

# Southdale SPARKLE

## Remembrance!



### Lest we Forget!

This week, our JLT gave an assembly on the importance of Remembrance.

Our Year 6 children also visited the cenotaph in Ossett on Friday.





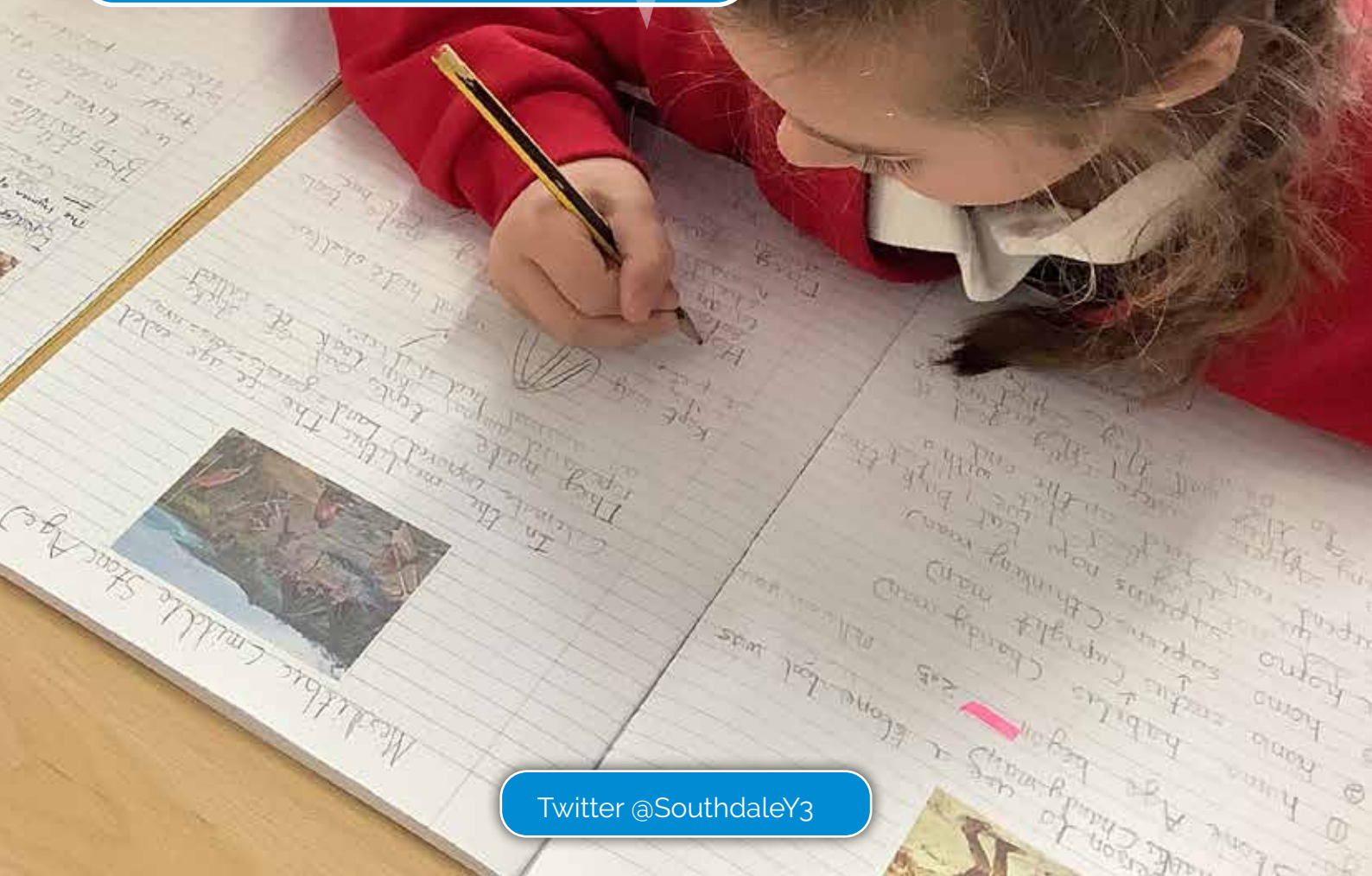
# YEAR 3

## Pre-historic Britain

In Year 3, we have begun our Pre-historic Britain narrative and have journeyed back in time to the beginning of the Stone Age. This week, the children have been learning about the difference between the old and middle Stone Age.

In English, we have been planning a recount of our first pre-historic hunt and analysing example recounts to identify key language features.

We have also started our first **Design and Technology** project which is to eventually design, create and evaluate a bag or case to carry some equipment. In the first lesson, we analysed a variety of textile products and considered the fastening technique of each, what each product might be used for and who might want to purchase it one.





# YEAR 4

## One Life - Physical Fitness

This week, Year 4 have been focusing on our healthy eating and how we can look after our bodies. In our **social fitness** lessons, we created plates to show how we can ensure we are getting enough protein, vitamins and minerals to keep ourselves healthy and ready to learn. We have been really impressed by seeing lots of healthy snacks in our lunch boxes!

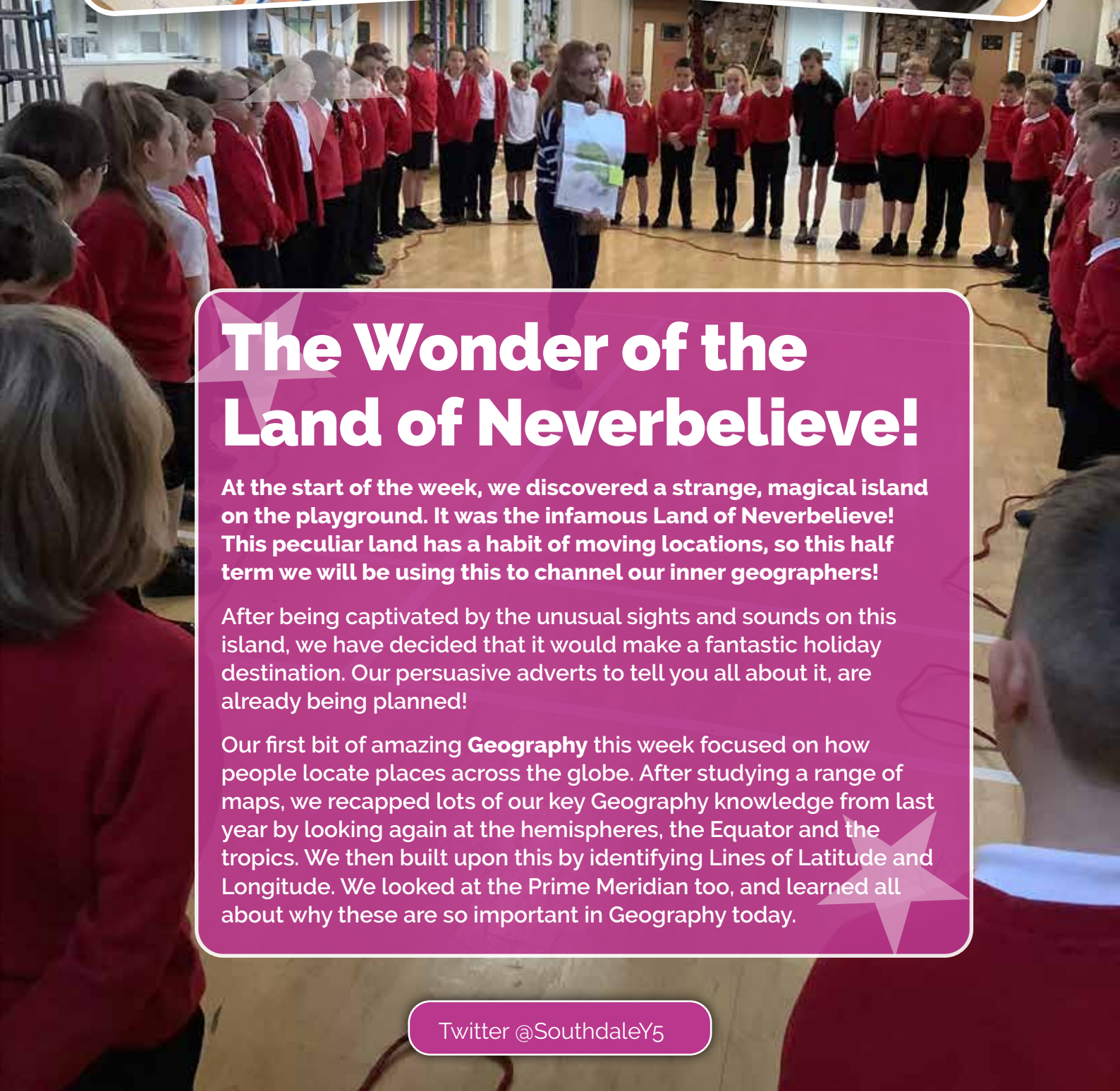
We began delving deep into the lives of the Ancient Greeks this week, starting with the artwork. We observed Greek patterns and had a go at replicating some of our own.

In **maths**, we are having a lot of fun learning our times tables using our times tables stick to help us become much more confident.





# YEAR 5



## The Wonder of the Land of Neverbelieve!

At the start of the week, we discovered a strange, magical island on the playground. It was the infamous Land of Neverbelieve! This peculiar land has a habit of moving locations, so this half term we will be using this to channel our inner geographers!

After being captivated by the unusual sights and sounds on this island, we have decided that it would make a fantastic holiday destination. Our persuasive adverts to tell you all about it, are already being planned!

Our first bit of amazing **Geography** this week focused on how people locate places across the globe. After studying a range of maps, we recapped lots of our key Geography knowledge from last year by looking again at the hemispheres, the Equator and the tropics. We then built upon this by identifying Lines of Latitude and Longitude. We looked at the Prime Meridian too, and learned all about why these are so important in Geography today.



# YEAR 6

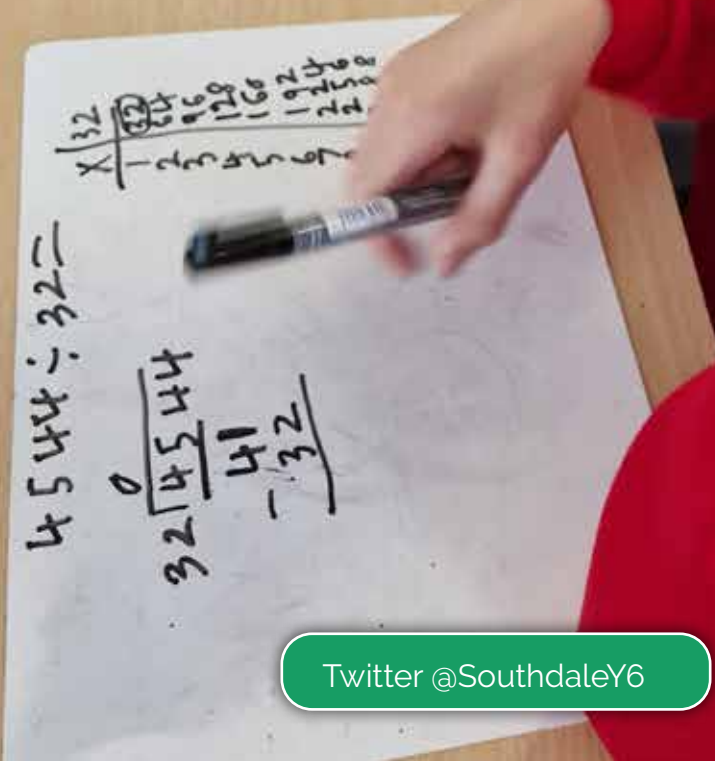
## A Busy First Week

We have dived straight into our new narrative - World War 2! We are so excited about what the next 7 weeks are going to bring, and lots of us have already been busy researching the history of war over the half term holidays!

In **History**, we started at the beginning of the story, when Germany invaded Poland in 1939. We have truly got to grips with some of the contributing factors that caused the start of WW2.

**Maths** has certainly been challenging this week, as we faced long division head on! With our determination, growth mindsets, inner cheerleaders, and support from our peers, we are feeling more and more confident!

From periscopes to shadows, to rainbows and refraction, we have finished our first **science** topic of light! We loved it so much that we are going to stick a photo of the display into our planners, so that we can keep revising what we have learnt.



# THIS WEEK'S HOMEWORK

## Year 3

### Reading:

Please support your child by listening to them read for 20 minutes every day and help them to log their daily reading in their planners. Reading is an incredibly important skill and helps children in every aspect of their life.

### Maths:

MyMaths – Number facts and doubles. This half-term, we are mastering our 4 times table. Please encourage your child to practise their times tables on Times Tables Rockstars.

### History:

This week, we have started to learn about Pre-historic Britain and have delved into the Stone Age. Ask your child if they can remember key differences between the Paleolithic (old Stone Age) and Mesolithic (middle Stone Age) period to prompt their developing understanding of how life evolved and improved for pre-historic people.

## Year 4

### Reading:

The more you read, the more things you'll know, the more that you'll learn, the more that you'll grow! Please continue to support your child by reading at home for at least 20 minutes a day and asking questions alongside this.

### Maths:

Please support your child by encouraging them to practice their times tables using the app TT Rock Stars and complete their weekly My Maths homework. Specifically, look at the 2, 4 and 8 times tables with your child.

### History:

Our children have been starting to look at The Ancient Greeks. Ask them to describe the daily life of the Ancient Greeks including what food they ate, who went to school and what clothes they wore.

### Spelling pattern this week:

Adding the prefix **auto-**

**Auto**matic,

**Auto**mobile,

**Auto**biography

**Auto**cue,

**Auto**pilot

# THIS WEEK'S HOMEWORK

## Year 5

### 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 and make a note of how many pages in the planner. We can really see the difference this is making for our children who are reading daily!

Reading miles matter! The more pupils read, the more they will know. This will help them with every aspect of their learning.

### Maths:

Please complete the short division questions on the sheet. Due back 14.11.23.

### Spelling pattern this week: 'able'

Understand**able**

Break**able**

Suit**able**

Enjoy**able**

Ador**able**

Reli**able**

Envi**able**

Miser**able**

## Year 6

### 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 and make a note of how many pages in the planner. This will be checked by the class teacher every Tuesday. We can really see the difference this is making for our children who are reading daily!

Reading miles matter! The more pupils read, the more they will know. This will help them with every aspect of their learning.

### Maths:

Please complete page 15 in your maths homework books. This links to what we have been doing in class – short division and long division. We recommend that you mark at home with your answers to get instant feedback!

### Spelling pattern this week:

We are still focusing on suffixes this week! Please practise the following spellings: **hurried, tried, trying, business, busily, mysterious, mystery**. Did you notice that sometimes you drop the y for an i?

### History:

This week, we have focused on how World War 2 began. Please discuss this with your child (e.g When was war declared? Why did Germany invade Poland? Why did Britain get involved? Who was Adolf Hitler?)



# THIS WEEK'S SPARKLERS

## Head teachers Award



**Amelia C  
(5AM)**

You have grown so much in confidence and resilience and are embracing everything about school life. You are certainly listening to your inner cheerleader and being the best version of yourself – keep shining!

## Special Mentions

3EB	<b>Amelia S</b>	For putting effort into all your learning especially in maths. Keep it up!
3FD	<b>Owen B</b>	For showing such a positive attitude and enthusiasm towards reading. It is amazing to see Owen!
3LS	<b>Siena W-W</b>	For being such a kind and supportive learning partner. You selflessly give your time to help others and are the perfect bucket filler!
4BR	<b>Seb D</b>	For always being your best self. You are a true role model to the school Seb. Keep shining like the star that you are.
4LD	<b>Charlie A</b>	For your positive attitude towards your learning in all areas. You really do put your all into every lesson and it is great to see you growing in confidence.
4LH	<b>Harry W</b>	For putting lots of effort into everything you do in school and out of school.
5AM	<b>Matilda S</b>	Matilda, you are an amazing member of our class. You shine in every way and add so much to our class. You are an amazing class librarian and super learning partner.
5CW	<b>Tyler C</b>	For bringing endless energy and enthusiasm to your learning and making everyone's day brighter with your kind heart and dazzling smile.
5EZ	<b>Marlow</b>	For showing a positive attitude to all aspects of learning. Keep putting 100% effort and shining!
6KW	<b>Nelly S</b>	For always demonstrating the Southdale Sparkle. Your engagement and effort in lesson is outstanding. You always go above and beyond!
6TH	<b>William B</b>	For showing your inquisitive nature especially in History. Your thirst for knowledge is contagious and you always keep me on my toes with your extensive knowledge!
6ZR	<b>Reece H Seth D</b>	For immersing yourself into our World War Two narrative. You have both used your exceptional knowledge and enthusiasm to add to our class discussions.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

EVENTS/TRIPS/RESIDENTIALS		
Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th November	Y3	Murton Park - Stone Age day
Thursday 30th November		Christmas Fair: 3.00 to 6.00pm
Monday 4th December		Christmas Pantomime.
Thursday 14th December		Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 14th December		Christmas Disco Y3 and Y4: 4.15 to 5.30pm Y5 and Y6: 5.30 to 7.00pm
Thursday 8th February 2024		Valentine's Disco
Tuesday 5th & Friday 8th March 2024	Y5	Bradford Industrial Museum
Tuesday 19th March 2024	Y4	Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Monday 15th to Wednesday 17th April 2024	Y5	Boggle Hole Residential
Monday 22nd to Wednesday 24th April 2024	Y5	Boggle Hole Residential
Monday 29th April to Wednesday 1st May 2024	Y4	Robinwood Residential
Thursday 23rd May 2024		Summer Disco
Thursday 6th June 2024	Y3	Coal Mining Museum
Tuesday 11th June to Wednesday 12th June 2024	Y4	Danelaw (Romans)
Wednesday 19th June 2024	Y3	Coal Mining Museum
Monday 24th June 2024		Summer Fair
Wednesday 3rd July 2024	Y3	Coal Mining Museum
Thursday 18th July 2024	Y6	Year 6 Prom

# 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*