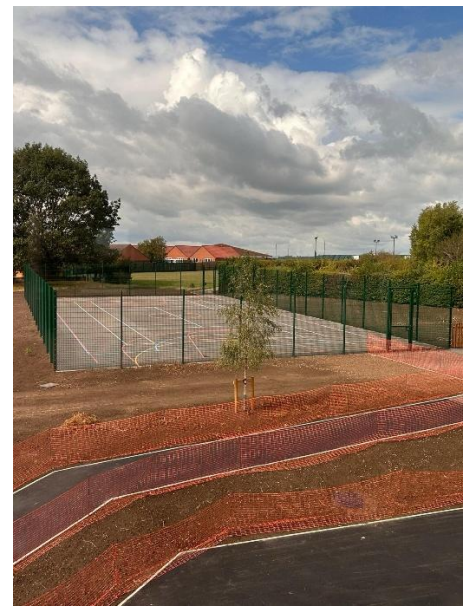
Dear parents/ carers

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful summer and are now settling back into the school routine. It has been a fantastic first week at Southglade, with lots of happy, smiling faces around the school. The children have made a great start, settling quickly into their new classes and adapting well to their new routines. We are incredibly proud of how positively they have embraced the new academic year.

A very warm welcome to all the new children and families joining our school community this year. We are delighted to have you with us and are confident that you will soon feel at home at Southglade and enjoy being part of our welcoming school family.

Our New Playground

As many of you will have seen, after months of waiting and watching from the windows, our new school playground is finally ready... and it was worth the wait. The children have had the best time exploring and trying out all the new equipment.



We are just waiting for the grassed areas and garden to be finished before the project is fully complete.

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Juniper App / Comms Hub

Please make sure that you have downloaded the Juniper App and signed up to Comms Hub our new parent communication app. This has replaced Marvellous Me. An invitation has been sent to all email addresses that we hold at school. This includes a link that allows you to create your account and set your password. To create your account, you just need to complete a short form and set a password. Once your account is set up, you'll be able to log in and start using the app.

The app will give you easy access to:

- Messages from the school
- Updates on your child's awards, badges, and points
- Photos and observations of your child during the school day
- An overview of your child's attendance



Southglade Instagram Account and Website

We love sharing the wonderful things happening in school and would encourage all parents and carers to follow our Instagram account to keep up to date with school life, celebrations, events and achievements. Our social media pages provide a great insight into the exciting learning experiences taking place across the school. Don't forget that our school website is also packed with useful information about school life, key dates, policies and the latest school news, making it a valuable source of information for families throughout the year [Southglade Primary and Nursery School - Home](#)



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28 posts **181** followers **3** following

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.

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. We are 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.



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Photograph and Video Consent Forms



All parents / carers are asked to complete a photograph and video consent form when their child starts at Southglade. This is to give permission (or not) for your child to have their photograph taken or be video recorded in school which may then be used in displays, pupils' books, the school website and Instagram, school publicity and news media. If at any time you wish to change your permissions, or review them, then please come and speak to a member of the reception team who will issue you with a new permissions form to complete.

School Day

A reminder that our school day starts at 8:45am. We are seeing several children arriving after this time each day. Our school gates open at **8:35am** and all children need to be in their classroom by **8:45am** ready to start the day. Arriving on time is very important, as it helps children settle into their morning routine, ensures they do not miss important learning opportunities and allows them to begin the day alongside their classmates. Children who arrive after 8:45am are registered as being late and will need to enter school through the main reception. Thank you for your support with this.

Hot Dinners and Packed Lunches

All children in Polar Bears, Penguins, year 1 and 2 are entitled to a universal free school dinner and we encourage every child to have this. In Nursery and years 3 – 6 the cost of a school dinner is **£2.95** and can be paid for on Arbor Pay. If your child is a packed lunch, **can you please make sure that their name is clearly written on their lunch box**. Please note we are a nut free school so please do not send any items containing nuts into school. This includes Nutella spread on sandwiches.

Our dinner menus are available on our website so you can see what is on the menu each day. These run on a 3-week cycle.

[School Meals | Southglade Primary School](#)

LUNCHTIME
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Week 1 17th Sep - 23rd Sep	Week 2 24th Sep - 30th Sep	Week 3 1st Oct - 7th Oct
Monday Hot Fried Potatoes or Chicken and Tomato Pasta Served with Garlic Bread & Cucumber	Tuesday Hot Soup or Veggie Hot Dog Served with Potato Wedges	Wednesday Hot Soup or Veggie Hot Dog Served with Potato Wedges
Thursday Chicken Cakes & Cucumber Salads or Cressy Fresh Salad	Friday Baked Beans or Cressy Fresh Salad	Saturday Chicken Cakes & Cucumber Salads or Cressy Fresh Salad
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Playtime Snacks



Fruit is provided at playtime for children in Year 1 – Year 3. Pupils in years 4 – 6 are permitted to bring in a playtime snack but this must be a piece of fruit or vegetable. All other snacks are not permitted at this time and must remain in lunch boxes until dinner time.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 11th September – Year 6 visit to The Holocaust Centre

Friday 2nd October – INSET Day. School is closed to all pupils

Thursday 1st October – Year 4 Anglo Saxon Day

Wednesday 7th October – Wellbeing Day – Personal Safety

Wednesday 14th – Friday 16th October – Year 6 Residential to Kingswood

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Friday 16th October - Last day of Term

Monday 19th October – Friday 30th October – half term holiday

Monday 2nd November – Return to school

Friday 27th November – INSET Day. School is closed to all pupils

Thank you for your support in making our return to school so special and we are looking forward to a wonderful year ahead.

Kind Regards

A. Thomas

Mrs Alison Thomas

(Head Teacher)

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