



South Grove Primary School

NEWSLETTER 19 2024-2025

3rd February 2025

Dear parents and carers

STARS OF THE WEEK W/C 3.2.25

N- AM	MARYAM	3B	ANAYAH
N - PM	AKEEM	3H	OLIVIA
RR	SYLVIE	4P	MARIA
RS	TAHLA	4SH	IMRAAN
1L	DAWOOD	5A	JANAE
1W	MARYAM	5G	AAMILAH
2DM	INAYAH	6F	ISAAC
2F	ELSIE	6M	SAFWA

PLM JAMIE

MUSIC STAR - VISARD Y5



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY W/C 27.1.25

Best Attendance ☺ **1W, 4P + 5G 98.6%**

Best Punctuality ☺ **2F**

Class that needs to improve their attendance **RS 69.3%**

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

Overall School Attendance this year = 94.3%

PARENT WHATSAPP GROUPS OR THE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS SUCH AS FACEBOOK - DEVELOPING PROTOCOLS

To aid communication between parents and carers I am aware that many of our classes or groups of parents have set up WhatsApp groups, which OPERATE INDEPENDENTLY of the school. We know these offer a great way to support and communicate with each other when used in a positive way.



CLASS / PARENT GROUP WHATSAPP GROUPS

We understand that parents and carers find WhatsApp groups a really useful way of communicating with and supporting each other, to remind of key dates, special days, class assemblies for example.

The messages in the WhatsApp groups come from parents in their personal capacity. The school does NOT post directly on any WhatsApp parent/carers groups nor do we have 'parent advocates' who post messages on our behalf.

The best way to find out accurate information is to use the school's weekly newsletter, the school's App and the school's website. Official channels of communication will be via the Year Teams email addresses to parents, texts from the school, Parent Pay or direct contact to individual parent's email addresses and of course the class teachers and Senior Leaders.

At South Grove, we believe it is important to:

- Work in close partnership with parents to support their child's learning and development
- Create a safe, respectful and inclusive environment for pupils, staff and parents / carers
- Model appropriate behaviour for our pupils at all times

To help us do this, we want to set clear expectations and guidelines on behaviour for all members of our community. We will be doing this with the staff, Parent Forum and Governors over the next few weeks.

IN THE MEANTIME....

RAISING CONCERNS

If you are concerned about inappropriate comments or are unsure of the accuracy of comments on a class WhatsApp group, in confidence, please contact our Senior Leadership Team by emailing the school at parents@southgrove.waltham.sch.uk or phoning the school office on 0208 521 6000, or approaching Senior Leaders on the gate at the beginning and end of the day.



Thank you for your ongoing co-operation

ENDANGERED SPECIES ASSEMBLY WITH MR COMBE

Due to our Lunar New Year Assembly being postponed until this Thursday 6th February, Mr Combe stepped in and had another fascinating true story for us, leaving everyone wondering what may happen. He told the story of.....



Also known as the Tasmanian tiger. The children looked at animals that had become extinct and why. The Thylacine is also now extinct, due to human actions, in killing them. The worst of this was, as Mr Combe explained, that the last living Thylacine died in a Zoo due to lack of care and attention, making them extinct. Official protection of the species by the Tasmanian government came all too late; it was introduced on 10 July 1936, 59 days before the last known specimen died in captivity.

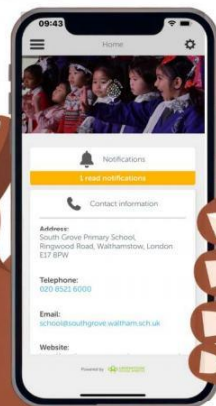
Although a very sad story, there may be a little hope on the horizon if you wish to believe... Scientists claim a breakthrough towards bringing back the Tasmanian tiger from extinction using DNA. Although, some scientists believe it's just too technically difficult to de-extinct from ancient DNA - watch this space...

We left rather fascinated from the story, with the serious thought about our role ensuring endangered species do not become extinct.



Download our New App!

- Access all newsletters
- See the school calendar
- Get important Updates & Notifications
- Get Latest News
- Photo Galleries
- And More!



tinyurl.com/SGAPP2024

Chingford Poppy Appeal 2024



Thank You and Well Done

South Grove primary School

Your school community collected both on site and off site an exceptional total of

£1248.26

For the 2024 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal Contributing to the Chingford District total of

£51,314.41

(approx amount based on figures available as of 30/11/24)



Guitar & Drum Lessons - Register Your Interest!

Is your child interested in learning to play the guitar or drums? We are looking to recruit peripatetic teachers for these instruments, but this will depend on demand.

If you'd like to see these lessons offered at South Grove, please email Ms. Forbes at musicbox@southgrove.waltham.sch.uk to express your interest. 🎸🥁



🎵 Calling All Music-Loving Parents! 🎵

Do you play an instrument and have a little time to spare? We're looking for enthusiastic parent volunteers to help with our lunchtime and after-school music clubs! Whether you play the **recorder, drums, violin, keyboard, ukulele, or guitar**, or another instrument, we'd love to have you share your skills with our young musicians.



No teaching experience? No problem! We can provide resources to help. A **DBS check** will be required, and we'll support you through the process.

If you're interested, please get in touch with Ms Forbes via:

musicbox@southgrove.waltham.sch.uk



The Mental Health Support Team

(MHST) Parents Coffee Morning around challenging behaviour is tomorrow, Tuesday 4th February at 9am in the mobile classroom. Please come – all welcome.



RECEPTION TRANSITION GOOGLE FORM

Please complete this short Google Form if your child is in Reception to share your views on our transition process:
<https://forms.gle/U95N7pvDXN6B5r1W6>

Thank you to those have already completed this but we currently only have views from a third of the year group and would love to have more!

Reception

Careers Week 2025 17th – 21st March

If you are able to come in to talk to the children, please click or copy and paste this link to sign up:

<https://forms.gle/CypjHoVnRm9QQANh7>



INCLUSION COFFEE MORNING

Please come along to our coffee morning for all parents and carers of children with additional needs. Both **Ms Johnson** and **Ms Elkins** our SENCOs will be present.

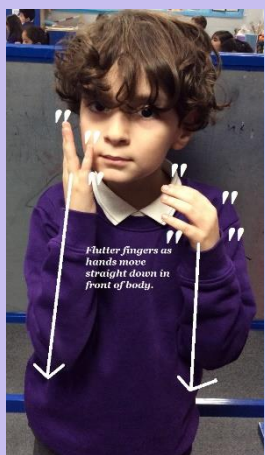
This will be a great opportunity for **Ms Elkins** and the families to get to know each other before **Ms Johnson** takes Maternity leave and **Ms Elkins** takes the position for the next year. Families will also be able to ask any questions or get advice on SEN. Just come to the school office.

Date: Wednesday 12th February

Time: 9:00am – 10:00am



MAKATON SIGN OF THE WEEK: **RAIN**



February

**A child's right ...
to meet with friends and
join groups and clubs. (15)**



Love

Methods of Payment on ParentPay

On ParentPay, although the **Pay by one-click payments** button looks very tempting and as though it is the very one to use, when you use this method of payment it can (and often does) take up to 10 days to go through by which time you may not have the funds you thought you did in your bank and then the payment gets rejected so PLEASE AVOID USING THIS METHOD.

It is much more advisable to use the **other payment method** button and then you can pay using your card just like most online websites.

Please ask at the office if you have any queries about this. Thank you.



Order summary	
Items:	£2.54
Pay by Parent Account credit:	-£0.00
Left to pay:	£2.54

Payment method	
Pay by One-click payments	Other payment method
Cancel	

Dates this February

Tuesday 4th February	9:00 Primary Mental Health Support Team Drop-in
Thursday 6th February	Year 2 trip to The Monument
	9:15 Lunar New Year Assembly – all welcome
Friday 7th February	9:00 Friends of South Grove meeting
	9:15 4SH Class Assembly – all welcome
Tuesday 11th February	Year 1 trip to the Science Museum
Wednesday 12th February	9:00 SEND Coffee Morning – all welcome
Friday 14th February	Year 3 Stone Age Day
17th – 21st February	HALF TERM

With my very best wishes

J. Maltwood

Julie Maltwood
Headteacher



**Friends of South Grove
Meeting:
This Friday – 7th February
9:00am
All Welcome!**

SOUTH GROVE LEARNING GALLERY!

Nursery

Last week in Nursery, we celebrated our topic on bears by having our own teddy bears' picnic. We made jam sandwiches and ate together with our bears on the carpet as the weather unfortunately did not fully cooperate! We also celebrated Lunar New Year by making artwork inspired by Chinese characters (for writing) and learning a little about snakes to ring in the Year of the Snake.



Reception

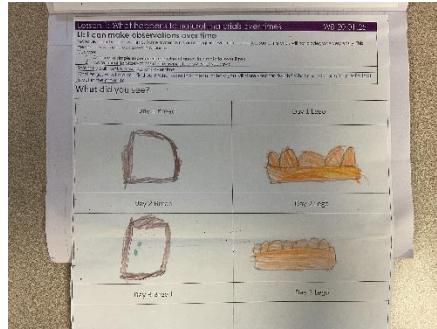
In Reception we are continuing to learn about TRANSPORT and had a very busy and exciting week. Last week we learnt that in the PAST, vehicles looked and worked differently. We found out about steam trains and horse and carts and we were fascinated how differently things used to work in the past compared to the present day. Some of the children made a time line ordering the types of vehicles from different time periods. Then each class visited the Pump House local museum to see some vehicles from the past, this included tube carriages, a Penny farthing Bike and fire engines.

On Wednesday we were able to compare and contrast the fire engines from the past with fire engines from the present as two fire engines and their crews came to South Grove. We met the firefighters who told us about the equipment that they use and then they let us have a go at spraying water from the big hoses and sit inside the engine. We were so excited!



Year 1

Year 1 have been having fun in Science where they did an observation to find out what happened to a slice of bread over time, and were rather surprised with the results by the end of the week! In Maths, Year 1 learned about Near Doubles. In English we continued with the Tin Forest Story. For DT we progressed to the next stage of our junk model Giraffes by giving the Giraffes a layer of paint after the plastering have dried.



Year 2

In Year 2 we have been looking at Geography. We looked at the map showing the spread of 'The Great Fire of London'. We have been learning the 4 points and 8 points on a compass. We also got to redesign a map of London and draw all the things we would love to have in our City.



Year 3

Year 3 have been exploring Stone Age cave paintings. We looked at the symbols and animals they drew and how they used line, tone and shape to create these images.



Year 4

Last week, Year 4 splattered and sprayed paint all over the art room—some of it even hit their volcano pictures! These kids definitely know how to express themselves artistically. The paintings turned out great and, dare I say, I lava them.



Year 5

Last week, Year 5 were given the exciting challenge of becoming authors! To start, they visited Year 2 to find out about the types of books younger children enjoy. After gathering ideas, they planned and wrote their own stories, carefully designing them to be fun and engaging for their audience. From creating exciting plots to adding colourful illustrations, they worked hard to bring their books to life.

The project was a fantastic experience for both year groups. Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed the creative process and it was wonderful to see the enthusiasm from both sides, who knows—maybe we have some future authors in the making!



Year 6

Year 6 continued to explore their fascinating new Tudors topic last week in a very dramatic manner by re-enacting a divorce! The children were provided a short scene between the tyrannical Henry VIII and his beloved wife Catherine, exploring the complexity of the emotions between the two; using their own historical knowledge to get into character. First they simply read the lines out to one another and then they were allowed to include a singular chair as their prop to increase the tension in the scene using different levels and types of body language.





PLM are learning about space and have enjoyed doing papier-mâché and with support wrapping the balloon with newspaper and blue tissue towels.

KEEP GOING ...



Waltham Forest Mental Health Support Team Webinar Dates 2025

Waltham Forest Mental Health Team present to you webinar dates for 2025. These webinars cover a range of topics around mental health and wellbeing. They are accessible to all residents of Waltham Forest.

ALL webinars run from 4:30-5:30pm.

[Register HERE](#)



JANUARY 2025



Thursday 16th January 2025: Helping your Child With Exam Stress (Secondary School Parents)

Thursday 30th January 2025: Managing Exam Stress (Young People)

MARCH 2025

Thursday 13th March 2025: Neurodiversity (ALL Parents)



Thursday 27th March 2025: Neurodiversity (ALL Support Staff and Teachers)



MAY 2025

Thursday 8th May 2025: Transition from Primary to Secondary School (Primary School Parents)

Thursday 22nd May 2025: Transition from Primary to Secondary School (Young People)



JUNE 2025

Wednesday 4th June 2025: Behaviours that Challenge (Primary School Parents)

Help your child grow and thrive! **Family Learning**



Our family learning programme delivers a variety of courses, workshops and events both in person, online and at different venues in Waltham Forest - courses and workshops are free for families.

List of upcoming courses / workshops

Course Code	Course Title	Venue	Date	Time	Day
FA0210C4	Valentines crafts for your loved ones	Walthamstow Library	08.02.2025	12:30pm-2:30pm	Saturday
FA0302F1	Fabric craft weaving - (Half term)	Wood street Library	19.02.2025	10:00 - 12:00pm	Wednesday
FA0340C5	Family Arts and crafts workshop - (Half term)	Lea bridge Library	20.02.2025	11:30 - 1:30pm	Thursday
FA0409F1	Calm Parents, Calm Children - Parenting	Queens Road Family Hub	05.03.2025-02.04.2025	10:00 - 12:00pm	Wednesday

Enrol now through our website - www.lbwfadultlearning.co.uk
For more information email adult.learning@walthamforest.gov.uk

HALF TERM CLUB
(UNCHECKED BY SCHOOL BUT MAY BE OF INTEREST TO SOME PARENTS)



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NEW CLUB

STRUM STARS

NEW CLUB FOR AGES 8-11

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THE STRINGS CLUB

STRUM STARS

Morning Magic

Guitar Fun: Get ready to play Dua Lipa, Wicked, Sabrina Carpenter, Queen and more.
FREE hire of a guitar to take home!

Afternoon Adventures!

Big Jam Sessions: Team up with your new friends to create awesome music.

Electric Guitar Fun: Have a go rocking out on an electric guitar!

Every Week Ends With...

A Grand Concert: Show off your new skills

Exclusive Recording: Keep a super cool video of your performance with your new bandmates!

BRING A FRIEND FOR FREE

Edinburgh Primary School, E17 8QR
Mon 17th - Fri 21st February 2025

0121 296 9204

SCAN ME!

YouTube, Facebook, Instagram icons

The Strings Club and their brand new Strum Stars Holiday Camp is coming to Walthamstow this Feb Half Term 2025. Tailored specifically for kids aged 8-11, get ready to dive into the world of music like never before—with tons of fun for older kids!

Over the past 12 years, our Holiday Camps across London, the Midlands and Warwickshire have inspired thousands of children. We have loved the range of activities on offer from our morning music-making to our carefully-curated workshops that inspire children right up until pick up time.

Being EYFS Ofsted registered we have welcomed lots of younger children – many of whom are now big kids. So we are excited to introduce a camp specifically designed for 8-11 year olds. Nothing babyish here! This will benefit those who have been with us since they were 4, looking for a natural progression into camps suiting their age AND older kids who have never tried Strings Club but are keen to learn some guitar and have music themed fun with peers.

A massive shoutout to all the amazing children aged 8+ who participated in our market research meeting last October. Their feedback was invaluable! They expressed a desire for more guitar playing, electric guitars, Harry Potter themes, dodgeball, and big jam sessions – and we listened! 🎸

So get ready to dive into the world of music like never before—with *tons* of fun! Here's what makes Strum Stars so special:

🎵 Morning Magic!

- 🎸 Double Guitar Lessons every morning! Learn to play songs you already love! 🎵 Get ready to play Dua Lipa, Wicked, Coldplay, Sabrina Carpenter to Queen and The Arctic Monkeys.
- 📺 Borrow a Guitar for Free! Stay signed up for more than one day, and take your guitar home to practice!

🎵 Afternoon Adventures!

- 🎤 "Big Jam" Sessions – Team up with your new friends to create awesome music.
- ⚡ Electric Guitar Fun – Have a go rocking out on an electric guitar.

🧑‍🎤 Workshops Packed with Action & Creativity!

- 🕺 "Let's Get Active": TikTok-style dances, football skill challenges, and more.
- 🎨 "Let's Get Creative": Team art projects and amazing upcycling magic.

🎉 Every Week Ends With...

- 🎵 A *Grand Concert*! Show off your new skills on stage.
- 📺 Exclusive Recording: Keep a video of your band's performance to show friends and family!

Of course, there will be plenty of break times for kids to enjoy some fresh air and fun outdoors!

We're trialling our first "Strum Stars" in Walthamstow, North London this Feb Half Term - wc 17th February at Edinburgh Primary School, E17 8QR.

📺 Special Launch Offer: Bring a Friend for FREE! 🎉

To celebrate our launch in your area, we're offering a limited-time "Bring a Friend for Free" deal! Here's how it works:

- Ask your child if they want to bring a friend with them to Strum Stars.
- Get your unique promo code by completing our quick form [here](#), it only takes a minute!
- We'll send you a unique code to share with their friend's parent, so their child can join for a free day!

Limited spots available—just 10 spaces!

**Book your child's place today
Give us a call on 0121 296 9204.**

Any questions?