



South Grove Primary School

NEWSLETTER 18 2024-2025



27th January 2025

Dear parents and carers

STARS OF THE WEEK W/C 27.1.25

N- AM	BINTOU	3B	LOGAN
N - PM	AYAAN	3H	AMELIA
RR	FAAZ	4P	IS'HAAQ
RS	ZYVA	4SH	VASILIKI
1L	MELODY	5A	ZAHRA
1W	ABIHA	5G	LADAN
2DM	SULAIMAN	6F	UMAIMAH
2F	LEO	6M	RAYAAN
PLM TIMMY			



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY W/C 20.1.25

Best Attendance ☺ **4P 98.9%**
 Special mention to 1W 98.6%
 Best Punctuality ☺ **1W, 2F & 5G**

Class that needs to improve their attendance **RS 82%**

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

Overall School Attendance this year = 94.5%

5A'S ANGLO SAXON ASSEMBLY

On Friday, the school was treated to a journey back in time to the days of the Anglo-Saxons, courtesy of 5A. Mr Andrew's class brilliantly narrated how the Saxons replaced the outgoing Romans in Britannia and how their culture flourished.

We learned about Alfred the Great, his troubles with the Vikings and how he eventually overcame them. There were also sketches about Viking sarcasm, weird nicknames and an Anglo-Saxon based game show.

We would like to thanks Mr Andrews, Mrs Fowler and the children for their hard work in putting the performance together. We would also like to thank the parents, who came in to support on the day. It was much appreciated by all.

Here's what the parents had to say:
 A great performance!
 Very well done and informative
 Excellent performance



A NIGHT TO REMEMBER: YEAR 5'S YOUNG VOICES 2025 TRIP TO THE O2

Year 5 students at South Grove Primary School made history this week by attending the Young Voices 2025 concert at the O2 Arena. This event was a first for our school in many years, and it will surely be remembered as one of the highlights of the year.

The journey to the O2 started months ago, with a rigorous process of rehearsals. The children worked tirelessly to learn the songs, memorising lyrics off by heart and perfecting dance routines. There were moments of marathon singing in the school hall, and the pupils showed incredible resilience as they tackled complex harmonies and challenging choreography. Their reflective attitude helped them improve after each practice, ensuring they were well-prepared for the big day.



On the day itself, the excitement was high to say the least, as the students donned their white T-shirts and set off for the O2. The trip was a true test of the 4 R's:

Resilience: Despite the long hours and a late night, the children kept their spirits high.

Respect: They represented the school impeccably, showing courtesy to other schools and the staff at the O2.

Reflective: They adapted quickly to last-minute instructions during rehearsals at the venue.

Responsible: Whether travelling by tube, walking to the coach, or keeping track of their belongings, the pupils acted sensibly and set a fantastic example.



Even as tiredness crept in on the journey home, the children's laughter and positive energy never waned. The stewards were singing the songs through megaphones and we joined in! Their determination and teamwork truly shone through, and they gave an unforgettable performance alongside 7940 other young voices!

A special thanks goes to parents for their support throughout the lead-up to the event, whether it was helping with practice at home or preparing the children for the day. We also extend our gratitude to the staff who gave their time and energy to make this trip a success.

As this was our first Young Voices trip in a long time, we'd love to hear your feedback! Please share your thoughts at musicbox@southgrove.waltham.sch.uk

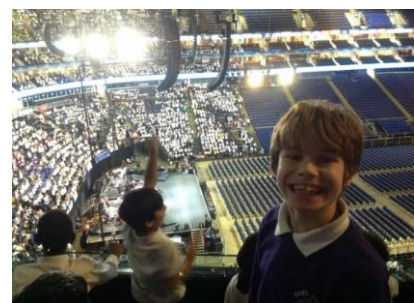
This experience has undoubtedly inspired our students, and we look forward to making more musical memories in the future!

Quotes from parents:

"It was an extraordinary experience for the kids and you should definitely do it again!"

"Omer really loved this trip, good experience"

"Travell/coach was fair cost and well organised"



Quotes from students:

"I felt nervous because it was the longest trip I have went to then I felt excited because we had arrived"

"I never knew that there was such good dancers at the concert"

"I felt very special that I was able to go on this trip and the best thing was probably being able to experience this"

"I felt excited because it was my first concert so I was really excited and grateful to go to the concert"

"I felt happy because it was a once in a lifetime opportunity and experience"



Safer Internet Day 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

On **Tuesday 11th February** we will be joining schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating **Safer Internet Day 2025**. Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers and more, to help to create a better internet.

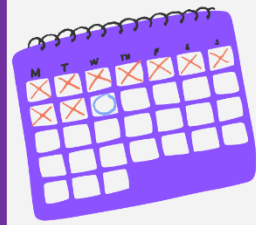
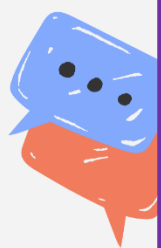
This Safer Internet Day we are starting a conversation about how to spot, respond to and report all types of scams online. Scams can take many forms and may target anyone, including young people.

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in school, and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year.

We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by continuing the conversation at home. To help you with this, the UK Safer Internet Centre have created some free activities and information for parents and carers which are available at: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2025/tips-for-parents-and-carers>

If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher, myself, Ms Montgomery or Ms Maltwood.

Kind regards,
Miss Marable



Join us for our

**KEEPING YOUR
CHILD SAFE
ONLINE
WORKSHOP**

Friday, Feb 14th at 9 a.m.
South Grove Primary School

SEE YOU THERE!

Light Refreshments will be available.



World Wetlands Day 2 Feb

Visit the Walthamstow Wetlands and learn about their significance!

World Wetlands Day is celebrated each year to mark the anniversary of The Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, which was signed on 2 February 1971, to protect these vulnerable yet crucial habitats. Wetlands help clean our water, protect against climate change and even support our wellbeing.



Walthamstow Wetlands is a fully operational 211 hectare Thames Water reservoir site which is the main source of water supply for 3.5 million people. It is also an internationally important nature reserve, providing home and shelter to a wide range of wildlife, from rare waterfowl to majestic birds of prey.



Book a School Visit: <https://www.wildlondon.org.uk/outdoor-learning/schools>



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The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) is an early intervention service, working with mild to moderate mental health difficulties and challenging behaviours. This is part of a national programme to offer early interventions in school settings.

What support does the MHST offer?

The MHST helps to support mental health in schools in several ways. In Primary schools, we offer parent led 1-1 interventions for child anxiety (5 – 11) and behaviours that challenge (5-8).

We also offer:

- Workshops with parents/carers and/or children (approx. 1hr)
- Group based work with parents/carers and/or children (minimum of 4 sessions)
- A 'whole school approach' to understanding and improving mental health, which may include supporting the school's mental health lead, supporting with the wellbeing curriculum, identifying mental health resources, creating posters and displays.

To find out more about the team please feel free to attend our **Parents: 'Coffee Morning' around challenging behaviours; on 4th February at 9am in the mobile classroom.**

MAKATON SIGN OF THE WEEK: WIND



Flap hand
towards cheek
creating a
draught

Careers Week 2025 17th – 21st March

You will have received a text to ask if you would like to come in and talk to the children during Careers Week. Please do consider it – the children loved hearing about everyone's careers last year!

Click or copy and paste this link to sign up:
<https://forms.gle/CypjHoVnRm9QQANh>

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With my very best wishes

J. Maltwood.

Julie Maltwood
Headteacher

Just a little reminder that we can only provide a packed lunch for any trip if you have filled in the Google Form at least 3 days before. The Google form will be within the main body of the letter about the trip. Thank you!



SOUTH GROVE LEARNING GALLERY!

Nursery

Last week in Nursery, we were learning about, and performing, 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. We have created artwork showing the different environments the characters travel through, also talking about their textures and properties. We also began to learn about Lunar New Year in our music lesson, dancing together in dragon costumes while singing a celebratory song. In maths, we have been learning about circles, and went on our own 'circle hunt' around the classroom!



Reception

Last week in Reception we continued learning about TRANSPORT and travelled 'virtually' to China to explore the forthcoming CHINESE NEW YEAR.

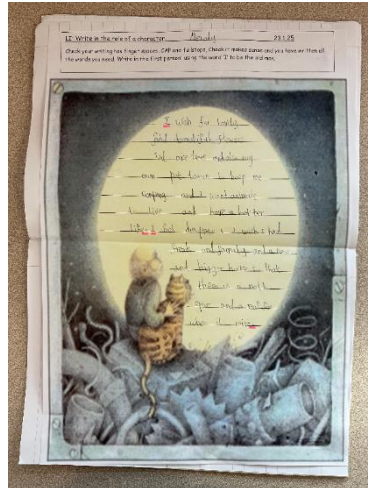
We watched a video of children who told us how they and their families got ready for the celebration. We learnt that red is an important colour as it represents good luck. We also listened to the story of The Great Race, which is how the Chinese calendar names each year after an animal. Twelve different animals finished the race and each year is named after them. This year is the year of the snake. We took part in races like in The Great Race and practised our skills to balance and move quickly.

We also made Chinese lanterns, made a snake, puppets and attempted some Chinese calligraphy. We learnt how to role play being a customer, chef and waiter in our Chinese restaurant and in maths matched quantity to numeral and added two quantities together to pay for our food. Finally, on Friday we chopped up vegetables to make a stir fry and noodles, yum, yum! And in PE, we banged drums, tambours and other instruments to make the lion dance for us!



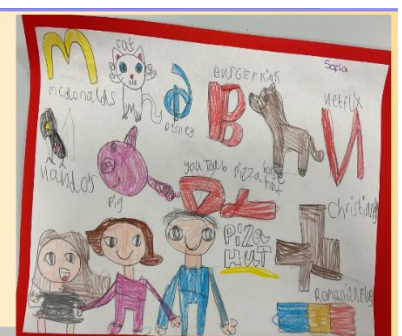
Year 1

Last week Year 1 were very busy with a lovely new book called 'The Tin Forest' by Helen Ward. It's about an old man who lives near a rubbish dump, attempting to tidy everyone's rubbish. It's a bleak place and he dreams of more. The children have enjoyed writing about what the old man dreamt of and why. They have been able to really engage with his hopes and dreams. They have also worked on a tricky concept in maths which was 'estimating'. Following on from our place value the children are now able to reason about where numbers belong on a number line to 20 and compare them carefully. In R.E we have continued with our learning about Islam and created prayer mats using our computer skills, while 1W got to grips with 3D shape junk modelling, creating an animal from the story.



Year 2

In Year 2 in Art, we used pastels to create pictures of 'The Great Fire of London'. In RE we designed our own symbols to represent important things which are close to our hearts.



Year 3

On Thursday and Friday, Year 3 enjoyed a trip to the William Morris Gallery. We explored the museum, drew ideas inspired by nature and learnt how to relief print. We will be putting our fabulous prints up on our corridor display for everyone to see.



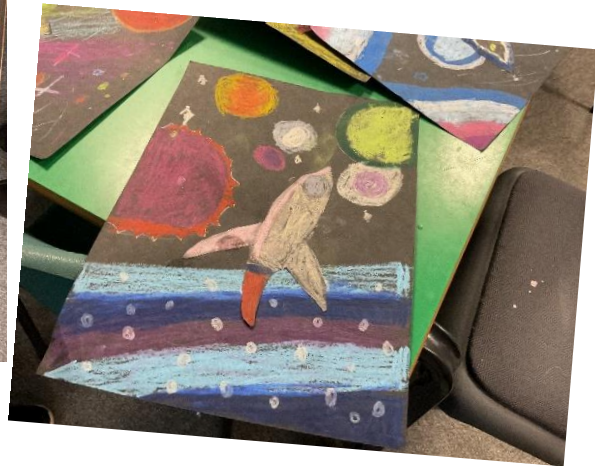
Year 4

Last week, Year 4 looked at the work of legendary painter Jackson Pollock. Pollock was an artist who made waves (and splashes) in the abstract expressionist scene through the 1940s. His whole deal was splashing, flicking, dripping and whatnoting paint onto a great canvas on the floor—and people loved it. After analysing some of his pieces, the class made their own abstract design, before designing a Jackson Pollock volcano (to be painted this week).



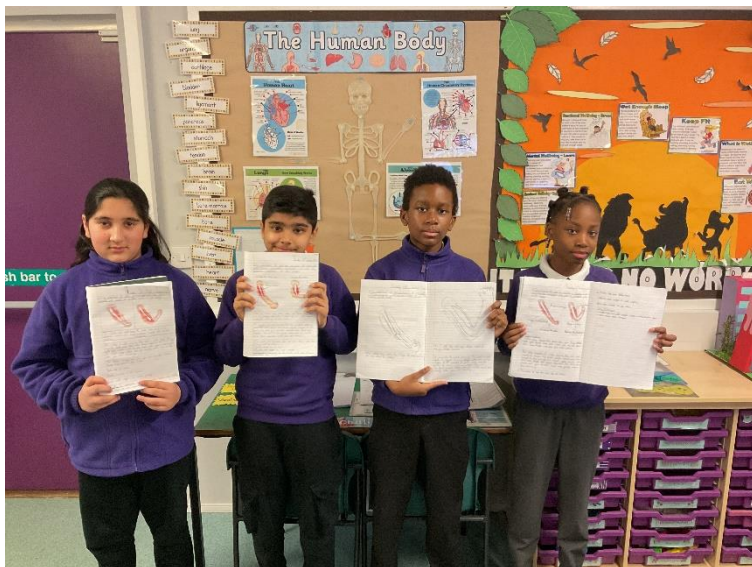
Year 5

You can imagine after the week Year 5 had, we were due some down time. To ease ourselves back into school after our incredible night at the O2 we completed our art work based on artist Peter Thorpe and his space themed Art. We designed out foreground and background to make our images pop! Using pastels and bright colours, these will be on display shortly for all to see soon!



Year 6

As part of our Being Human topic in Year 6 last week (and building on from our prior knowledge), we have been understanding the role of muscles in movement, and how muscles contract and relax to produce motion in the body. The children drew a detailed diagram of their arm and gave a short explanation as to how each of the muscles work.



Learning to cut vegetables



In Plm we had a great deal of fun learning how to cut our vegetables safely and to share our toppings when making our tortilla pizzas.

Waltham Forest Parent/Carer support programmes



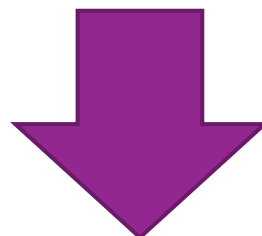
If you live in Waltham Forest or have children attending schools in the area, you can access free parenting support tailored to your needs.

We offer a wide range of programmes, including one-to-one and group support, both online and in person. There's something for all families from conception to adulthood, including those with children who have SEND.

[Hear what parents who attended the Being a Parent course have to say](#) about their experience.

For more information, visit the [Parent Support pages](#) or download the latest Parent/Carer programmes for January to March 2025 using the link below.

[Parent/Carer Support timetable](#)



PLEASE NOTE THE SLIGHT ERROR IN THE CALENDAR



SOUTH GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025-2026



Autumn Term 2025

Term:	Monday 1st September – Friday 19th 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 5th January – Friday 27th 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 13th April – Monday 20th July 2026
	SCHOOL STARTS FOR PUPILS MONDAY 13th APRIL 2026
	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

WELL DONE TO THOSE WHO SPOTTED THE
DELIBERATE MISTAKE LAST WEEK!
Just this one line was wrong so here's the correct one

