

Southglade Newsletter

October 2026



Dear Parents / carers,

Wow – what a fantastic and busy first half-term we've had! We are ending on a high note with our wonderful Year 6 pupils heading back from their residential trip to Kingswood. All the children have now settled brilliantly into their new classes and daily routines. We're incredibly proud of them all and the excellent start they've made to the school year.

Photograph day

On **Thursday 5th November** the school photographer will be in school taking individual and sibling photographs.

We take photographs of sibling groups (children will be collected from their classrooms for these) and then an individual photo of every child. There is no obligation to purchase their photograph.



F2 Open Days - September 2027 Starters



If you, a family member or a friend have a child due to start school in **September 2027**, we would be delighted to welcome you to one of our **F2 Open Days** this November.

 **Thursday 5th November - 3:45pm to 4:30pm**

 **Monday 16th November - 3:45pm to 4:30pm**

Come along to see our wonderful new Foundation 2 setting, meet our staff, and find out more about what makes our school such a special place to learn and grow.

Every family attending will receive a free goody bag.

These open days are also open to families whose children currently attend our Nursery and will be joining F2 next September.

We look forward to meeting you!

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.

Cress – Pre-loved Uniform Shop

Did you know that you can purchase quality pre-loved school uniform through our online Cress Uniform Shop? Cress offers a simple and affordable way to buy second-hand uniform, helping families save money while supporting sustainability. Uniform items are available at a fraction of the cost of buying new, and every purchase helps keep good-quality clothing in use for longer. To browse available items, follow this link to visit the Cress shop.

Cress

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 through the Cress uniform shop.



Safe Parking Reminder



We would like to remind all parents and carers to park considerately and safely when dropping off or collecting children from school. Recently, there was an incident where a child sustained a head injury as a result of unsafe parking on double yellow lines. The safety of our children, families and local community is our highest priority, and we ask everyone to follow parking restrictions, avoid stopping in unsafe locations, and allow extra time for their journey where possible.

Thank you for your support in helping to keep all of our children safe.

Laundry Support for Families

Did you know that we have a washing machine in school available for families to use if it would be helpful? The machine was generously gifted through **smol's "Suds in Schools" initiative** and is available free of charge to any family in our school community who may need a little extra support. Clean clothes can make a big difference to how children feel at school, and we hope this resource will help make everyday life a little easier. If you would like to find out more or make use of the washing machine, please speak to a member of staff in confidence.

Laundry support for our school community.

Why does the school have a washing machine?

This free machine is for school families to use when it's helpful because at different times, many of us need a bit of extra support. It was gifted to us by cleaning brand smol, as part of their Suds in Schools initiative and is here to make everyday life easier.

How to use it:



Put 1 smol capsule in the drum first



Add clothes



Wash at 30-40°C



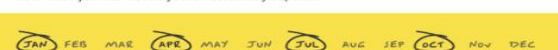
Dry as normal

Who are smol?

A UK cleaning brand working with schools to help make clean clothes accessible for everyone. If you have any questions or need any information on the initiative, please email the team on: sudsinchools@smolproducts.com

Delivery months:

This is when you will receive your smol laundry capsules.



Who is it for?

Anyone in our school community who needs it.

A smol note.

Clean clothes can make a big difference to how children feel at school.



Laundry capsules are supplied regularly by smol.

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.**

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](#)

A colorful lunchtime menu for Southglade Primary. It lists meals for Monday through Friday, including options like 'Pasta Monday', 'Fish in Tasty Tuesday', 'Meat Free Wednesday', 'Chicken & Tomato Thursday', and 'Fish Friday'. Each meal is accompanied by a small illustration of a child or a food item. The menu also includes a section for 'Packed Lunches' and a note about the school's commitment to healthy eating.

Nut Free School



Please remember that we are a nut-free school. For the safety of our pupils and staff with nut allergies, we ask that no food items containing nuts are brought into school—this includes products like Nutella and other snacks that may contain nuts.

Thank you for your understanding and support in keeping our school community safe.

Stay connected with 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.

If you have not received an invitation, then please come and speak to the school office as it may be that we do not hold an up to date email address for you.

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



Playtime Snacks

Fruit is provided at playtime for all children in Nursery – 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.

Attendance

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

Our whole school attendance is currently 95.26%. Our target is 96%.

Whole School	Polar Bears	Penguins	1E	1H	2H	2W	3ES	3LS	4M	4H	5F	5S	6M	6F
95%	94%	92%	93%	94%	95%	98%	94%	94%	98%	95%	96%	95%	94%	95%

Well done to both 2W and 4M who are the highest attending classes this half term with a fantastic 98%





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 starts at 8:45am. Our school gates open at 8:35am so that children have plenty of time to get to class ready to start their learning at 8:45am.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 16th October - Last day of Term

Monday 19th October – Friday 30th October - Half Term

Monday 2nd November– school returns for the new half term

Thursday 5th November – Individual and sibling photographs

Tuesday 10th November – Parents evening

Thursday 12th November – Parents evening

Monday 16th – Friday 20th November – anti bullying week

Monday 16th November – Odd Socks Day.

Friday 20th November – Children in Need

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

Wednesday 2nd December – Christmas Fair

Thursday 10th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 18th December – Last day of term

INSET Days:

Friday 27th November

Friday 2nd July

Monday 5th July

We finish on Friday for the half term holiday, and we return to school on **Monday 2nd November.**

I wish you all a very happy half term holiday.

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)