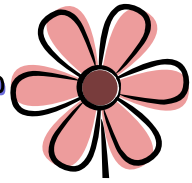




# Southridge First School Whole School Newsletter



July #2 2026

A Wonderful Year Draws to an End

## Introduction

As we approach the end of another fantastic year at Southridge, it is a pleasure to reflect on some of the many successes and memorable moments that have brought our school community together over recent weeks.

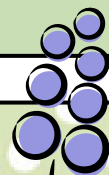
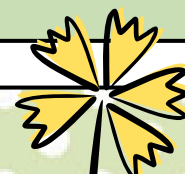
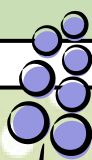
## The Summer Fair

Our Summer Fair was a tremendous success and a wonderful celebration of everything that makes Southridge so special. A huge thank you must go to our PTA, the Friends of Southridge, who once again excelled themselves in organising such a fantastic event. From the bouncy castles, games and stalls to the spectacular bubble show, there was something for everyone to enjoy. Old favourites, including the teacher stocks and chocolate tombola, proved as popular as ever, while the delicious BBQ helped keep everyone fuelled throughout the afternoon. Most importantly, the fair showcased the incredible spirit of our school community with parents, staff and friends of the school coming together to put on a heart-warming event. We are very grateful to everyone who gave their time, donations and support to make it such a success.

## Sporting Success

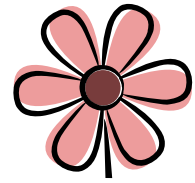
We are also incredibly proud of our Quadkids Athletics Team, who achieved an outstanding second place in the regional finals. Special congratulations go to Amy and Jordi in Year 4, who secured the individual second and first places respectively in their age group. A special mention must also go to Charlie, who narrowly missed out on a joint third-place finish by just a single point. These achievements are even more remarkable when we consider that close to 3,000 children from across the region took part in the competition. What a fantastic accomplishment for all involved.

Our sporting successes do not stop there. We were delighted by the efforts of our Year 2 athletics team, who represented Southridge at the athletics gala hosted by Whitley Lodge First School. The children competed brilliantly and, most importantly, made us incredibly proud through the enthusiasm, determination and sportsmanship they showed throughout the event. Well done, everyone.





## A Wonderful Year Draws to an End Pt2



### **End of Year Reports**

Behind the scenes, staff have been working hard to complete end-of-year reports, which will be sent home on Wednesday evening. We hope families find these reports a valuable celebration of the progress and achievements made this year. Parents and carers who would like to discuss their child's report with their class teacher are welcome to attend our drop-in session on Tuesday 14th from 3.30pm–4.30pm. Please come to the main reception where staff will be happy to direct you.

### **Year 1 Songbirds**

Congratulations also to our Year 1 children, who this week enjoyed the incredible opportunity to perform at The Glasshouse, Gateshead, following in the footsteps of musical legends such as Sting, Blondie and James Brown. It was a memorable experience and one the children will undoubtedly treasure.

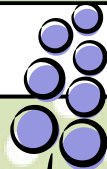
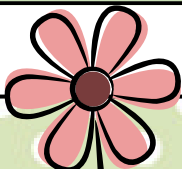
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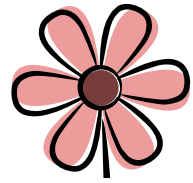
Our recent transition days have also been a great success. Our Year 4 pupils have thoroughly enjoyed spending time at their new middle schools, while children across the younger year groups have had the opportunity to visit their new classrooms and meet their teachers for September. These experiences play an important role in easing uncertainty, building confidence and helping to prevent any unnecessary worries over the summer break. You can see your child's "Welcome to Year..." presentation on the school website in Year Groups drop down tab.

[www.southridgefirst.org.uk](http://www.southridgefirst.org.uk)

### **Still to Come**

There is still plenty to look forward to before the end of term. On Thursday afternoon we will celebrate our wonderful Year 4 children at their Leavers' Assembly, before they enjoy their end-of-year celebration disco later that evening. We are also excited to see our talented Lego League engineers present their work at the North Tyneside Expo at the Village Hotel, showcasing the creativity, teamwork and problem-solving skills they have developed throughout the year. Meanwhile, our Year 3 and Year 4 children will be enjoying rugby taster sessions delivered by our friends at Rockcliffe Rugby Club, while Year 1 pupils will represent Southridge at a rounders competition hosted by Whitley Lodge First School.



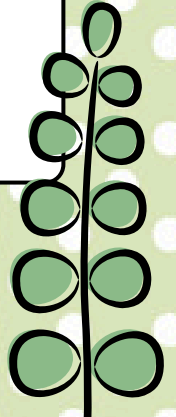
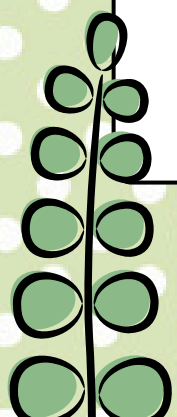
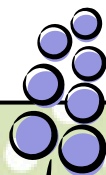
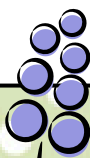


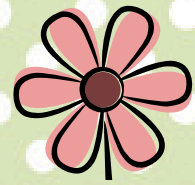
## A Wonderful Year Draws to an End Pt3

### Finally

We are also delighted to be welcoming our local MP, Sir Alan Campbell, to school. Sir Alan has been a strong supporter of our work in taking learning beyond the classroom and into the wider environment, and we look forward to sharing some of the exciting opportunities our children have experienced this year. Looking ahead to Friday, we are keeping our fingers crossed for warm and dry weather as we come together for our special Booknic, one of the highlights of the summer term. We will also enjoy our much-loved Farmer's Lunch, when children will harvest vegetables they have helped to grow themselves and enjoy what is always one of the most memorable and delicious meals of the year.

As always, thank you for your continued support of our school. The successes we celebrate each week are only possible because of the strong partnership between our children, families, staff and wider community. Together, we continue to make Southridge a truly special place to learn, grow and belong.





## Reminders and Changes for September

### Attendance, PE Kit & Wellies Update

#### Attendance

A reminder to say please DO NOT book holidays during term time. Our Attendance Policy can be found on the school website [<here>](#).

#### PE Kit

From September, all children should come to school wearing their PE kit on their allocated PE days. Children will no longer keep PE kits in school.

This change brings us in line with other local first schools and will help maximise the time children spend being active in PE lessons. It will also reduce the amount of lost or misplaced clothing throughout the year. Your class teacher will advise which days are your PE days in September.

Our PE kit consists of:

- burgundy shorts or black joggers,
- trainers,
- white t-shirt,
- school jumper or cardigan.

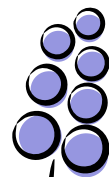
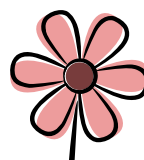
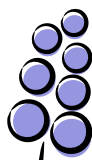
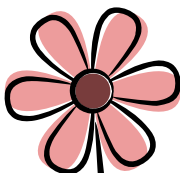
#### Wellies

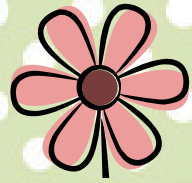
If your child has a pair of wellies stored in school, please arrange to collect them by the end of next week.

Alternatively, if they are no longer needed, we would be very grateful for any donations to support next year's outdoor learning activities.

Any wellies remaining in school and uncollected by this Friday **10th July** will be considered donated and will be used to support future pupils.

Thank you for your continued support.





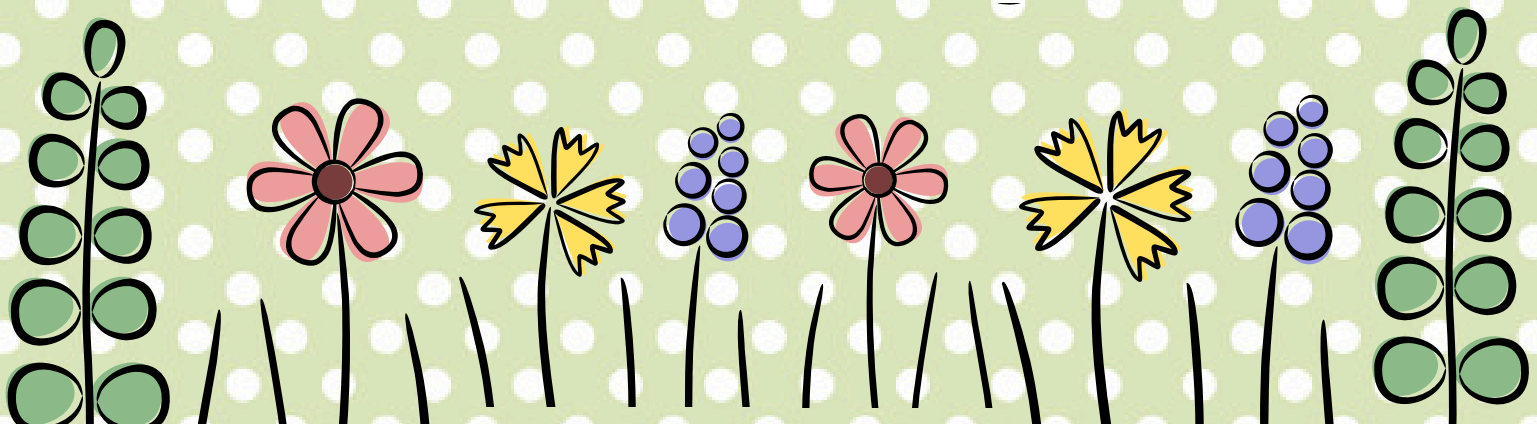
## Booknic Fun - This Friday afternoon

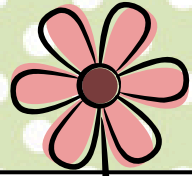
We are really looking forward to welcoming you to our Booknic on Friday and hope that those of you who are able to join us, enjoy a relaxing afternoon celebrating reading together.

You will be able to sit and enjoy reading a book or two with your child in the glorious North East sunshine and there will even be the chance to swap books from home if you choose to.

Please make sure you see the letter that Miss McIntyre is sending out shortly with full details that will tell you how to find your child when you arrive, how we will keep all of our children safe while they have fun, food/drink and leaving arrangements.

Hopefully it will be a lovely way to end the week.





## Upcoming Dates

### July

Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> - Y4 Leavers' Assembly

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Fri 10<sup>th</sup> - Whole School Booknic (2pm)

Tues 14<sup>th</sup> - End of Year Report Drop-In Discussion  
Opportunity (3.30 - 4.30pm)

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> - Last Day of Summer term

### September

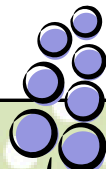
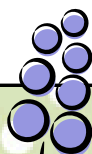
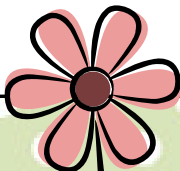
Tues 1<sup>st</sup> - Teacher Training Day

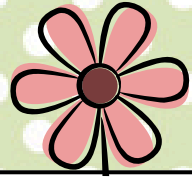
Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> - First Day of Autumn term

~~Tues 15<sup>th</sup> - Individual Photographs - MOVED~~

Tues 15<sup>th</sup> - School Community Beach Clean 3.30 - 4.30pm

Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> - Individual Photographs





## Upcoming Dates Continued

### **October**

Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> - Last Day of Autumn 1 half term

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> - Teacher Training Day

### **November**

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> - Teacher Training Day

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> - First Day of Autumn 2 half term

### **December**

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> - Last Day of Autumn term

### **January**

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> - Teacher Training Day

Tues 5<sup>th</sup> - First Day of Spring term

### **February**

Fri 12<sup>th</sup> - Last Day of Spring 1 half term

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> - First Day of Spring 2 half term

### **March**

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Spring term

### **April**

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> - First Day of Summer term

### **May**

Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> - Last Day of Summer 1 half term

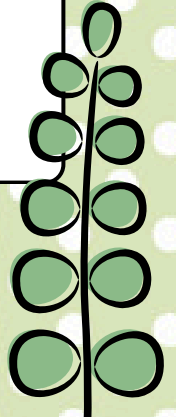
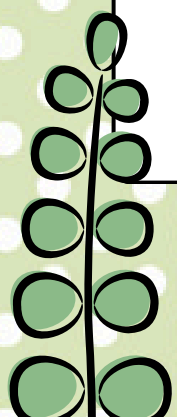
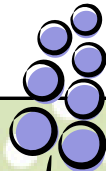
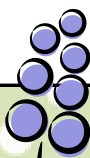
Fri 28<sup>th</sup> - Teacher Training Day

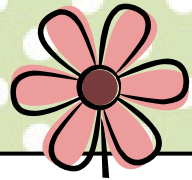
### **June**

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> - First Day of Summer 2 half term

### **July**

Weds 21<sup>st</sup> - Last Day of Summer term





## Outdoor Play Donation Wishlist

Thank you all again for the donations we have recently received. The Mud Kitchen we have planned for next term now has pots and pans ready to cook with - and we even have some lovely new yard brushes and rakes to clean up afterwards!

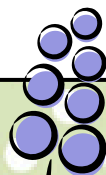
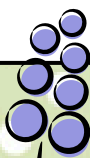
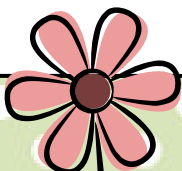
### Things we currently need:

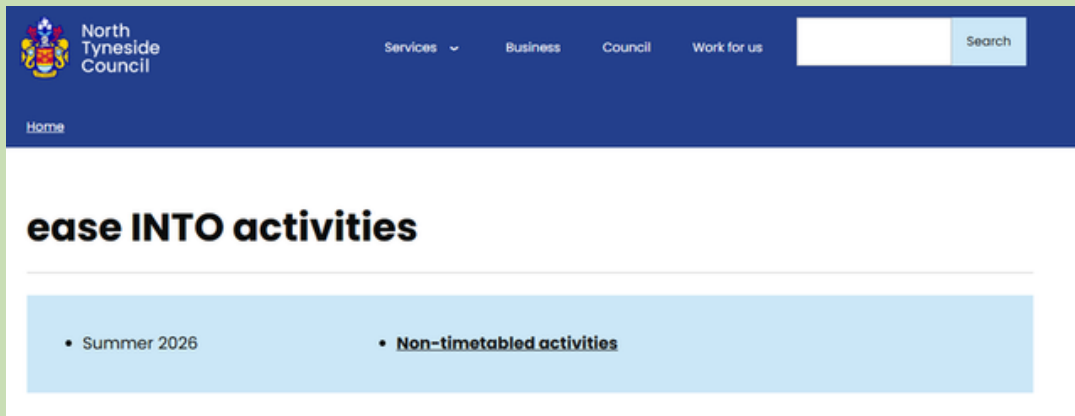
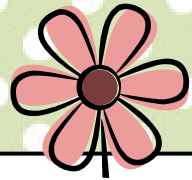
- lego and/or duplo
- plastic bottle crates
- bean bag seats
- old "safe" kitchen utensils (pans, ladles, spoons etc) that could be used in a mud kitchen

### Please remember:

Donations are not expected to be new /unused but should be clean and in safe working order – they also need to be given rather than loaned.

If you have something and you are not sure if it is appropriate, please speak to Mr Willcock or Mrs Statham on the school yard, or email [office@southridgefirst.org.uk](mailto:office@southridgefirst.org.uk)





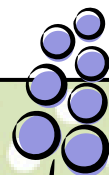
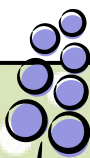
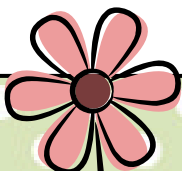
To all parents / carers of children on income related free school meals.

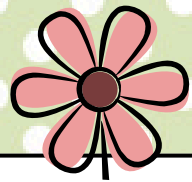
Summer is fast approaching – don't miss out. Make sure you're booked in now to secure your child's place on our fully funded activities. We have sports, surfing, photography, drama, cooking and everything in between!

Register here [ease INTO programme](#)

Read about what is on offer in each area here [ease INTO activities | North Tyneside Council](#)

All activities include a healthy lunch and a chance to meet new friends.





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# REPAIR CAFE

## SATURDAY 18 JULY

### 10AM TO 2PM



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## A COMMUNITY FIXING EVENT

**BRING YOUR LOVED ITEMS FOR REPAIR**

TEXTILES, ELECTRICALS  
WOODWORK, BIKES  
ENVIRONMENTAL WORKSHOPS  
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TEA, COFFEE, CAKE



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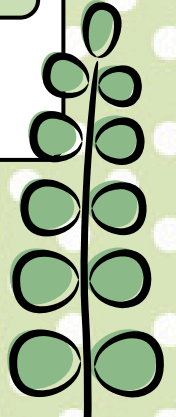
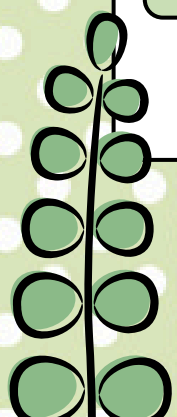
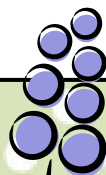
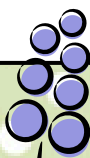
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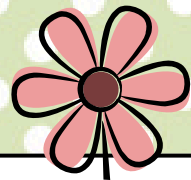
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## Please do not struggle in silence

If you are finding that financial pressures are affecting your child(ren)'s ability to access school, please email

[financial.support@southridgefirst.org.uk](mailto:financial.support@southridgefirst.org.uk)

which is a confidential email address monitored by the headteacher and we will contact you to see what support we may be able to provide and signpost for you.

The screenshot shows the Cool Milk website interface. At the top is a blue navigation bar with social media icons (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram), menu items (HOME, NEWS, RESOURCES), the 'Cool Milk' logo, and other menu items (PARENTS, SCHOOLS, EARLY YEARS) along with a search icon. Below the navigation bar is a large image of a child's hand being held by an adult's hand. Underneath this image are three blue buttons: 'REGISTER YOUR CHILD' with a person icon, 'PAY FOR YOUR CHILD'S MILK' with a stack of coins icon, and 'MANAGE YOUR DETAILS' with a person and gear icon. Below these buttons is a section titled 'Parents DID YOU KNOW?' with a sub-header 'Milk is the ideal mid-morning drink for your child and for many it's absolutely free.' followed by a list of three bullet points: 'FREE for children under the age of five', 'FREE to children receiving or entitled to statutory free school meals\*', and 'Subsidised for all other children in primary education'. To the right of the text is an illustration of a milk jug, a glass, and a bottle. At the bottom of the section is a small note: '\*In selected schools - please check with your child's school first'.

