

# Southdale SPARKLE

## Welcome Back!

It has been such a pleasure to welcome our children back to Southdale this week! It really has been a joyous, special week full of sparkle and sunshine!

All your smiling faces and excellent attitudes are truly making Southdale sparkle! We could not be prouder of how well you have settled back into school life.

*A special welcome to our new year 3 children who are already showing the Southdale Sparkle in bucketloads!*







# A welcome from our Junior Leadership Team!

What a great start to the school year we have had! We explored the book, 'Stardust' in collective worship and think that this was the perfect book to start a new school year. It is a book about shining like a star in the universe. There are so many exciting experiences to look forward to and the possibilities of what we can achieve are endless.

*Olly, Lyra, Ava and Finlay*

Here is a quote from the book:

*'Shine in your own way because remember you are made of stardust too.'*



# YEAR 3



## Our Journey Begins!

What a fantastic start to the school year for our Year 3 children!

They have settled into their new routines and have loved being back with their friends and year 6 buddies! We are so excited for the year ahead and can't wait to take your children on an incredible narrative adventure.

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# YEAR 4

## A Paper Boat!

What a busy first week we've had in year 4. The children have worked so incredibly hard and have made a really positive start. We were intrigued to receive a letter, which kicked off our 'Once Upon a Raindrop' narrative, detailing the sad story of a paper boat. The boat had been innocently dropped into Coxley Beck. We are now going to investigate and explore the boat's incredible yet turbulent journey.

*In our science and narrative work, we've have begun to explore the Water Cycle and conducted an experiment to see the processes of evaporation and condensation.*



# YEAR 5

## An Intriguing Letter!

Well done, Year 5 for returning to school with such a positive attitude to learning.

We were immediately immersed into life in 410CE when we received a letter from King Vortigern. We used our historical enquiry skills to investigate the letter with the support of secondary sources. We have already learnt so much and we have even engaged in some battle drama!

In maths, we have consolidated our Year 4 knowledge and practised adding and subtracting by 10, 100 and 1000. Keep up the great work!





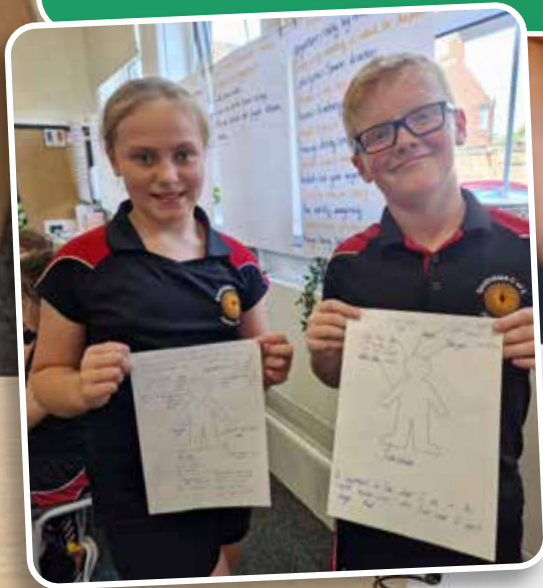
# YEAR 6

## What a Disaster!

Well Year 6, what a fantastic first week you have all had! You have ALL truly shone and we are so excited to see you through your final year at Southdale.

Disaster has struck! An earthquake has hit Japan. This is real. This is fatal. WE have been tasked with writing a detailed descriptions of this event, so we have started looking at effective examples that we can use to help us.

We hit the ground running with our mental fitness lessons, by looking at our own human form, and discussed what we like about ourselves!



*In Art, we recapped our main sketching techniques before applying these to different movements in a range of natural disasters. This will help us when we consider what movement we want in our sculptures.*

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# THIS WEEK'S HOMEWORK

## Year 3

**Reading:** Every child should now have a reading book to take home from our school library which they need to bring to school every day.

Please make sure your child reads at home every day and records their reading in their planner.

**Maths:** Please support your child by encouraging them to practise their times tables using the app TT Rock Stars and complete their weekly My Maths homework.

## Year 4

**Reading:** This is so important! Please continue to read with your child at home and ensure that they are reading for at least 20 minutes a day. We can really see the difference this is making for our children who are reading daily! We have plenty of fiction and non-fiction books linked to our narrative.

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### **Spelling pattern this week:**

Continue to practise the Y3/Y4 spellings.

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### **Spelling pattern this week:**

Continue to practise the spelling list that was sent home for the summer holidays.

# THIS WEEK'S SPARKLERS

## Head teachers Award



**Alice S  
and  
Betsy R**

You both shine so brightly. You have shown so much kindness, compassion and friendship this week. You are both true role models and we are so proud to have you as part of our Southdale family!

## Special Mentions

3EB	<b>Maggie B</b>	For shocking me with kindness. You independently gave your partner more input and helped your partner with her learning. This is the Southdale Sparkle!
3FD	<b>Mabel A</b>	For demonstrating our Southdale Values in bucket loads. What a fabulous start to your Southdale journey Mabel!
3LS	<b>Rosie F</b>	For embracing your first week at Southdale with bags of enthusiasm, positivity and a real desire to learn.
4BR	<b>Evie</b>	What a first week you have had! You are an incredible role model to the class and have even been doing extra work at home. Keep shining Evie!
4LD	<b>Billy R</b>	For settling into Year 4 well and showing a level of maturity when managing his emotions. Well done Billy!
4LH	<b>Freddie D</b>	For settling into Year 4 and trying hard in class. You are persevering and it is paying off already. Well done!
5AM	<b>Betsy C</b>	For being a super supportive talk partner this week and really making a positive start to Year 5.
5CW	<b>Alexis N</b>	For embracing your first week in Year 5 with positivity and incredible focus and application to your learning. You are a wonderful asset to Southdale and 5CW!
5EZ	<b>Emmeline</b>	For being an incredibly supportive partner. You have really embodied the Southdale Christian values. You are a wonderful part of the 5EZ family.
6KW	<b>Finley C</b>	For being a kind, caring and considerate young man. You shone so brightly this week and you manage to put a smile on my face every day.
6TH	<b>Danielle H</b>	For being so thoughtful during this first week back at school. 6TH is so lucky to have someone who radiates positivity each and every day. Keep being you!
6ZR	<b>Max W</b>	For showing everyone how bright your light truly is – you always do what is good and what is right. I can't wait to watch you grow even more throughout the year.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## EVENTS/TRIPS/RESIDENTIALS

<b>Thursday 21 September</b>		Parents Curriculum open evening with class teacher
<b>Tuesday 3rd October</b>		Children's School Flu Vaccinations
<b>Monday 9th &amp; Tuesday 10th October</b>	Y5	Murton Park – Anglo Saxon day
<b>Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th &amp; Wednesday 15th November</b>	Y3	Murton Park - Stone Age day
<b>Thursday 30th November</b>		Christmas Fair: 3.00 to 6.00pm
<b>Thursday 14th December</b>		Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
<b>Thursday 14th December</b>		Christmas Disco Y3 and Y4: 4.15 to 5.30pm Y5 and Y6: 5.30 to 7.00pm

# KEY DATES 2023-24

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



# SAFEGUARDING TEAM



**Mrs K Partington**

Designated Safeguarding Lead



**Mrs R Mohebi**

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



**Mrs J Woolnough**

Designated Safeguarding Lead



**Mrs L Helliwell**

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



**Mr V Foster**

Safeguarding Governor



**Southdale**

C of E Junior school

*Shining like stars in the universe*