

'Shining like stars in the universe'

Philippians 2:15

Welcome to your new school!



Southdale
C of E Junior school

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In September, you will be moving up to Southdale and we can't wait for you to join us. Going to a new school can be scary and you might feel worried, but there is no need to panic because there are lots of lovely teachers and children to look after you.

Year 3 teachers



Miss Stott

My job in school is to look after all of Year 3 and to make sure that your learning is filled with fun, excitement and many memorable experiences. I really enjoy organising school trips to enhance the curriculum and love to watch children grow in every aspect of school life.

My favourite lesson to teach is definitely maths, but I also love reading, art and practical science. Outdoor Learning is my passion and I am very lucky to be able to organise 'wild' activities for the whole school to enjoy. I'm sure by the end of Year 3, we'll have you lighting fires, building shelters and cooking on our campfires!

My family love animals, especially my son, and at home we have a cat called Cookie, a guinea pig called Rubble, a hamster called Oreo, a corn snake called Belt and an African land snail called Chickalinda! Chickalinda is a great escape artist and one day she sneaked out of her tank and ate my son's science book!

Southdale is a very exciting place to be and as your new Year 3 leader, I can't wait to meet you all again in September and begin our first learning adventure.



Mrs Garnett

I love to teach every subject and I enjoy sharing my love of learning with my class. I am also in charge of music at Southdale and we have a brand new music curriculum starting next year which I can't wait to share with you!

One of my favourite annual events is taking part in Young Voices with the school choir. I also really look forward to the Year 3 Christmas Nativity because I love to see children share their singing, dancing and acting talents.

At home, I enjoy playing my instruments and I love solving puzzles! I have two pet rabbits called Oreo and Russell. We also have a family dog called Eddie who is a little, cheeky Jack Russell. He loves to play tug and roll in mud.

Year 3 teachers



Mrs Gray-Battye

Hi, I'm Mrs Gray-Battye. Some children call me Mrs GB. I am super excited to be teaching in Year 3 this year. Together, I am certain we will enjoy every minute of our learning journey- I wonder where it will take us!

I love to teach every subject at Southdale and I particularly love to see children enjoying their learning, being happy and having lots of fun together.

At home, I have two children of my own, Frankie and Polly. I am really looking forward to seeing you all in September and can't wait to get to know more about you.



Mrs Randall

Hi I'm Mrs Randall. I'm very happy and excited to be part of the Year 3 Team. I love teaching and working with young people and watching them grow in confidence throughout the year. I am a creative person and enjoy teaching art and creating eye-catching displays which showcase our children's fabulous work. As well as this, I love doing science experiments and love reading for pleasure especially when the class don't want me to stop reading our class book!

I am part of the Southdale Safety Team and I look after any children in school who need a bit of extra help with their learning or how they're feeling. In addition to this, I am passionate about mental health and I am lucky enough to be leading and improving our mental health and pastoral provision throughout school.

I am a real animal and nature lover and have a pet dog at home called Rolo and a puppy arriving in the Summer holidays! Along with my furry friends, I adore my ten hens: Shadow, Sunset, Mildred, Oogway, Dancer, Prancer, Cupid, Comet, Blitzen and Scruff.

Other Important People



Mrs Partington is your new headteacher

Southdale is such a special place to be. As the headteacher, I couldn't be prouder of the staff and children who work so hard to make Southdale an exciting place to learn.

I love reading and buying new books for you to enjoy at home and in school. Books and stories are at the heart of all the learning you do here - it is one big adventure!

The favourite part of my job is making decisions which make learning here better and better. As a result, we have a kitchen for you to cook in, a new adventure trim trail, and a fabulous outdoor learning area where you get to learn how to start fires safely - you may even get to toast a marshmallow or two!

Everyone who comes here tries their best and we always aim to 'shine like a star in the universe', which means that we try to be the very best that we can be. I will always help you strive to be the best you can be and we can't wait to have you as a unique part of the Southdale family.

Mrs Mohebi is your new deputy headteacher

I love helping all our children with their learning and helping them to show the Southdale Sparkle!

Everyone at Southdale will help make your time here as special as it can be and I can guarantee that you will make some special memories whilst you are here at Southdale.

I absolutely love seeing any writing that you have done, so please come and show me any work that you are proud of. I also love reading and have been busy making our Southdale library a special place full of fantastic books for you all to read.

My favourite thing to do after a busy day at school is going for a run. The furthest I've ever run is 25km!



Other Important People



Miss Mallas is the school learning mentor

I have the best job in school! My job at sparkly Southdale is to help you settle in, feel safe, happy and listened to in school.

I am here to talk to and I will always try and help you resolve any of your worries or concerns. I love to have lots of fun and I am a little bit silly sometimes. I am very excited and looking forward to meeting you all. Have a lovely summer break and I will see you all in September.

Mr Dundon is the school caretaker

I have quite a few different jobs in school. As the school caretaker, my main job is to make sure everything is clean and tidy and in working order.

I also enjoy gardening and teaching children about how to grow their own food and look after different plants. I love to be outside, especially in our outdoor classroom, and spend four afternoons each week teaching outdoor learning with Mrs Phelan.



The safety team



Mrs Partington
Headteacher



Mrs Mohebi
Deputy headteacher



Mrs Randall
SENDCo



Miss Mallas
Learning mentor

If you are ever worried at Southdale, these lovely teachers are there to help you and will always keep you safe.

At Southdale, we like to learn by telling stories and using drama to help us imagine. During year 3, you will:  *climb mountains*,  *solve shocking crimes*  *work for the Queen*  *rescue exotic animals*  *travel back in time*, and even search for  *lost treasure!*

Below is a map of our action-packed learning journey. If you would like to find out more, visit the Year 3 section on the school website.



Extra Information

Lunchtimes

For lunch, you can bring sandwiches to eat or have a school dinner. If you bring sandwiches, you can also bring a carton of juice to drink. Some boys and girls might bring sandwiches on Monday, but then have a school dinner on Tuesday. It's up to you!

Year 3 children will all have their lunch at the same time. It doesn't matter if you are having sandwiches and your friends are having school dinners because you can still sit together.

In the playground at lunchtime, the Sports Leaders organise lots of fun games and sports to keep you fit and healthy.

Break Times

At Southdale, we have a morning break which lasts 15 minutes. If you would like to bring a healthy fruit snack to school, you can eat this during morning break.

Homework

At Southdale, we expect you to read your home reading book and practise your times tables every single day.

What you need to bring to school every day

All you need is a book bag to keep your reading book safe and a water bottle so that you can have a drink during the school day. You don't need a pencil case or any stationery.

PE Kit

At Southdale, you will wear your PE kit to school on the days that you have PE. Please make sure your name is clearly labelled on all your uniform.

After-school Clubs

You can take part in lots of clubs that happen after school. Cooking, bird watching, gardening, outdoor adventurers, dance, art and football are just some of the activities that are on offer. Joining an after-school club is a great idea because you can learn new skills, make new friends and grow in confidence.



Southdale Sparkle

At Southdale, we believe that children should 'Shine like Stars in the Universe' and always try to be the best they can be.

We call this the 'Southdale Sparkle'.

We can't wait to see you all in September and begin your Southdale journey.

