



Southdale Newsletter

June 2026

JUNE

HELLO FROM MRS FISH!

Dear Southdale Families

As we come to the end of another school year at Southdale Primary, we reflect with great pride on the many achievements, successes and special moments we have shared. This final term has also been an important time of transition, with children preparing for their next steps and embracing new opportunities with confidence and excitement. Our children have continued to show resilience, kindness and determination in all that they do, and it has been a privilege to support them on their learning journey. We would like to thank our families for their continued encouragement and partnership throughout the year.

BIKEABILITY – THANK YOU!

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the staff and volunteers who supported our P7 learners throughout their Bikeability course. Your time, patience, and encouragement have made a real difference in helping our pupils develop confidence and essential cycling skills.

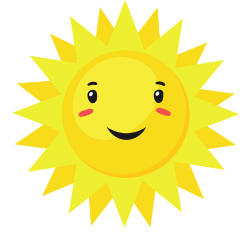
Thanks to your dedication, our learners are now fully prepared for their first social ride—and they are incredibly excited to put everything they've learned into practice! This achievement wouldn't have been possible without your commitment and enthusiasm.

We truly appreciate everything you have done to make this experience so positive and memorable for our pupils. Thank you for helping them take this important step towards safe and enjoyable cycling. 🚲👏





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PEF SURVEY

Pupil Equity Funding (PEF) supports schools to close the poverty-related attainment gap, with a focus on Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Wellbeing.

In 2025-2026, our school received £24,500, which has been used to provide additional staffing, targeted support, and classroom resources. As we plan for 2026-2027, we would really value your input. We'd like to hear:

- Any barriers to learning your child(ren) may experience
- Suggestions for support or interventions that could help

Please complete the form below and return it by Friday 12th June.
Thank you for your support.

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SPORT'S DAYS

Summer term is here, and we are looking forward to our annual Sports Day, with a few changes based on last year's feedback.

Dates and Times

- P1-P3: Wednesday 3rd June
- P4-P7: Thursday 4th June

Morning activities will be potted sports (pupils only due to space), with races taking place in the afternoon. Parents/carers are welcome to attend from 1:00pm, with races starting at 1:30pm on the upper field. Chairs will be available on a first come, first served basis.

What to Wear

Children should come dressed in PE kit with a water bottle. Where possible, they are encouraged to wear house colours:

Falcons (green), Owls (blue), Stags (yellow), Wolves (red).

Activities

Morning potted sports will follow a Football World Cup theme, with fun skill stations inspired by Scottish footballers.

Afternoon races include running, three-legged (adapted for P1-P3), sack race, and egg-and-spoon. New House challenges will also be introduced.

Rewards

Each class will award 6 certificates at assembly (3 for achievement and 3 for sportsmanship). All pupils will earn house points and have the chance to achieve personal bests.

Thank you for your continued support—we look forward to an enjoyable couple of days for all!





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DALEBAY

We will be temporarily closing Dalebay to allow us time to complete a stock take and get everything organised for the new session ahead. Before then, we will be hosting a couple of open afternoons, giving families the chance to come along, pick up some pre-loved uniform, enjoy a cup of coffee and catch up with other members of our school community.

The dates for this are below:

Tuesday 9th June - 5.30pm - 6.00pm (as part of P1 transition evening)

Wednesday 24th June - 3.15pm - 4.00pm

Thursday 25th June - 3.15pm - 4.00pm

It's a great way to top up uniform for the next session while supporting sustainability—we hope to see you there!



UNCRC JUNE FOCUS

In June we will be focusing on 2 UNCRC articles



ARTICLE 28 – RIGHT TO EDUCATION - Article 28 ensures that every child is entitled to an education that is accessible, inclusive, and supportive—helping them to reach their full potential.

ARTICLE 12 – RESPECT THE VIEWS OF THE CHILD - Article 12 ensures that children are listened to, respected, and included—helping them to feel valued, build confidence, and play an active role in their learning and school life.



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HWB JUNE FOCUS

Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood Programme (RSHP)

In our school, we follow the national Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood (RSHP) programme. This supports children to develop the knowledge, understanding and skills needed to build positive relationships, understand their feelings, and make safe choices as they grow.

Learning is carefully planned to be age and stage appropriate. Through class discussions, stories and activities, children learn about kindness, inclusion, personal boundaries, and how to recognise when they need help and who they can turn to.

We also support children to build confidence, develop self-awareness, and feel comfortable expressing their thoughts and feelings in a safe and respectful environment.

COMMUNICATION



To keep up to date with what is happening in school, like our school Facebook page here

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61567378604187>

Can we ask that you ensure that the school office has an up to date email address for you to ensure you do not miss any important communication. Any questions or concerns, please contact the class teacher through the school office first. If you need to speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team then please contact the member below for your child's class

School Office Telephone - 01506 284300

N - P3 - Mrs Fish
P3/4 - P7 - Mrs Stewart

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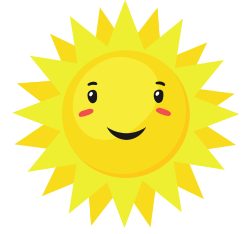
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ETHOS SURVEY

As you are aware, West Lothian Council recently issued their annual ethos survey. As a staff team, we have carefully analysed the results and would like to share some of the areas you have identified for improvement.

We have created an information sheet (next 2 pages) to highlight the good practice already taking place within these areas. However, we are keen to continue improving and would really value your thoughts on what else we can offer.

Please take a few moments to complete the short survey below and share your ideas with us.

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Thank you for your continued support.





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IMPROVING OUR SCHOOL



Below are statements from WLC Ethos survey and what we already do to support these areas.

My child likes being at school

Pupil voice is valued when planning for learning within class
Positive ethos and praise
Leadership opportunities
Celebrating success through assemblies, house points, class reward systems, notes home to parents,
Trips and opportunities to learn out with the classroom environment

My child is increasing in confidence

Promoting Growth Mindset across the school
Appropriate use of praise
Pupil leadership opportunities
Celebrating wider achievements, star of the week, values awards, house points, table points

My child is progressing well in their learning

Annual end of year reports
Introduced two formal parent's evenings which follows West Lothian Council guidance
Informal chats at the end of the school day

My child's school deals well with bullying

Informal and formal catch up with parents
Newly refreshed Positive Relationship Policy
HWB focus (anti-bully week)
Trusted Adult conversations
Regular Assembly focus
Restorative conversations
School log, track and monitor incidents in line with WL Policy

My child is encouraged and stretched to the best of their ability

Use of WLC progression pathways to inform planning to ensure it is appropriate for the level your child is working at
Termly meetings with SLT, CT & SfL to discuss every child to ensure appropriate support and challenge
Introduction of Metaskills to encourage more self-directed learning

I know what my child is learning at school

Reports, sharing the learning events, informal chats.
See-Saw, informal meetings after school.
Homework available on digital platforms



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The information I receive about how my child is doing reaches me at the right time

Teachers make and arrange phone calls / emails/ meetings if required.
Annual calendar sharing key dates.
Sharing Learning events.
Open door policy and any formal and informal meetings can be requested throughout the year.

The school offers a selection of family learning activities such as events and workshops

Sharing the Learning days to look at children's work and visit the classrooms

The school has helped day to day costs

Dalebay, school uniforms, free or subsidised school trips, free school lunches available P1-P5.
Referrals to clothing banks / working with various agencies to support with Christmas gifts and funding for specific items (Camp kit etc)
Free disco (through Parent Partnership)
Food Bank
Free Breakfast Club
Snack for children who require one.
Payment plans for camp
Credit Union for savings
Stationary for learning
Free extra-curricular clubs due to school staff volunteering
Surveys to support financial help
Sign post families to other agencies for financial support

My views and opinions are sought when making changes

Parent Partnership evenings across the year
Ethos survey
Surveys and questionnaire throughout the school year
SLT Drop in Sessions across the school year
Feedback after events which may support change
'You Said, We Did' activities

Please complete this short survey to share what else you would like to see us doing



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DIARY DATES

JUNE

- 1st - RSHP Programme begins
- 3rd - P1-P3 Sports Day
- 3rd - P7/S1 Transition Evening
- 4th - P4 - P7 Sports Day
- 4th - 4.00pm - Netball
- 5th - Assembly
- 5th - Bikeability - Social Ride
- 9th - 6.00pm - P1 transition evening
- 10th - 12th - P7 / S1 transition
- 11th - Move on day
- 12th - Assembly & leadership Groups
- 15th - Diabetes Awareness Week
- 15th - 1.30pm - ELC move on celebration
- 18th - 9.00am - Award's Ceremony
- 18th - 1.30pm - P7 Leavers Assembly
- 18th - 5.30pm - ELC @ The Hive
- 20th - Gala Day
- 23rd - Fun Day
- 23rd - P7 Leaver afternoon
- 24th & 25th - 3.15pm - DALEBAY Uniform Sale
- 26th - Dress Down Day

summer time