

Southdale **SPARKLE**

It's Panto Time! Oh no it isn't, oh yes, it is!



We had the best time watching 'Sleeping Beauty' at The Theatre Royal Wakefield. There were plenty of smiles, laughs, singing and some of us even got up on stage to participate – Mr Biltcliffe was quite the star!

The staff at the theatre commented on how phenomenal our children were – they really are a credit to school!



CHRISTINGLE

We enjoyed a fabulous Christingle service at church. It was a joyful celebration that where we sang songs; heard readings and came together to share the light of Jesus and spread a message of hope.



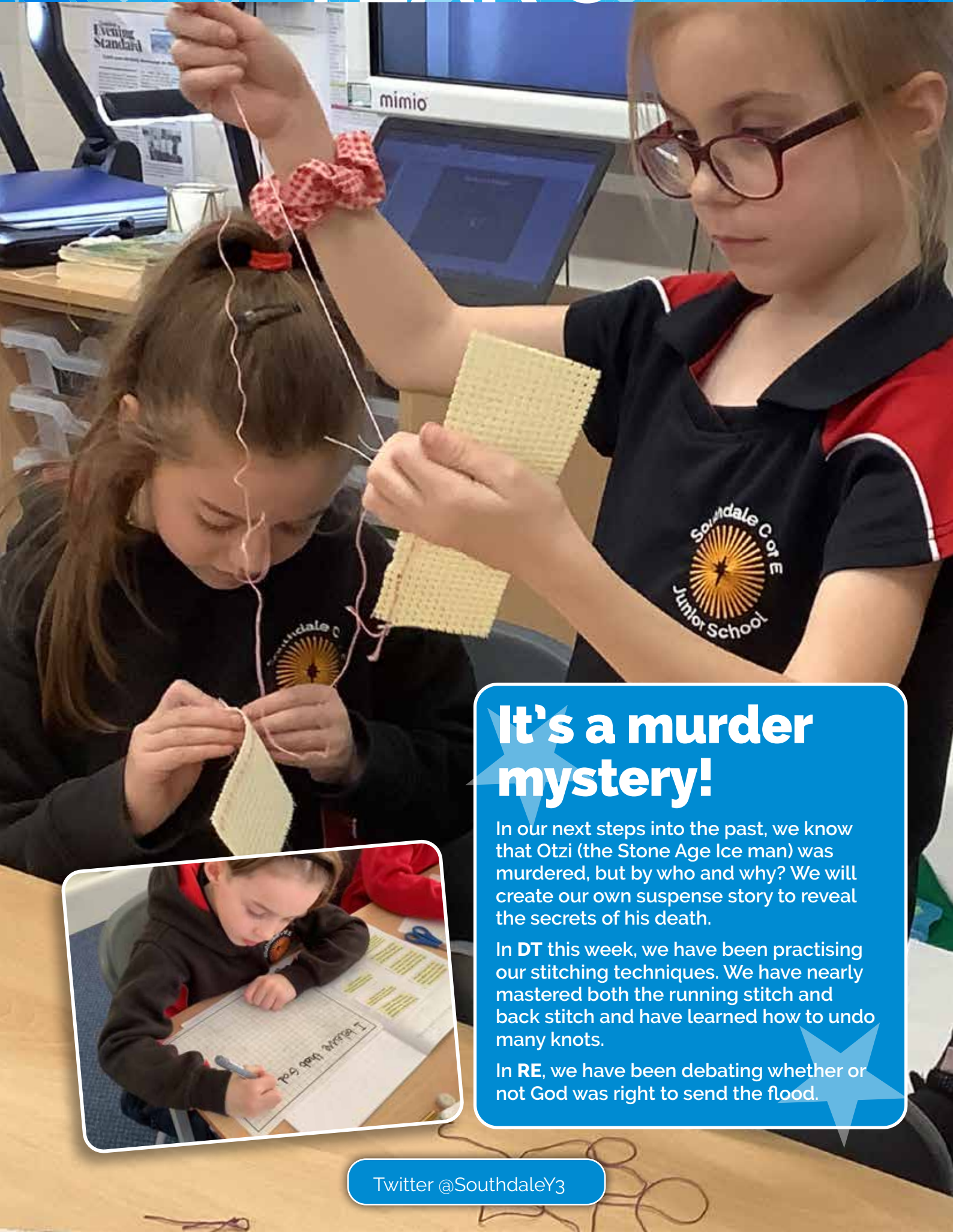
WELCOME

A huge welcome to our new business manager - Mrs Bartholemew. Today Mrs Jones was in school to support with this transition for our school. She is already feeling very welcome and enjoying her first couple of weeks at Southdale and has said '*I am delighted to be working at Southdale with such an amazing team and such wonderful children. I look forward to getting to know you all!*'

As you know, Mrs Willson in 5CW will be going on maternity leave after Christmas, so we are delighted to welcome back Mrs Garnett who will be teaching in 5CW alongside Mrs Hellam from January. Mrs Garnett has taught many of these pupils and she can't wait to come back to the Southdale family and teach with us again.



YEAR 3

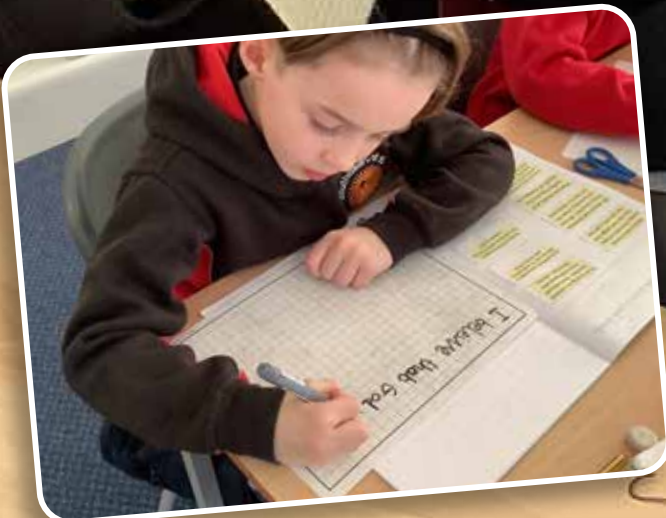


It's a murder mystery!

In our next steps into the past, we know that Otzi (the Stone Age Ice man) was murdered, but by who and why? We will create our own suspense story to reveal the secrets of his death.

In **DT** this week, we have been practising our stitching techniques. We have nearly mastered both the running stitch and back stitch and have learned how to undo many knots.

In **RE**, we have been debating whether or not God was right to send the flood.



YEAR 4

Printing!

This week we have been using the artist Alekos Fassianos for inspiration for our printing. We have created our own stamps using Styrofoam and cardboard, dipped them in ink and created patterns. We are excited to add another medium to our pieces to titivate our final work.

In **cooking**, our children have been continued to develop their skills in creating a fabulous Greek dish.



YEAR 5

A Pollution Warning!

After a worrying message from the future, Year 5 decided to create a futuristic description of what the Land of Neverbelieve will look like in 100 years' time. The children hope they have done enough to warn people in the present day and to persuade them to stop tourism on this unique island.

In **Geography**, Year 5 have begun learning about different biomes. This week, the children have located the Tropical Rainforest biomes on the world map and researched about its climate, vegetation and animals.



In gymnastics, the children have continued to develop their routine. As well as creating balances and jumps using the apparatus, they focused on uplevelling how they travel around the room during their routine by adding more rolls, spins and jumps.

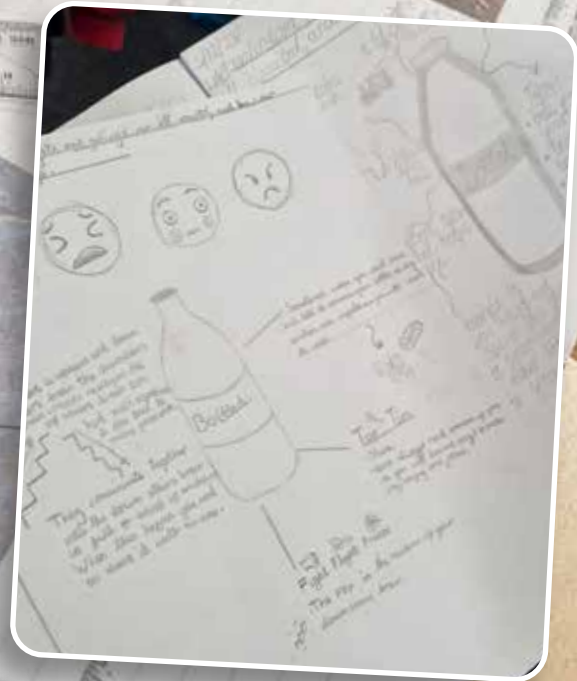
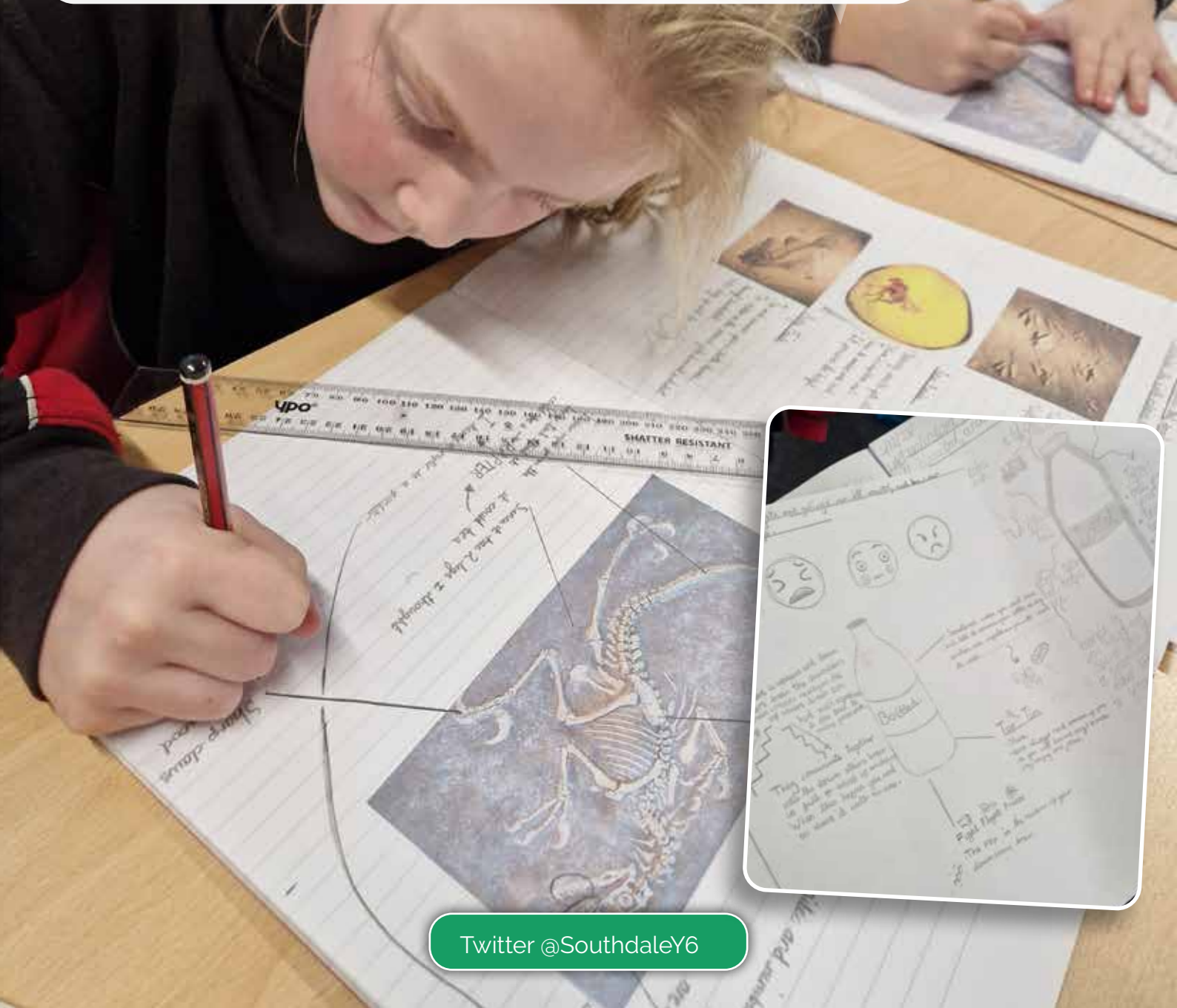
YEAR 6

Professional Palaeontologists!

In science, we started looking closely at fossils, in particularly trace fossils, resin fossils and body fossils. We examined a body fossil, considering what evidence it gives scientists. What can the shape of the backbone tell us? What kind of teeth can we see and why? How might the sharp claws have helped the animal? Which species could this organism be related to?

In our One Life lesson, we loved the book 'Bottled'. We know that it is ok to sometimes keep things to ourselves, but we also know that sometimes emotions can get overwhelming and then we can...FLIP OUR LIDS!

We are really getting stuck into our new class read 'When the Sky Falls'! Even the front cover had us hooked!



THIS WEEK'S HOMEWORK

Year 3

Reading:

Reading is vital. Please continue to support your child by listening to them read for 20 minutes every day.

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. You can also help your child by practising their formal addition and subtraction method – don't forget the exchange!

History:

We have been learning about the discovery of Otzi the ice man who is believed to be 5,300 years old. Please ask your child about this discovery and see what they can remember.

Year 4

Reading:

Reading is the key to success! 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.

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. Particularly have a focus on the 8 times table.

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. We can really see the difference this is making for our children who are reading daily.

'Something very magical happens when you read a good book.!

Maths:

Please complete the My Maths homework, which is converting improper fractions to mixed number fractions questions. Remember to watch the lesson!

Spelling pattern this week:

Words ending in 'ent'

Frequent

Patient

Ancient

Innocent

Dependent

Intelligent

Obedient

Magnificent

Year 6

Reading:

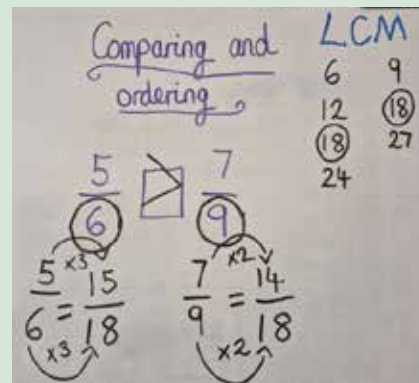
This is so important! Please continue to read with your child at home and ensure that they are reading for at least 20 minutes a day and make a note of how many pages in the planner.

Book recommendation for the week:

We Are Wolves by Katrina Nannestad.
A fantastic book from the point of view of a German family during WW2.

Maths:

Please complete page 31 in your CGP maths book. This links to the fraction work we have been doing in class. Due back 14.12.2023. Use this image to help you with your homework – changing the denominator is key!



Spelling pattern this week:

'ie' and 'ei'. 'l' before 'e' except after 'c'

Receive, deceive, ceiling, achieve,
believe, relief

THIS WEEK'S SPARKLERS

Head teachers Award



**Iris S
(3EB)**

For showing the Southdale Sparkle in so many ways! You are such a fabulous member of the Southdale family.

Special Mentions

3EB	Emin P	For showing a focussed attitude towards your learning. In the classroom, you have been outstanding. Keep it up!
3FD	Jemima KD	For putting 110% effort into all your learning. Your attitude towards learning is infectious. Keep on sparkling!
3LS	Lois M	For your exemplary behaviour and enthusiasm for learning. You bring your best self every single lesson and are an absolute joy to teach!
4BR	Oliver K	For settling in so well and being an amazing part of our Southdale family. Keep shining, Oliver.
4LD	Romana S	For your amazing writing this week. You are applying all of your knowledge from the lessons independently and always strive to do your best work.
4LH	Ella C	For persevering and concentrating in art. You produced a fabulous piece!
5AM	Lilly F	For always putting in 100% effort into everything you do. WELL done!
5CW	Lilly M	For being incredibly helpful to everyone around you and always offering to do things for other people.
5EZ	Heidi	For being such a kind and thoughtful member of 5EZ. You shine everyday!
6KW	Paige S	For demonstrating a love and passion for learning. You really are flourishing, and you should be so proud of yourself!
6TH	Mia O	For persevering during our writing this week. Your efforts to build, hold and then edit your sentences is superb. Keep shining like a star Mia!
6ZR	Ellie-Mae	For always showing up with a calming influence, constantly giving your best and being a super supportive talk partner. Keep shining!

UPCOMING EVENTS

EVENTS/TRIPS/RESIDENTIALS

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

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

SAFEGUARDING TEAM

If you want to talk to us about safeguarding or have any safeguarding concerns, please contact a member of our 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