Southdale
C of E Junior school

Prospectus

2026-27

Word Class Schools Status

Ofsted:
Outstanding in all areas

'Shining like stars in the universe'

Philippians 2:15

A Warm Welcome from Our Headteacher

We would like to welcome you to the Southdale family as your child begins an exciting new chapter in their educational journey with us.

At Southdale, we are committed to striving for excellence in all areas of school life. We are passionate about inspiring a lifelong love of learning and ensuring that every child feels valued, supported and ready to shine.

While we are proud to have been recognised as a **World Class School** and judged **Outstanding in all areas by Ofsted**, we never see this as the end of our journey. These designations are an honour, but they are also a responsibility, one that drives us to keep learning, growing and improving every day.

Our children deserve the very best, and we are thrilled to be part of this important stage in their lives. This is just the beginning of our partnership with you and your family, and we look forward to getting to know you and your child in the coming months.

We hope this prospectus offers a glimpse of the "Southdale Sparkle" and our shared commitment to helping every child "shine like stars in the universe."

Mrs K Partington,
Headteacher.

Our Christian Ethos

Our partnership with Christ Church South Ossett is a central part of school life. Our Christian values are woven throughout the curriculum and reflected in our relationships, creativity and curiosity.

We focus on nurturing values such as encouragement, empathy, forgiveness and respect. Through daily collective worship, we explore twelve core Christian values, helping us grow as a caring, inclusive community – what we fondly call the Southdale Family, where kindness and love are part of each day.

Southdale Governing Body

OUR VISION

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Our vision is for every member of our Southdale family to shine in their own unique way – we call this the **Southdale Sparkle**.

We embrace challenges, set high expectations, and support one another with kindness and respect.

We believe that every child has something special to offer, and we're here to help them discover and celebrate their strengths.

OUR AIMS

- To create a caring, inclusive community with a strong Christian ethos, where everyone feels safe, calm and respected
- To deliver an outstanding, engaging and challenging curriculum that promotes self-confidence and a love of learning
- To provide high-quality, innovative teaching for all pupils
- To ensure excellent progress and high standards of achievement for every child
- To develop staff at all levels, ensuring exceptional teaching and leadership
- To offer a vibrant, modern learning environment that nurtures every aspect of a child's development
- To set high expectations and strive for excellence in everything we do
- To build strong partnerships between pupils, parents and staff through mutual respect and teamwork

World Class Students Make
World Class Schools

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Preparing Children for Their Future

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

- Feel loved, cared for, valued and happy
- Be respected, listened to and kept safe
- Take part in performances and presentations
- Showcase work around school
- Create visual media and collaborate with children from other schools
- Learn practical survival skills and participate in outdoor education
- Go on enriching educational and residential visits
- Use diverse software creatively
- Engage in a variety of sports and team activities
- Learn to swim and design functional items
- Cook healthy meals and learn how to respond in emergencies
- Learn French
- Take on responsibilities and leadership roles
- Enjoy a hands-on music curriculum and learn to play an instrument
- Discover how to lead safe, healthy lifestyles
- Visit places of worship and support charitable causes
- Explore inspirational figures and engage in healthy debates
- Take ownership of their learning journey
- Understand their place in the world as global citizens

Experience outdoor education during residential visits

Our curriculum is exciting, meaningful and relevant.

Our approaches to teaching and learning lead to high engagement within a narrative curriculum. We know that outstanding teaching is the key to outstanding learning. Every day, we aim to inspire, engage and challenge our learners through experiences enriched with excitement and variety.

Southdale provides a lively environment for your child to enjoy rich experiences in computing, music, art, drama, dance, sports and more. We also promote understanding and respect for our diverse, multicultural world.

The school is proud to provide immersive education, where children spend entire afternoons learning through a hands-on, practical curriculum. This approach supports learning in all areas of the curriculum.

Pupils will also have the opportunity to cook in our school kitchen, and take part in gardening, forest school, outdoor learning and projects in our outdoor areas..

Educational Visits

Day visits are organised for each year group to support learning in History, Science, Geography and Religious Education. Residential visits are also planned for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6:.

Year 3 – Bradley Wood

Year 4 – Newby Wiske Hall

Year 5 – Boggle Hole & Whitby

Year 6 – France & Belgium

Extra-Curricular Activities

We further enrich the curriculum with a wide range of after-school activities. Clubs include Football, Netball, Gymnastics, Dance, Drama, Choir, Computing, Cooking and Outdoor Learning.

We believe that the education at Southdale prepares every child for a successful transition to secondary school and beyond.

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 uniform plays a key role in promoting our school ethos and sense of pride.

Sweatshirts and cardigans with the school logo can be purchased from **The Box** in Ossett or online via **Smart Uniform** at smartuniforms.co.uk (authorised sellers).

Important reminders

- Long hair must be tied back
- Hair accessories must be red or black only
- Jewellery is limited to stud earrings and a watch
- Children must bring a book bag (rucksacks are not permitted)
- All belongings must be clearly labelled
- Black shoes are compulsory (heeled shoes are not allowed)

Uniform details

- Red sweatshirt or cardigan (with or without the school logo)
- Black trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore
- Black socks or tights
- In summer, girls may wear a red and white checked dress with white socks

PE Kit

On PE days, children should come to school wearing:

- Black PE shorts or skort (with or without logo)
- Unisex or fitted polo shirt (with or without logo)
- Plain black hoodie (with or without logo)
- Black socks
- Plain black tracksuit bottoms or leggings in colder weather

Attendance

Attendance is vital to your child's success.

Please inform school of any absence as early as possible, ideally before 9.00am on the first day. You can call, visit the office in person or leave a message on the school answer machine.

If we do not receive a reason for your child's absence, we will contact you or may conduct a home visit.

Holidays during term time are not authorised. In line with local authority guidelines, families taking holidays during term time may be subject to a fine.

Medical or dental appointments, or exams such as music or dance, are authorised with prior notice to the office. We kindly request that you try to make medical or dental appointments outside of the school day.

The School Day

- **Gates open** at 8:20am – children go straight to class
- **Learning begins** at 8:30am
- Children arriving after 8:40am will receive a late mark

Punctuality and regular attendance are essential for progress and wellbeing.

Being Safe

- The **car park is for staff and visitors only**
- Children must enter and leave via the gate on Southdale Road
- Parents must not use the car park to drop off or collect children
- Playground gates open at **8.20am** and **2.50pm**
- For safety and insurance reasons, children not enrolled at Southdale must not use the playground equipment
- Please be considerate when parking near Southdale and Belgrave Roads

Medicines

If your child requires **prescribed medication four times daily**, please bring it in its original labelled packaging with an information leaflet.

We require written parental authorisation to administer any medication. Your child must visit the office to receive it from a member of staff.

If your child has asthma, **a spare inhaler must be kept in the classroom** at all times. Without this, your child may be excluded from PE or visits.

In addition if you have indicated on the medical form that your child has an allergy and an adrenaline pen is required, parents must provide 2 adrenaline pens, (1 as a backup), to be kept in the class room at all times.

Beginning in September 2026 all schools are required to stock "spare" emergency adrenaline pens on-site for any pupil experiencing anaphylaxis.

Emergencies

We must be able to reach you in case of an emergency. Please provide at least **two emergency contact numbers** before your child starts school.

Always update us with any changes to your contact details, address, or workplace.

In the event of emergency school closure, we will inform your primary contact and update the:

- School answer machine: **01924 277965**
- Website: **www.southdalecofe.co.uk**
- Twitter (X): **@SouthdaleSchool**

ParentHub

Our main communication platform for messages and letters. Please download the **ParentHub** app or visit **www.parenthub.co.uk** for more information.

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 D Bartholomew, School Business Manager, who will discuss alternative methods of payments.

School Meals

Meals cost £2.63 (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.

All school lunches are cooked in our own school kitchen, and 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 rehydrate during lesson time and can be refilled at the school's water dispensers. **Please ensure bottles are a sensible size - excessively large bottles are not permitted**, as they do not fit on desks and can become a distraction during learning. 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

SENDCO:
Mrs L Helliwell

Lead Practitioner:
Miss E Zeller

School Business Manager:
Mrs D Bartholemew

Year Group Leaders

Year 3: Mrs L Duffy

Year 4: Mr T Hellam

Year 5: Mr J Worsnop-Bland

Year 6: Miss Z Ryan

Teaching Staff

Miss K Elbeck
Miss M Sykes
Mrs K Jones
Mr S Walklate
Miss L Longwa
Mrs C Wilson
Mrs S Garnett
Mr N Drye
Miss O Jones
Mr J Sandy
Mrs K Freeman

Support Staff

Mrs A Thomas (HLTA)
Mrs S Hellam (HLTA)
Miss D Hall Jones (HLTA)
Mrs S Burrill
Miss J Woolley
Miss D Freeman
Mrs J Dundon
Mrs C Smith
Miss F Newby
Mrs S Shaw
Miss L Campbell

Lunchtime Play Leader

Mrs S Gibbins

Sparkles Wraparound & Breakfast Club

Mrs S Gibbins
Miss F Newby
Mrs J Woolley
Mrs S Evans

Admin. Officers:

Mrs A Payne
Miss A Wilby

Senior 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 R Mohebi (Deputy Headteacher)
Mrs K. Partington (Headteacher)
Mrs D Bartholomew (Co-opted)
Mr Thomas Hellam (Staff Governor)
Mrs K Wood (Foundation Governor)
Mr D Reece (Co-opted)
Revd Davies (Foundation Governor)

Clerk: Miss L Robinson

Term dates 2026-27

Autumn Term 2026	
Tuesday 1 September	INSET DAYS
Wednesday 2 September	School opens
Thursday 22 October	School Closes for half term
Friday 23 October	INSET DAY
Monday 2 November	School opens
Thursday 17 December	School closes for the Christmas Holidays
Friday 18 December	INSET DAY
Spring Term 2027	
Monday 4 January	School opens
Monday 8 February	INSET DAY
Friday 12 February	School closes for half term
Monday 22 February	School opens
Thursday 25 March	School closes for Easter Holidays
Summer Term 2027	
Monday 12 April	School opens
Friday 28 May	School closes for half term
Monday 7 June	School opens
Monday 14 June	INSET DAY
Wednesday 21 July	School closes for Summer Holidays

Policies

All key school policies are available on the school web site (**www.southdalecofe.co.uk**) including Admissions, Charging, Safeguarding & Child Protection, Complaints, and Behaviour & Discipline.

Sparkles Wraparound Provision

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

£4.00 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 - *15.00 – 16.00 Monday to Friday term time only*

£3.50 per session

After School Care - *15.00 – 18.00 Monday to Friday term time only*

£10.00 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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