

13th January 2025

Dear parents and carers

STARS OF THE WEEK W/C 13.1.25

N- AM	VIVIENNE	3B	LEVII
N - PM	NOAH	3H	HEBE
RR	FATIMA	4P	DYLAN
RS	SAMY	4SH	EMANUELA
1L	LOGAN	5A	DAVID
1W	TAKSHVI	5G	VISARD
2DM	ARYAAN	6F	PREEYA
2F	LILA	6M	HUDA
	PLM BLAKE		



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY W/C 6.1.25

Best Attendance 😊 **6F 98.6%**

Best Punctuality 😊 **6F**

Class that needs to improve their attendance **RS 66.7%**

Class that needs to improve their punctuality **1L**

Overall School Attendance this year = 94.6%

SPECIAL WEEKS COMING UP THIS TERM

Careers Week 17th – 21st March



We are hoping to hold a Careers Week from 17th to the 21st March in celebration of National Careers Week and culminating in Takeover Day on Friday 21st March when the children will apply to take over the roles of the adults in the school. The purpose of this is to have a fun week with the children exploring their aspirations and dreams. It helps to promote the idea of having a good career. We believe that promoting a good career will help children understand the link between subjects, their skills and the opportunities that can arise from that.



What would be fantastic is to invite in parents or carers who would be able to spare an hour to come and talk to a Year Group about their career and the job that they do. The children would be able to ask questions that they have planned with their teachers beforehand. These may link to their topics or just be a completely new experience for them.



We will send out a Google form very soon for you to indicate if you would be able to help during the week and to let us know the dates you would be available.

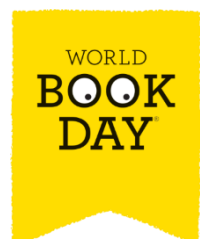
We look forward to hearing from you and are very excited about the week – the children have absolutely loved it the last couple of years that we have held it!

Book Week - 3rd to 7th March



We will step into the magical world of reading during Children's Book Week 2025! This special week is dedicated to celebrating young readers, authors, and the transformative power of children's literature. Schools, libraries, and communities worldwide come together to encourage children to develop a lifelong love for reading.

Children's Book Week is an annual celebration that promotes the enjoyment and importance of books for young readers. The event features activities, readings, and promotions aimed at enhancing children's literacy and their appreciation for diverse, empowering stories. We will end the week with Dress as a Book Character Day on Friday 7th March with a prize for the best costume from each year group.



The following week we will be holding a Book Fair from Thursday 13th to Tuesday 18th March provided by Scholastic and The Travelling Book Company, where the children will be able to buy from a large range of books and will be able to get a £1 discount by using the World Book Day token that they will have all received.



Science Week – 10th – 17th March

Science Week is coming up in March and we are looking forward to exploring the theme of: **Change and Adapt.**

What do these terms mean to you? What might spring to mind immediately is the idea of changing and adaption in the natural world, such as chameleons or octopus who adapt to their environment, or maybe changes which happen to materials when they are heated or cooled for example, like what happens to the ingredients of a cake. What changes have you seen?

Science week will be launched with an assembly on Monday March the 10th followed by a day of activities for the children to take part in. We look forward to seeing what our budding scientists get up to!!



MAKATON SIGN OF THE WEEK: **COLD**



Clubs & Activities



Clubs start this week

3.15 – 4.15pm

They end week of 24th March

Applying for a Reception School Place

**IMPORTANT - The closing date for applications is:
THIS THURSDAY 15th January 2025.**

If your child will be 5 between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 **you only have until 23:59 on January 15th 2025 to apply to Waltham Forest Admission service for a Reception place.**

Don't be late!!



Winter PE Uniform

As the weather is colder, the children might wish to start wrapping up warmer for their outdoor PE lessons.

Here is what we encourage the children to wear:

- Base layer under their purple PE T-shirt
- School jumper
- School fleece
- Hat, gloves and a snood/tube scarf
- Body warmer

For health and safety reasons, scarves and balaclavas are too dangerous for PE lessons

IMPORTANT - ParentPay - changes

**UPDATE YOUR
DETAILS**



If you ever change your email address or phone number, you will need to go into your ParentPay account and change it in there because once it is there, ParentPay will not allow us to update the information even after we have changed it on SIMS, in ParentPay it can only be done by you. This could mean you are missing our texts and emails and therefore important information.

Thank you.



Celebration Lunches
children can change from
packed lunch if they would
like these

SOUTH GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025-2026



Autumn Term 2025



Term:	Monday 1 st September – Friday 19 th December 2025
	SCHOOL STARTS FOR YEARS 1 – 6 PUPILS WEDNESDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 2025
	RETURNING NURSERY START BACK ON TUESDAY 9th SEPTEMBER
	New Reception and Nursery start a staggered entrance from 10th September – individual letters will be sent
	School closed to pupils on:
Staff Training Days:	Monday 1 st September, Tuesday 2 nd September 2025
Half Term:	Monday 27 th October – Friday 31 st October 2025 (inclusive)
Winter Holiday:	Monday 22 nd December 2025 – Friday 2 nd January 2026 (inclusive)
	School finishes for pupils on Friday 19th December 2025 at 2:30pm

Spring Term 2026



Term:	Monday 5 th January – Friday 27 th March 2026
	SCHOOL STARTS FOR PUPILS TUESDAY 6th JANUARY 2026
	School closed to pupils on:
Staff Training Days:	Monday 5 th January 2026
Half Term:	Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February 2026 (inclusive)
Spring Holiday	Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April 2026 (inclusive)
	School finishes for pupils on Friday 27th March 2026 at 2:30pm

Summer Term 2026

Term:	Monday 13 th April – Monday 20 th July 2026
	SCHOOL STARTS FOR PUPILS TUESDAY 22nd APRIL 2025
	School closed to pupils on:
Staff Training Days:	Monday 1 st June & Monday 20 th July 2026
Public Holiday:	May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 4 th May 2026
Half Term:	Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May 2026 (inclusive)
	School finishes for pupils on Friday 17th July 2026 at 2:30pm

With my very best wishes

J. Maltwood.
Julie Maltwood
Headteacher

SOUTH GROVE LEARNING GALLERY!

Nursery

Last week in Nursery, we welcomed everyone back after the winter holidays, as well as welcoming in the first few of our brand new friends who are starting in the spring term! We had lots of creative activities, including plenty of painting, as well as encouraging group games and activities. We also became scientists, as the frosty outside area on Friday became the object of our close inspection, as the children explored with magnifying glasses in hand, talking about why there was frost and what might have caused it. Everyone showed wonderful inquisitiveness and excitement!



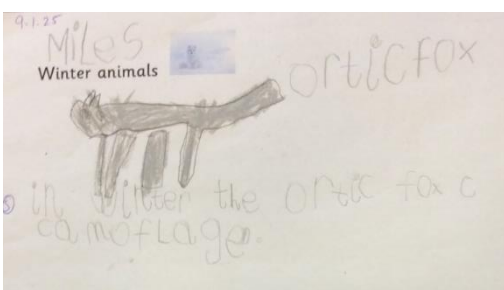
Reception

Reception children have been very busy back at school at the beginning of the new year and we began by exploring the season of winter. We looked at the changes that occur during this time and made bird feeders to help the birds when food is scarce.

We have also started to present our home learning to our class, there was some SUPER kites made over the holidays! The children took it in turns to explain how they had made theirs and answer questions about them too. In maths, we continued to practice our counting skills, counting how many different types of animals visited Percy the Park Keeper in the story - 'One Snowy Night'. We also explored positional language to be able to accurately explain where the animals were hiding in Percy's hut.

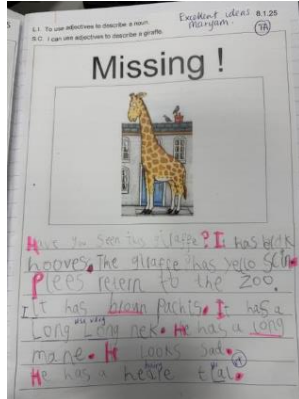


On Friday we launched the topic of Transport, exploring what it was and examples we could think of. Some children drew their favorite type of transport and wrote a sentence about it using their phonic knowledge.



Year 1

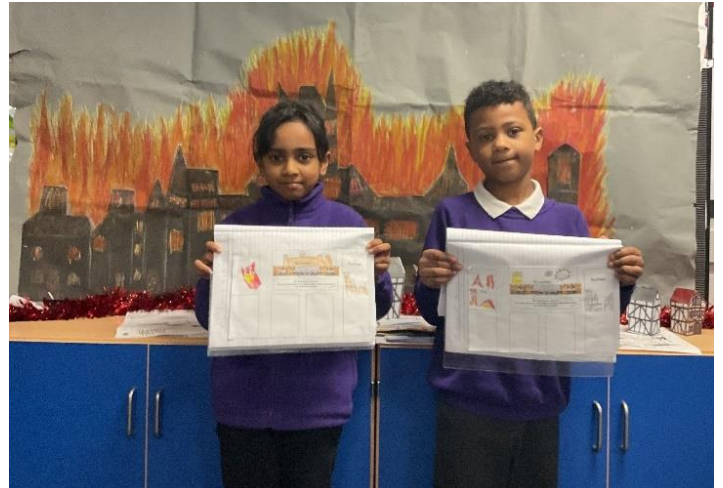
Year 1 started a new book last week: 'The Smartest Giant in Town'. We are beginning our learning about the different jobs types that words have in sentences. For example, nouns, verbs and adjectives. The children wrote missing posters to help them learn about adjectives as they needed them to describe the missing Giraffe from the story. Some children really got into the idea of the poster using their own ideas to make it a convincing genre of writing. We also began our Geography learning which, this term, will centre around physical and natural features in the environment enabling us to compare two different environments; a forest and where we live. You can also see some of the amazing projects 1L have been creating at home.



Year 2

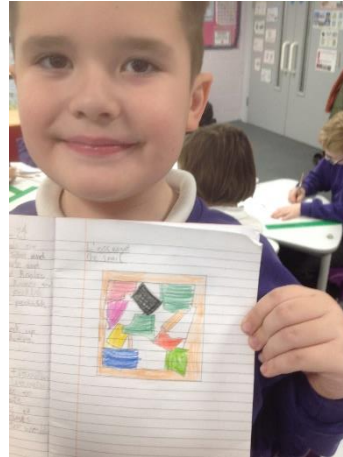
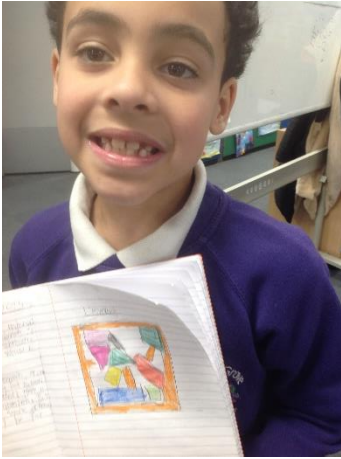
Our Topic this half term in Year 2 is entitled the Great Fire of London. We have completed our Knowledge Harvest, where the children recorded everything they know about The Great Fire of London at the beginning of our Topic.

The children are very excited to find out all of the details surrounding this historic event! We will complete this Knowledge Harvest again at the end of our Topic to find out what they have learned.



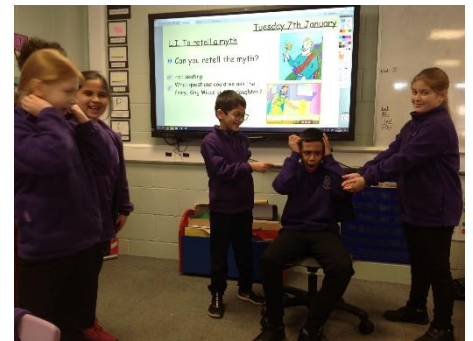
Year 3

We have been looking at the French artist Henri Matisse. We looked carefully at the shapes and colours contained in his art work then we drew it and wrote sentences in French to describe his wonderful work.



Year 4

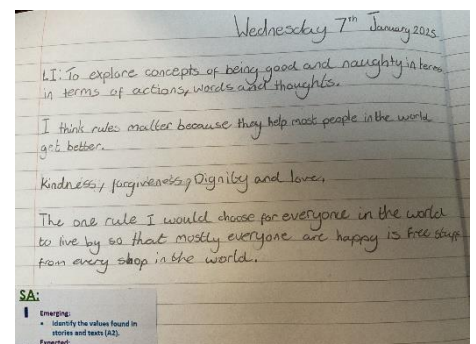
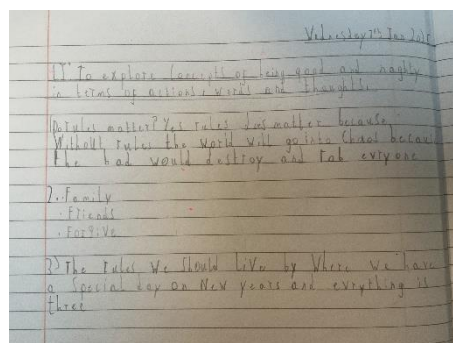
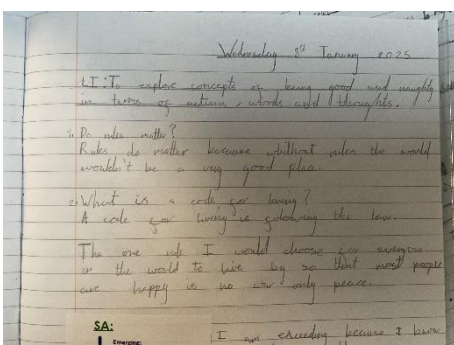
Last week, Year 4 began their journey into myths by looking at the story of King Midas and the Golden Touch. As it's a dramatic story, we thought we Midas well act it out too! This is a great way to embed the story in their minds which will aid in writing their own versions of the tale this week



Year 5

This term in RE we are studying 'What matters most to Christians and humanists,'

To start off this topic we talked about our different rules for life and why they matter. As a class we came up with different reasons for why rules matter and who they help. We decided that rules are useful because they help us in our everyday to do the right thing and be safe. We also came up with new rules that if everyone followed them they would help us to have an easier life. Good rules we thought would be to be kind to one another, help each other out when they are struggling, have no war and only peace and we think one that might be a top favourite for some, shops have to give away free items to families once a week to help them.



Year 6

Taking inspiration from London and Curitiba, Year 6 made their own 'Green City' with sustainable materials to show how to make urban living better for everybody! The children completed their projects at home as an ending to their topic in Geography. They are all fantastic and it will be very hard to choose the winner!



PLM

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The children in PLM made pizzas from scratch. They really enjoyed making their pizzas using their favourite toppings.

KEEP GOING - JUST 2 MORE PAGES TO GO...



APPLY NOW!

Doc Hearts Films, makers of the *award-winning* hit series '*Reu & Harper's Wonderworld*' and '*Go Green with the Grimwades*', are looking for children **aged between 5 - 8** to take part in an exciting **NEW** series for 'Nick Junior.'

The series will meet families and their dogs, exploring the unique traits and talents of the 'Paw Patrol' rescue dog breeds.

We are looking for children of all abilities and backgrounds who have one of the following **dog breeds** as pets:

Dalmatians / German Shepherd / Cockapoo / Chocolate Labrador / Chihuahua / British Bull Dog / Siberian Husky / Golden Retriever / Bernese Mountain Dog / Long haired Dachshund/ West Highland White Terrier / Mixed Breed



To apply, please send a video of your child and pet dog doing the following...

- Could they please introduce themselves and their dog to the camera (phone), sharing their names, ages, interests, hobbies and any fun facts about themselves?
- Could they show us a fun trick or perform an activity together with their dog?

Video submissions should be emailed to castingkids@dochearts.com

The deadline for submissions is **Sunday 19th January 2025** – *but the sooner the better!*

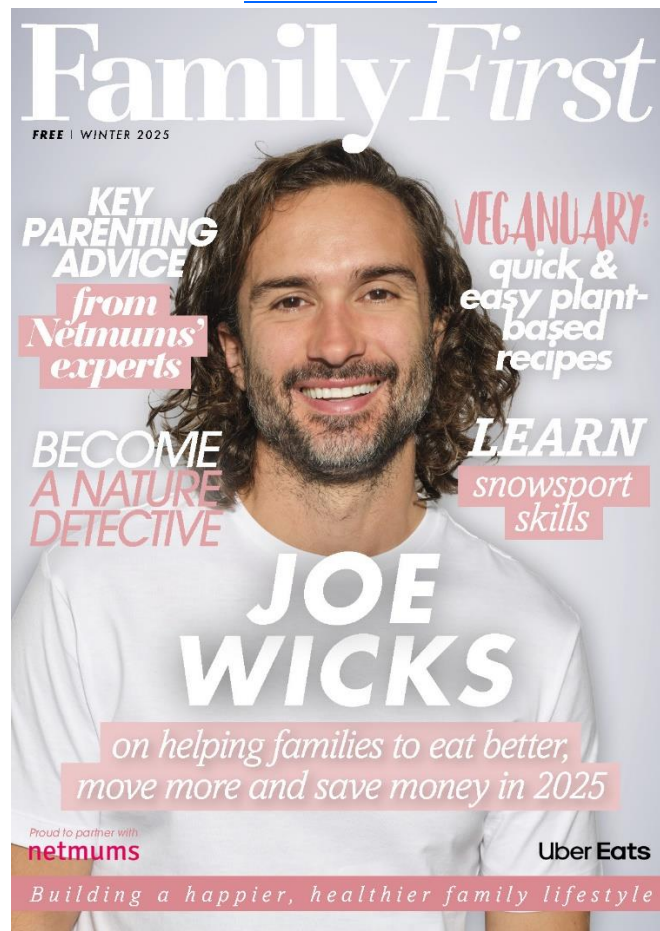
Please allow plenty of time to upload your video!



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