

Dear parents and carers

STARS OF THE WEEK W/C 16.12.24

N-AM	REBECCA	3B	BONNIE
N - PM	SEBASTIAN	3H	ENXI
RR	RAFA	4P	ZUHAIN
RS	MIKAELA	4SH	ALYA
1L	UMA	5A	IDA
1W	ALLISON	5G	ANIYA
2DM	SAIFAN	6F	KAMILLA
2F	JOSEPH	6M	AHMED
PLM NICHOLAS			
MUSIC STARS: OMER & IBRAHIM Y5			



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY W/C 9.12.24

Best Attendance ☺ **4SH 99.3%**

Best Punctuality ☺ **4P**

Class that needs to improve their attendance **PLM 80%**

Class that needs to improve their punctuality **RS**

Overall School Attendance this year = 95.3%

BORN IN A BARN

Last week we were treated to two performances of Reception and Key Stage 1's nativity. The main characters did a fabulous job of leading the story line around each class's song that helped to tell the story. Both the singing and signing of the songs were wonderful.

Reception children did a great job of their very first performance in front of large audiences of parents and carers.

Enormous thanks goes to Ms Forbes, Year 2 teaching and support staff who guided the story line of characters and all the staff that supported the children to participate so confidently and enthusiastically. Well done to all!

This is what the parents had to say.....

Superb assembly. Fantastic work by all of you, children and teachers. Hats off to the lovely music teacher – well done all!

Well done. Excellent – proud of school

Amazing spectacle – we really enjoyed it

Excellent show! Everyone did so well remembering their lines, and singing and dancing ***** 4 stars!!

Best Nativity eve! The Year 2 kids performed the story amazingly and Year 1 and Reception sang so well!



Can I take this opportunity, on behalf of all staff, we wish everyone a fantastic and relaxing winter break!

MAKATON SIGN OF THE WEEK: **CHRISTMAS**



Don't Forget..

**CLOSING
EARLY**

We close at the earlier time of 2:30pm on

Thursday 19th December &

Wrap Crew finishes at 4:55pm

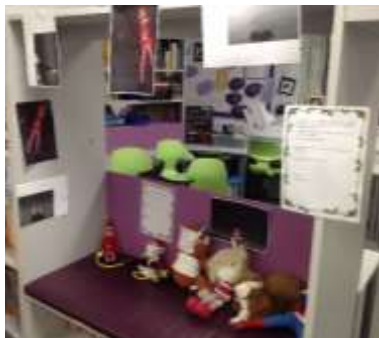
Then school re-opens **MONDAY**

6th JANUARY 2025



LOOK AT WHAT EDWIN HAS BEEN UP TO:

Tuesday 10th December



He decided to try out his medical skills on some of the Reception toys (they were not impressed) and then he discovered the photocopier... He took a lot of 'elfies'!



On Wednesday 11th December -

he was really getting into the swing of things in the library..



By Thursday 12th December -

he was a little tired so decided to have a little sit down with a friend to play some games and eat an awful lot of KitKats!

Friday 13th December

After listening to Ms Forbes and the choir practicing for the concert he decided that he should get his own choir into shape. They sounded really fresh!



Today - Monday 16th December

Once again he'd made a bit of a mess in the library. At least this time it was a pretty mess but it'll be snow joke clearing it up!



Applying for a Reception School Place

If your child will be 5 between 1st September 2025 and 31st August 2026 you have until **January 15th 2025** to apply to Waltham Forest Admission service for a Reception place. We still have one final tour of South Grove conducted by Ms Maltwood that you are welcome to attend: **9th January at 4:00pm**

You must apply even if you have other children at South Grove or your child is in the Nursery – it is not automatic!



Last Chance to Claim Lost Property
At the end of the week any lost property left will be sent to charity or washed and resold as second hand uniform. Please make sure you have checked if you are missing anything.

Remaining Class Christmas Parties

Tuesday 17th December

Nursery one in the morning & one in the afternoon

Tuesday 17th December

Reception, Years 1, 2, 3, 5

Wednesday 18th December PLM



Jolly Jumper Day

Wear a festive or bright jumper instead of your school sweatshirt on Wednesday 18th December and pay £1.00 towards this year's charity - **SAVE THE CHILDREN**

If your child doesn't have a Christmas Jumper, as with all dress up days – we do not expect you to buy anything new - the children can wear a jumper they already have at home



Christmas Lunch

This Wednesday, 18th December, there will be the celebration Christmas lunch for the children – including full time Nursery.

As always children who are normally packed lunches can change for the day to have this – just let us know before the day.



Christmas Concert

**This Thursday
19th December -
9.15am**

**Whole School
Christmas Concert –**



**whole school singing with
choir leading the
performance**

All very welcome to join!



Friends of South Grove Raffle & Disco

Last few days to buy tickets for the Raffle which will be drawn at the Christmas Concert - Tickets 20p each - £1.00 for five

Do remember with the sold out Family Disco on Wednesday that, due to Health & Safety and limited numbers, there will be no entry without a ticket – so please make sure you keep yours safe! All children must be collected by someone over 16 at 5:30pm

SCHOOL OPENS ON MONDAY 6th JANUARY 2025 – PLEASE NOTE THAT WE DO NOT HAVE A STAFF INSET DAY – EVERYONE SHOULD BE IN ON THE MONDAY EVEN IF SIBLINGS IN OTHER SCHOOLS ARE OUT (such as Willowfield + Kelmscott)

With my very best wishes

J. Maltwood.

Julie Maltwood
Headteacher



SOUTH GROVE LEARNING GALLERY!

Nursery

Last week in Nursery we began to talk about winter, the changes it brings and the effects on people, animals and the weather. We also thought again about special celebrations, and considered when and why we give gifts and cook special food. Creatively, we have been working on a few special things, however we can't show pictures of them here until the lucky recipients have received them! Instead, have a look at the wonderful costumes and ideas the Nursery children had when thinking about magical worlds for our dress up day, the week before last!



Reception

In Reception we have begun to learn about winter seasonal celebrations. Last week we listened to the Christmas story, and practised performing our songs for the Nativity. We decorated our Christmas tree and began to make the art work for our calendars to give to our families.

We also received a message from the Elf in Santa's grotto. The children used their phonic knowledge to read the message, *Can you help? 'What a to-do!' can you imagine?* All of the Elf's wrapping paper that had been delivered was plain without any patterns! He couldn't possibly wrap presents in plain paper, so in maths we learnt about repeating patterns to help decorate the paper and hats for our forthcoming party.



Year 1

Year 1 worked in groups to draw a large street map showing the local area. In the map they included important landmarks such as the school, a church, shops, houses, etc. For ICT the children have been learning about how to program a Beebot to move from one place to another. They used the Beebot to travel around on their street map. The children worked really hard as a team taking turns and helping each other.



Year 2

Year 2 children wrote non-chronological reports about the five food groups. They copied them up neatly to create wonderful booklets for display.



Year 3

For their homework project, the children made family trees to learn more about what makes a community. As they worked, they explored how their families connect to others and how those connections create a sense of belonging. Tracing their roots and mapping out relatives helped them see the different ways people come together and support each other. It also got them thinking about how families, no matter how different, play an important role in building a strong and caring community.



Year 4

Last week, Year 4 grabbed a slice of the action by designing and making their own healthy pizzas! This means a healthy balance of protein, carbohydrates, fat and veggies in every bite. They had an amazing time being little chefs—I'm positive they'll jump at the chance to help out in the kitchen at home...



Year 5

What a day! Year 5 were nowhere to be seen for they had been taken over by Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. But don't worry, it was a very peaceful day up in Year 5 between the two tribes known for some awful activities in the past but this was put aside for the day. The children worked beautifully in their pairs to create a cam toy inspired by the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons. We then showcased our outfits to the other classes, before we then came upstairs after lunch to design our Norse God. A very fun day but I am certain Mrs Grant and Mr Andrews were happy to have their students back the next day.



Year 6

Year 6 have been channelling their creativity and enthusiasm into writing biographies last week. Their recent task was to craft biographies about the life of Miss Marable, and the writing has been excellent! The children approached the task with a hot seating activity where they asked questions to find out all about Miss Marable's life. With fantastic effort, they have then wrote thoughtful and insightful paragraphs using higher-level vocabulary and advanced punctuation.

They should all be very proud of their writing last week!



PLM



PLM
NEWSLETTER
Topic



FREE EDITION
| December 2024 |
TOP NEWS

The children and adults in PLM had loads of fun on Viking and Anglo Saxon Day. They built and painted wooden homes, painted the jewellery they had made and coloured in pictures of Vikings. There were lots of concentrated and happy faces!



Go Jauntly Walks



Go Jauntly is a free walking and wellness app that helps bring happiness outdoors and enables users to discover urban walks, nature trails, historic tours and puzzle hunts in-app. You can download the app for free on the App Store or the Play Store.

We're excited to launch a new set of Waltham Forest walks that highlight the rich history, hidden nature and vibrant community life of the area.

Together, these routes celebrate the community's commitment to sustainability, heritage, and cultural enrichment, providing engaging experiences for locals and visitors alike.

Share these walks with your school community to encourage them to be more active and explore their local area!

Waterside Walkabout: This route takes you along the River Lea and Tottenham Marshes, showcasing Walthamstow Wetlands, an internationally significant nature reserve. It also includes a visit to the William Morris Gallery, a museum dedicated to the famed designer.

Mosey on the Marsh: Explore the green spaces of the Lea Valley, including Ive Farm Community Garden and the Christopher Robbins Woodland Walk. Highlights include Friends Bridge, steeped in history as a former boundary between Anglo-Saxon England and Viking Danelaw.

Walthamstow Village Walk: Celebrating 10 years of the Sustainable Transport program, this walk features Walthamstow Market, the longest outdoor street market in Europe, the soon-to-be-reopened Soho Theatre, and St. Mary's Church with its new arts focus.



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FLU CATCH-UP COMMUNITY CLINICS

The festive season is a time for travelling, visiting family, and gathering with loved ones – but it's also the perfect opportunity for the flu to spread. With packed trains, busy airports, and close contact at family gatherings, the risk is higher than ever.

Making sure your child has had their flu vaccine is the best way to protect yourself and those you care about.

Stay Well:

Keep the festive spirit alive without the misery of flu.

Protect Others:

Especially children, the elderly, and those more vulnerable.

Stop the Spread:

Help prevent flu outbreaks this holiday season

If your child missed their flu vaccination at school, you can book an appointment at one of our community clinics.

For our clinic locations and contact details for the Vaccination UK team please follow the links below:



<https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/catch-up-clinics>

Immunisation Provider for
NHS

Best care by the best people

NELFT NHS
NHS Foundation Trust

Children's Occupational Therapy Advice Line

Do you have
concerns about
your child's
functional skills?



Do you have questions about resources or
referrals?

You can now call the team for
advice on these dates:



12:30



Wednesday 13th & 27th November 12:30 – 14:30

Wednesday 11th December 12:30 – 14:30

Wednesdays 8th & 22nd January 12:30 – 14:30

Wednesdays 5th & 18th February 12:30 – 14:30

Wednesdays 5th & 19th March 12:30 – 14:30

November	November	December	January	January	February	February	March	March
13	27	11	8	22	5	18	5	19

0208 430 7960

CODING CLUB

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Every child born this century
should learn to code!

- Bill Gates

ESSENTIAL
SKILLS FOR
YOUR
FUTURE



LIMITED
PLACES

Innovation Pod will be running its
award-winning Coding Club at
South Grove



YEARS 1-6 - TUESDAY

PRE HALF TERM

Children in our combined club will be learning our exciting combined module, Get ready for a double dose of coding fun with our Cartoon Coding and Retro Gaming module mash-up! First, children will bring their favorite cartoon characters to life, coding sequences, loops, conditionals, and events to solve exciting challenges. Then, they'll journey back to the 80s and 90s to design their own old-school platform and scroller games.

POST HALF TERM

Dive into the world of Coding with Fuzzies and A.I! In this module, children will guide fuzzy characters through mazes and puzzles, mastering fundamental coding concepts like sequences, loops, and conditionals. Then, they'll explore the fascinating realm of artificial intelligence—learning how it works, how it impacts their lives, and how to stay safe in a tech-driven world. This module is the perfect mix of problem-solving fun and future-ready learning.

Sign up using this link: <https://app.joinin.online/#/app/joinin/login>

Classes will start straight after school and finish at 4:15pm. Clubs cost £7 (inc. VAT) for the full 11 weeks which is paid via a one-off Direct Debit. This is NOT a recurring payment.

Clubs will begin on w/c 13th January - 24th March (excluding half term).

Follow us on any of our social media platforms to see our lessons in action: [@InnovationPodUK](#), [@InnovationPod](#), [@InnovationPod](#)

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