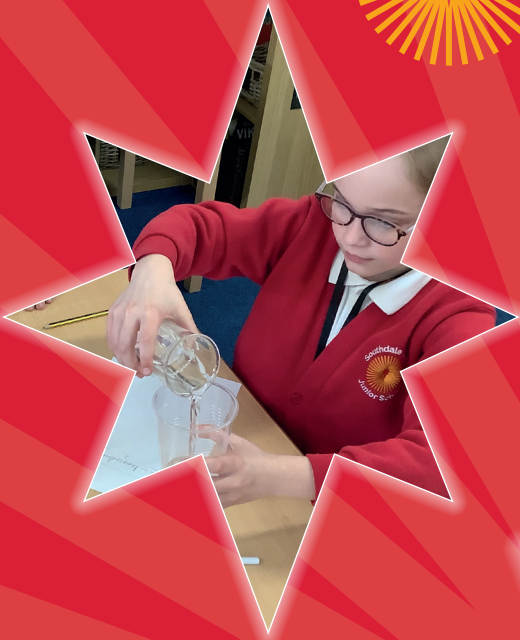




Southdale
C of E Junior school



Prospectus

2023-24



'Shining like stars in the universe'

Philippians 2:15

Welcome to the Southdale family!

We would like to welcome you to the Southdale family as your child begins their next steps on an exciting educational journey with us. We are incredibly proud to have received the World Class Schools Quality Mark which provides a unique insight into the impact schools have on their children. We have an incredibly committed staff team who work hard to give our pupils the best education. This accreditation is as much about the pupils as it is about the school.

We are constantly striving for excellence in every aspect of school life and we are never standing still! We are incredibly passionate about igniting a passion for learning with every child that enters our gates. Our children deserve the very best and we are so excited to support all our children during this phase of their education. This is just the beginning of our relationship with you and your family and we all look forward to getting to know you, and your child, in the coming months.

We hope this information gives you an insight into the 'Southdale Sparkle' as we continue to work together so that all our children can 'shine like stars in the universe' and continue to be 'world class.'



Mrs K Partington,
Headteacher.

Our partnership with Christ Church South Ossett is a very important part of school life.

Our Christian values underpin the life of the school and can be found in how we relate to one another within the school community, nurturing Christian values such as encouragement, empathy, forgiveness and respect; we have twelve Christian values that we explore through daily collective worship.

All these things help us to be the 'Southdale Family', where love and kindness for each other are an integral part of our learning and school day..

Southdale Governing Body

OUR VISION

'Shining like stars in the universe.'

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Our number one aim for our Southdale family, is that we shine like stars in the universe in everything we do – we refer to this as the 'Southdale Sparkle'. Children shine in so many different ways and we love to celebrate what makes each of us unique and special.

We like a challenge, never give up easily and have the highest expectations of ourselves and others.

Our Christian values are at the heart of our school and **we constantly show kindness and respect**, so that everyone feels happy, safe and valued.

OUR AIMS

- To cultivate a **caring community with a Christian ethos**, in which people of all faiths and beliefs feel valued and respected. A community in which everyone can work as a team, supporting, encouraging and praising all achievement - creating a happy, caring school, where success is celebrated and mistakes are learned from.
- To provide an **outstanding education** for all children through a curriculum that is exciting, stimulating, challenging, and which builds self- confidence.
- To provide **innovative, high quality teaching and learning** for all pupils, at all stages of their learning.
- To **raise standards of attainment** through securing good progress for all children.
- To secure **high quality teaching and learning** for children and young people through a sustainable model of developing support staff, teachers and school leaders.
- To establish a **modern, vibrant and inspiring learning environment** in which the physical, personal, social and intellectual potential of all members of the school community are developed to the full.
- To strive for excellence and set the **highest expectations** for all members of the school community.
- To sustain a **community spirit**, with parents, pupils and staff working in partnership, and with respect for each other.



During their time at Southdale, we will ensure that every child will:

- Feel loved, cared for, valued, and happy
- Be respected, listened to and safe
- Take part in a public performance & presentation
- Have opportunities for their work to be displayed in school
- Have the opportunity to create visual media
- Collaborate with children in other schools
- Learn survival skills
- Take part in educational visits that enhance learning
- Experience outdoor education during residential visits
- Use a diverse range of software in creative ways
- Participate in a wide range of sporting activities and play as part of a team
- Learn how to swim
- Learn how to design a functional item for a specific purpose
- Learn how to cook by making delicious healthy meals
- Be prepared for an emergency
- Learn French
- Have responsibility and act as a leader
- Enjoy a hands on musical curriculum and learn to play an instrument
- Learn how to lead a safe and healthy life
- Visit places of worship
- Raise money for charities
- Learn through a hands on practical curriculum
- Take part in opportunities to develop self-confidence and self-worth
- Have ownership of their learning
- Learn about a variety of inspirational people
- Contribute ideas and skills across a range of topics
- Understand what it means to be a global citizen
- Participate in healthy debate



*Experience
outdoor
education during
residential visits*

Our curriculum is exciting, ambitious and meaningful.

Our approaches to Teaching and Learning lead to high engagement within a narrative curriculum. We know that outstanding teaching, alongside a sequential and knowledge rich curriculum, is the key to outstanding learning. On a daily basis, we endeavour to inspire, engage and challenge within learning experiences that are enriched with excitement and variation.

Southdale provides a lively environment for your child to have rich experiences in: computing, music, art, drama, dance, sports, and so much more. We also promote an understanding and respect for our diverse, multi-cultural world.

The school is proud to provide immersive education, where children spend the full afternoon learning with a hands on practical curriculum.

This form of teaching supports pupils in their learning of History, Geography, Science and Sports.

We will also provide pupils with the opportunity to cook in our own cookery room and take part in gardening, forest schools, outdoor learning in our outdoors areas.

Educational Visits

Day visits are organised for each year group, supporting learning in history, science, geography and religious education. We also organise residential visits for our Year 3, 4, 5 and Year 6 children..

Y3 - Little Deer Wood

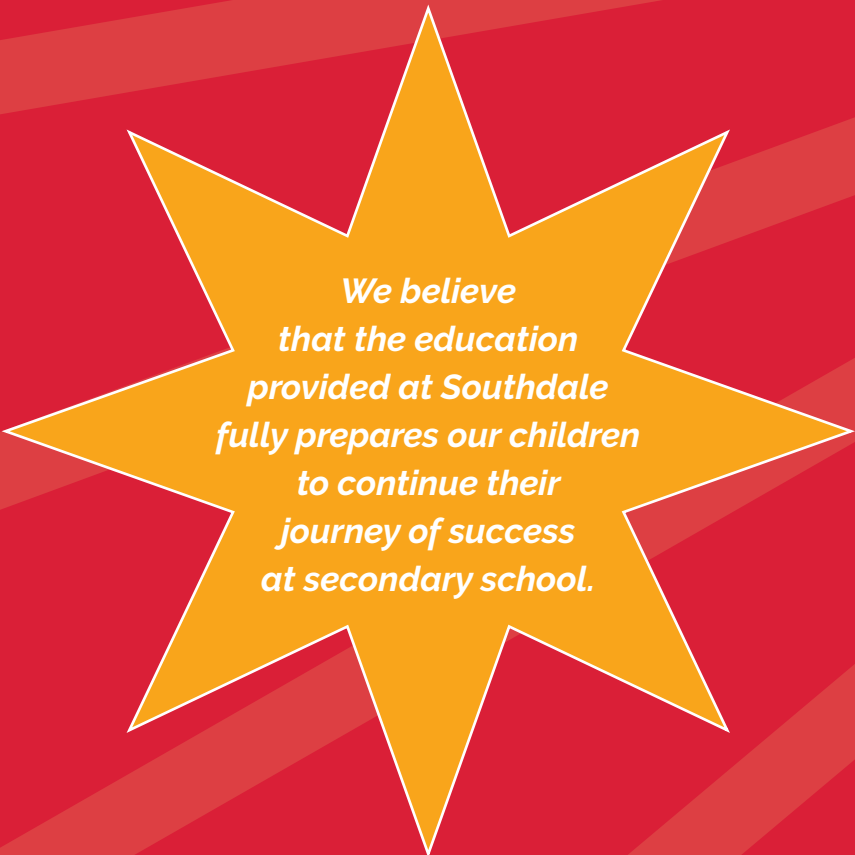
Y4 - Robinwood

Y5 - Boggle Hole & Whitby

Y6 - France and Belgium

Extra-Curricular Activities

We further enrich the curriculum by providing a variety of after school activities including clubs for Football, Netball, Gymnastics, Dance, Drama, Choir, Computing, Cooking and Outdoor Learning.



*We believe
that the education
provided at Southdale
fully prepares our children
to continue their
journey of success
at secondary school.*





School Uniform

The Southdale School uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to our ethos and sense of pride. Sweatshirts and cardigans with the school logo are available for purchase from The Box, in Ossett (authorised sellers). Black shoes are compulsory (heeled shoes are not permitted). Long hair (long enough to be put in a bobble), must be tied back. Hair accessories are limited to red and black. Brightly coloured head bands/bows/scrunchies are not permitted. Jewellery must be limited to stud earrings and watches.

School uniform details:

- **Red** sweatshirt or cardigan with or without the school logo
- **Black** trousers/shorts, skirt or pinafore dress
- **Black** socks/tights
- **In summer**, girls may wear a red and white checked or striped dress with white socks. Most items are available from popular chain stores or supermarkets.

All children must bring a book bag to school, which can be purchased from The Box or other retailers. Due to limited space in the cloakrooms, **rucksacks or any other types of bags are not permitted.**

On the day your child has physical education, they will be expected to come to school in PE kit.

Kit required for Physical Education:

- **Indoor lessons:** Black P.E. shorts/skort with or without the school logo, Unisex/female polo with or without the school logo. **Plain** black hoodie with or without the with school logo
- **During winter** (or inclement weather) **plain** black tracksuit bottoms/black leggings can be worn.
- **Black socks**

Please ensure that all belongings are clearly marked with your child's name so that we can return lost items directly back to your child.

Attendance

Please inform the school of the reason for a child's absence as soon as possible. We would be grateful if parents could contact us on the first day of absence before 9.00am. This contact can be in person, or via a telephone call to the school office or leave a message on the answer machine. As the safety of our pupils is paramount, **you will be contacted or a home visit will take place if we don't have a reason for your child's absence.**

Holiday or other absence should be placed in writing or on the leave of absence form obtained via the school website or school office. As a school, we do not authorise family holidays during term time, and from September 2023 the Governing Body of Southdale will be following local authority guidelines by fining families who take holiday during term time.

Leave for medical or dental appointments, music or dance exams is authorised where confirmation has been received by the school office, from the parent by note or telephone call. Where possible, please try to book dental or medical appointments outside of school hours.

The School Day

The gates will open at 8:20am where children are welcomed straight into classes so learning can promptly start at 8:30am. The school day finishes at 3:00pm. We have a range of after-school clubs taking place throughout the year and an on-site, before and after school wraparound provision which runs from 7:30 in the morning and until 6:00pm after school.

Being Safe

The car park entrance (leading to the reception area) is for staff and visitors only. Children must enter and leave the school grounds by the right hand gate on Southdale Road or the green gate on Belgrave Road.



Parents must not drive into the car park to drop/collect children or park their car.

The playground gates are opened at 8.20am and then at 2:50pm. In the interest of safety and for insurance purposes, children who do not attend our school must not use the play equipment. Please show consideration to the residents of Southdale Road and Belgrave Road when parking cars at the beginning and end of school.

Medicines

If your child is required to take prescribed medication/over the counter medication, please hand it in to the school office in its original labelled packaging, containing the information leaflet. We do require written parental authorisation to administer medication and your child will be responsible for calling at the office to have their medication dispensed by a member of staff. A medical form can be obtained from the school office.

If you have indicated on the medical form that your child has asthma and uses an inhaler, we **MUST** have a spare kept in the class room at all times. Failure to do so could result in your child being excluded from PE or educational visits.

Emergencies

In case of an emergency in school, all possible steps will be taken to contact you immediately. Parents are asked to complete a personal record sheet listing at least two emergency contact numbers prior to their child starting at Southdale. This is most essential when a parent or guardian needs to be contacted in the event of illness or an emergency. Please inform the school office of any subsequent change of address, place of work or contact telephone numbers. It is vital that in an emergency, our records are up-to-date.

In the event of a decision being made regarding the emergency closure of school, all efforts will be made to inform the primary contact for each child. Other ways that you can access information are:

School Answer Machine - **01924 277965**

Website - www.southdalecofe.co.uk

Twitter - @SouthdaleSchool

ParentHub

ParentHub is our main method of communication with parents/carers for messages and letters. Please download the ParentHub app on your smart phone. For further information go to www.parenthub.co.uk

ParentPay

ParentPay is our payment collection service for payment of school dinners and trips. The ParentPay website is a secure online payment service where you can pay using your credit or debit card, and also through Pay Point. ParentPay is easy-to-use and offers you the freedom to make online payments whenever and wherever you like. Full payment histories and statements are available to you, securely online at any time.

We will provide full instructions on how to set up and activate ParentPay. If you want to find out more go to: **www.parentpay.com/parents**

If you do not have access to the internet, please contact Mrs S Jones, School Business Manager, who will discuss alternative methods of payments.

School Meals

Meals cost £2.47 (reviewed annually in April) per day which can be paid weekly, monthly or on a termly basis using ParentPay.

Please ensure your account is regularly topped up to pay for your child's school dinners.

School meals can be booked in advance, online, via the Feeding Hungry Minds website, **www.feedinghungryminds.co.uk**. Your child can also book a meal on a daily basis in the classroom.

As school lunches are cooked off-site, all dinners must be booked by 9.30am. Children taken ill and sent home after this time, must unfortunately still pay for that day's lunch as this will have already been prepared.

Alternatively, children may bring a healthy packed lunch and a carton of juice, which should be in a container clearly marked with the child's name and class.

Plastic water bottles **must** be brought to school to re-hydrate during lesson time and can be filled from the school water dispensers. For safety reasons, glass bottles or cans of drink must not be brought to school.

Our Staff Team

Senior Leadership team

Headteacher:

Mrs K Partington

Deputy Headteacher:

Mrs R Mohebi

Assistant Head & SENDCO:

Mrs J Woolnough

School Business Manager:

Mrs S Jones

Year Group Leaders

Year 3: Miss L Stott

Year 4: Mrs L Helliwell

Year 5: Miss E Zeller

Year 6: Miss Z Ryan

Teaching Staff

Miss L Stott

Mr E Biltcliffe

Miss F Dryhurst

Mrs L Helliwell

Mrs L Duffy

Miss B Rosamond

Miss E Zeller

Mr A Mills

Miss C Stewart

Miss Z Ryan

Mr T Hellam

Miss K Walsh

Support Staff

Mrs A Thomas (HLTA)

Mrs R Walker (HLTA)

Mrs S Hellam (HLTA)

Miss D Hall (HLTA)

Mrs V McGuirk

Mrs S Burrill

Mrs S Chalkley

Miss J Woolley

Miss D Freeman

Mrs J Skipworth

Mrs J Dundon

Lunchtime Supervisors

Mrs S Gibbins

Mrs C Nash

Mr J Nash

Mrs A Thomas (HLTA)

Mrs R Walker (HLTA)

Mrs S Hellam (HLTA)

Miss D Hall (HLTA)

Mrs S Burrill

Mrs S Chalkley

Miss J Woolley

Miss D Freeman

Mrs J Skipworth

Mrs J Dundon

Mrs A Payne

Miss A Wilby

Sparkles Wraparound

Breakfast Club

Mrs S Gibbins

After School Club

Mrs S Gibbins

Admin. Staff:

Mrs A Payne and **Caretaker:**

Mr S Dundon

Our Governing Body

Chair:

Mr V Foster

Vice Chair:

Mr T Carr (Co-opted)

Mr T Carr (Parent Governor)

Mr V Foster (Co-opted)

Mrs S Jones (Co-opted)

Mrs P Milner (LA Governor)

Mrs R Mohebi (Deputy Headteacher)

Mrs K. Partington (Headteacher)

Miss L Stott (Associate Governor)

Mrs J Wolski (parent governor)

Mr J Scott (parent governor)

Clerk: Mrs S Stott

Term dates 2023-24

Autumn Term 2023	
Monday 4 September	INSET DAY
Tuesday 5 September	School opens
Thursday 26 October	School closes for half term
Friday 27 October	INSET DAY
Monday 6 November	School opens
Thursday 21 December	School closes for the Christmas Holidays
Friday 22 December	INSET DAY
Spring Term 2024	
Monday 8 January	School opens
Thursday 8 February	School closes for half term
Friday 9 February	INSET DAY
Monday 19 February	School opens
Friday 22 March	School closes for Easter Holidays
Summer Term 2024	
Monday 8 April	School opens
Monday 6 May	BANK HOLIDAY
Friday 24 May	School closes for half term
Monday 3 June	School opens
Friday 19 July	School closes for Summer Holidays
Monday 22 July	INSET DAY

Policies

All key school policies are available on the school web site (www.southdalecofe.co.uk)



Sparkles Wraparound Provision

Breakfast Club - 07.30 – 08.30 Monday to Friday
term time only

£3.50 per session

Offering a selection of cereal, toast, beans, hoops, fruit, crumpets, bagels, pancakes, yoghurt and juice.

Morning activities include: breakfast, playing outside, board games, colouring, reading, homework, listening to music and socialising with friends.

Sparkles Late Collection - 14.55 – 16.00 Monday to Friday
term time only

£3.50 per session

After School Care - 14.55 – 18.00 Monday to Friday
term time only

£9.80 per session

Offering a light tea such as beans on toast, fish fingers/chicken nuggets and chips, sandwiches, pizza, pasta etc.

After school activities include: cooking, art, outdoor learning, sports, watching DVDs, reading, games, homework time, playing outside, colouring, board games etc.

Please contact the school office for a booking form and further information on **01924 277965** or request the information via e-mail to Miss A Wilby, Administrative Officer, **a.wilby@southdale.wakefield.sch.uk**

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Headteacher: Mrs K Partington