



South Grove Primary School

NEWSLETTER 25 2024-2025

24th March 2025

Dear parents and carers

STARS OF THE WEEK W/C 24.3.25

N- AM	FILIP	3B	SAHAJ + ISMAIL
N - PM	KHALIFA	3H	GIULIA
RR	EMMA	4P	SIMON
RS	ADNAN	4SH	IAM
1L	CARLA	5A	MUHAMMAD R
1W	FELICITY	5G	ANIYA
2DM	ALL OF 2DM	6F	IFRA
2F	KHADIJA	6M	YAHYA

SPORTS STARS - LEO Y2 + QAMAR Y3



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY W/C 17.3.25

Best Attendance ☺	2DM 99%
Best Punctuality ☺	5G
Class that needs to improve their attendance	PLM 82.7%
Class that needs to improve their punctuality	RS
Overall School Attendance this year = 94.5%	

2DM'S ASSEMBLY - TRANSPORTATION

Well done to 2DM for their fabulous assembly on Friday on their topic of Transportation. They shared with us their knowledge of the history of transport and the famous people that began to shape the history of ways to travel.

We learnt about all the different inventions that were made and how the determination of people of the past really did help to develop the various ways we transport ourselves around today.

The children showed the amazing research projects they had created with support from their families.

A quiz on their assembly made us all sit up and hope that we all knew the answers! Thankfully Miss Lee and Miss Maltwood listened well and got their answers correct! Phew!

Finally the children gave a great finale with the Transportation Song (Happy Sam English). They loved it!

Thank you the children, Miss McFarlane and Mrs Anderson for entertaining us all! Thank you to the great parent and carer audience that always makes it special for the children.

Here is what they had to say....

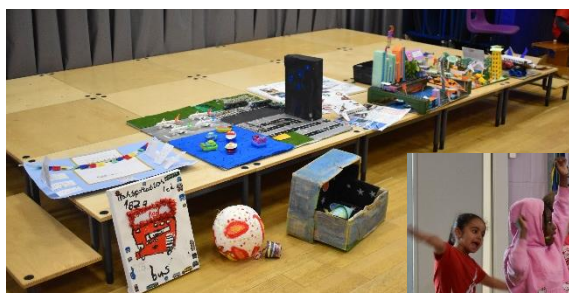
Absolutely fantastic!!! We thoroughly enjoyed 2DM's assembly.

Learnt lots of things and loved their projects and music.

What an absolutely brilliant assembly! It was a joy to watch.

Great job 2DM! Love all the transport projects. Great effort.

So well organised and prepared.



CAREERS WEEK

We had a wonderful week last week with our parents/carers giving up their time to come in and talk to the children about their jobs. We were so lucky to have the following careers captured across the various Year Groups:

In **Reception** we had a Creative Director who talked about how he can use robots and hundreds of photos slowed down to create amazing effects;

'I like the robot camera' Faaz RR

'I like when the man runned away' Otto RR

In **Year 1 and 2** we had an Architect who has designed buildings such as schools and residential projects.

'I liked it about when he talked about how they built the different parts of the building.' Nadia 1L

'He told us he constructed a building called a bubble house and each little bubble had a room in it. He has inspired me to be an architect.' Sasha 2F

In **Year 3** the children had a Graphic Designer, which was a great support to help them design their packaging for their chocolate projects.

'I liked how he designed lots of things such as chocolate wrappers. I liked it because I would quite like to be a designer when I grow up.' Leyla 3H

Year 4 were very lucky to have a Medical doctor, a Psychiatrist, to talk about how they work with a team of people to look after elderly people who need support.

'It was a very interesting talk and she talked about how she got her job. She went to university and a hospital school. She had to be very good at communicating to people.' Yusha 4P.

Year 5 listened avidly to a Film Producer who is responsible for the development, production and distribution of feature films. They had some great questions for him!

'I liked the fact that he had worked with a famous actor from Star Wars. He told us how he grew up to be a film lover and that's why he went into this business.' Aleeza 5G

'I liked how he explained to us how films were made and the making of short and long films.' Anais 5A

Year 6 met with a Creative Director who creates ad campaigns and events for brands by directing films and photoshoots or designing event spaces, working with professional athletes or musicians and sometimes making pretend hotel sets.

'I liked how he never gave up on his dream job, even though it was hard he was very resilient. He started by giving out a newsletter in Year 6, through his GCSE Art at secondary school and then he went to university to study for his career. He then went on to work with other brands.' Anaya 6M.

Take a look at the Year Group Learning Gallery where they shared their experiences with our very talented parents and carers.



Thank you to everyone that gave up their time. It is much appreciated!



South Grove Take Over Day Challenge & Dress as a Career Day!

The Take Over Day Challenge is happening at South Grove this Friday 28th March (Shh! Don't tell the staff). It will put children into real-life decision-making positions in the school and they will gain a valuable insight and gain experience of a workplace.

ALSO on Friday ALL children can come to school dressed to reflect a career they might like to do – start thinking...



Career Day



Easter Egg Competition

We will be running our Easter Egg competition once again this year in the final week of term. Please bring in your Eggcellent Easter Eggs on Tuesday 1st April or Wednesday 2nd April in the morning.

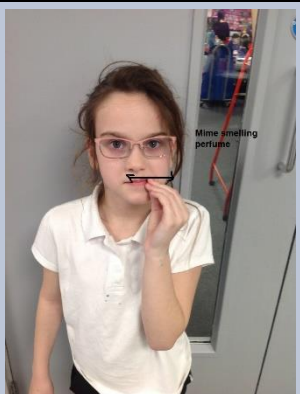
They will be judged during the day on Wednesday 2nd April with a prize per Year Group for the most imaginative decorated hard boiled egg being handed out at the Easter Assembly on Friday 4th April (please keep your finished entry to A4 size if you are including a surrounding scene). If you're not sure how to start, please see the instructions at the end of this newsletter.



Although we love to see them being displayed, please make sure you take them home on Thursday 3rd April after school or the school starts to whiff of egg a little too much!!

MAKATON SIGN OF THE WEEK:

FLOWERS



Open Evening

You should have received this link:

<https://www.southgrove.waltham.sch.uk/PESpring2025>

on Friday to book for Parents Evening which will take place on Thursday 3rd April.

Please ensure that you book a time to come and talk to your child's teacher.

OPEN
EVENING

Book Fair

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who came to support the book fair. We received over £700 commission to spend on books for the library and the Classes.



TRAVELLING BOOKS

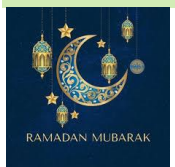
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WEEK

LAST WEEK OF CLUBS

This week is the last week for after school clubs this term.

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Still time to share your Ramadan & Eid Moments for our School Assembly!



Please continue to share photos or short videos of your family's special moments during your Ramadan and Eid celebrations for us to share in the assembly on April 3rd —whether it's Iftar gatherings, Eid outfits, decorations, prayers, or acts of kindness. Please send them to parents@southgrove.waltham.sch.uk by 2nd April.

Don't forget to come to the office or email us at parents@southgrove.waltham.sch.uk to let us know if your child(ren) will be taking the day to celebrate with family so we can authorise one day.



We wish all our families who will be celebrating, a very Happy Eid!



RED NOSE DAY

So far you have raised a brilliant **£343** for this great charity. The link to donate via ParentPay is still open until April 11th if you still want to use it:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=18600>

DON'T FORGET...

**YEAR 5 & 6 PARENT WORKSHOP -
HOW TO MANAGE ANXIETY IN
CHILDREN**
RUN BY THE PRIMARY MENTAL
HEALTH TEAM

**TUESDAY 25TH MARCH
9:00AM**

ALL WELCOME!

South Grove Spring Music Recital

Date: Tuesday, 1st April

Time: 9:15 AM

Location: Music Studio



WFM&S

**Waltham Forest
Music Service**

Parents and carers of children having music lessons with the WF Music Service are warmly invited to join us as our young musicians take the stage! Come and watch your children showcase their progress and perform on the instruments they have been learning.

We look forward to celebrating their hard work and talent with you!

Featuring: Violinists, guitarists, pianists & woodwind.

WHAT'S GOING ON??

Tuesday 25 th March	3:20 Y1 Phonics Screening meeting for parents
Sunday 30 th March	Clocks go forward 1 hour at 1:00am
Monday 31 st March	EID
	Year 4 – last swimming day
Tuesday 1 st – Thursday 3 rd April	Reception Sight & Hearing tests
Tuesday 1 st April	Music Recital - WF Music Service Tuition – family of children having lessons invited
	Year 4 – Roman Day
	Year 2 to St Barnabas Church
Wednesday 2 nd April	Easter Egg Competition judged (bring eggs in 1 st or am of 2 nd April)
Thursday 3 rd April	3:30 – 8:30 – Parents Evening
Friday 4 th April	9:15 Spring Concert families welcome - Egg Winners announced
	2:30 – Break up for Spring Holiday
Tuesday 22 nd April	Summer Term starts
Wednesday 7 th May	Triple P Parenting Class - challenging behaviour – all welcome
Monday 12 th – Thursday 15 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Tuesday 20 th & Wednesday 21 st May	Quidditch Days – whole school
Wednesday 21 st May	Year 1 to Soho Theatre
Friday 23 rd May	Year 5 to Ragged School whole day
	Year 6 to Project Zero for morning
	3:15 – break up for Half Term
Monday 2 nd June	School starts 2 nd Half of Summer Term
	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check – over the next two weeks
Thursday 5 th June	9:00 – 10:00 – Drop in Health Care support for families
Monday 9 th June	Year 1 - Phonics Screening Week
Wednesday 11 th June	Class Photos
Thursday 12 th June	Year 6 to Project Zero
Week of 16 th – 20 th June	School Games Week
Monday 30 th June & 1 st July	Year 5&6 - Herts Young Mariners Base – 60 children each day
Wednesday 2 nd July	Secondary Transition Day
Thursday 3 rd July	Year 2 – Southend Seaside Trip
Friday 4 th July	Year 6 to Project Zero - morning
Thursday 10 th July	3:30 – 8:30 Parents Evening
Friday 11 th July	9:15 Summer Concert
Friday 18 th July	9:15 Year 6 Leavers Assembly – bring tissues!
	2:30 Break up for Summer



With my very best wishes

J. Maltwood

Julie Maltwood
Headteacher

**More helpful information after the
Learning Gallery below.**

Don't miss it!

SOUTH GROVE LEARNING GALLERY!

Nursery

In Nursery we have enjoyed the sunshine and have been busy playing in our outdoor space. We have been using lots of different types of equipment to make obstacle courses, different pathways and practicing using balls and rackets.



Reception



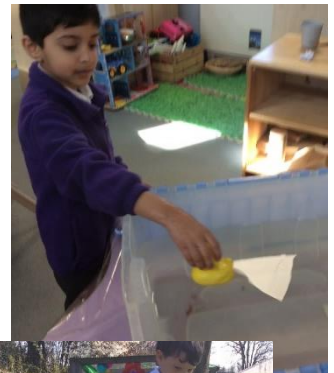
Last Monday we came into school to discover that dastardly Pirate Pete had 'frog knapped' Fred the phonics frog, and so we learnt how to write letters to ask him to bring him back. We also learnt how to programme the Bee Bots, using positional language directing them to treasure to send to Pirate Pete in exchange for Fred. Then we heard rumours that Fred was on a treasure island, but was later spotted closer to home trying to get a lift on a W16 bus back to school.

We used our topic theme to learn some scientific vocabulary. We worked like scientists and we conducted an experiment to see which objects would sink or float in the water tray. First we had to choose our objects and we learnt that scientists have an idea when they decide to undertake an experiment, it is called a hypothesis, so based on what we know about objects we predicted whether they would sink or float. We enjoyed practising using this new word and recording the results on our information sheets.



The sun came out on Thursday and we very carefully used our physical skills to balance and cross a plank over shark infested waters!!!

Finally, on Friday Mr Jackson came in to tell us all about his job as a Creative Director and took pictures of the children throwing coloured powdered paint and balloons which he will be turning into a slow motion film to show us – we'll tell you all about the results next week! The Reception classes were also awash with the colour red and we were very busy designing red noses and we 'put a nose' on our photographs. Well done everyone for dressing in red for Comic Relief.



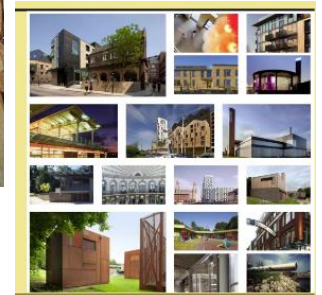
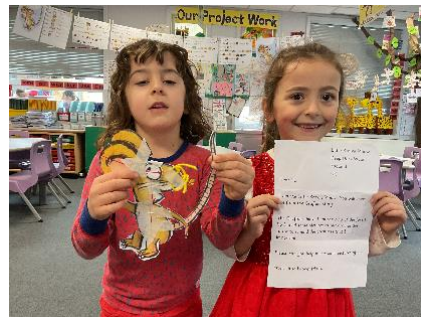
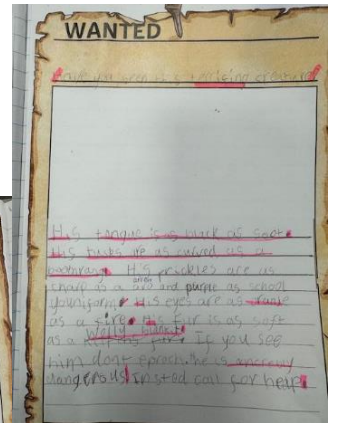
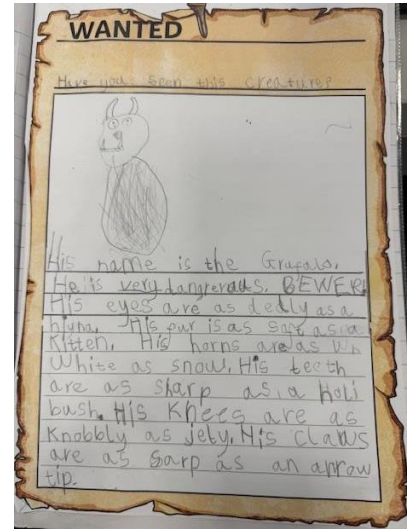
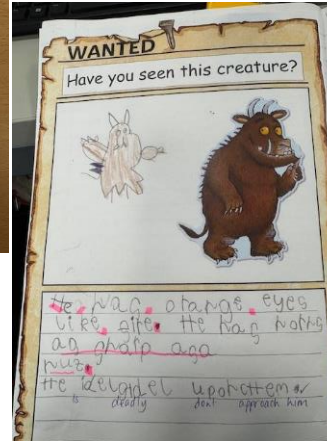
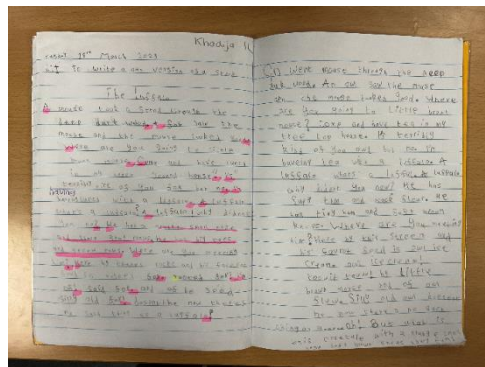
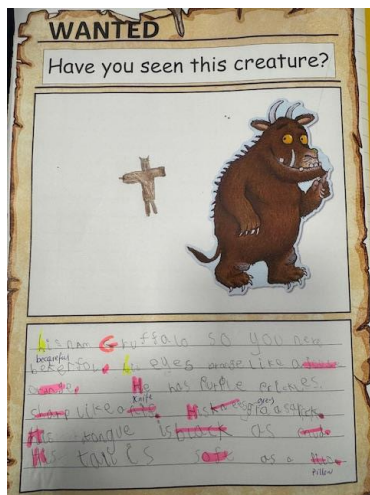
Year 1

Last week, Year 1 focussed on their key story of 'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler. It is a story that rhymes so the children have employed their phonics to great effect listening for rhyming words. 1W also focussed on describing the Gruffalo using imaginative adjectives and similes. Here are some of their very effective wanted posters. Watch out though- he is pretty fearsome!

Here is the transcript of Kira's Wanted Poster: 'His name is the Gruffalo. He is very dangerous. BEWARE! His eyes are as deadly as a hyena. His fur is as soft as a kitten. His horns are as white as snow. His teeth are as sharp as a holy bush. His knees are as knobbly as jelly. His claws are as sharp as an arrow tip.'

This is the transcript of Abiha's Wanted Poster; 'He has orange eyes like fire. He has horns as sharp as a knife. He is deadly. Don't approach him.'

We also had a visit from the Dad of Eric in Reception who works as an architect. The children were very impressed with how long he went to university for and had lots of very interesting and thoughtful questions for him. Thank you for your time!



Year 2

In Year 2 for 'Careers Week' we had Carlos come and share his expertise and vast knowledge of being an architect. In Maths, we created a 'Transport Survey' to find out what is the most common and least common forms of transport.



Year 3

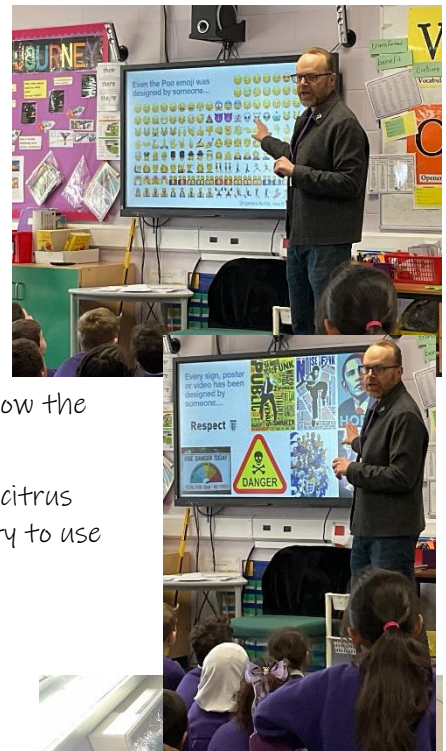
Last week was full of exciting activities for Year 3!

We had a careers talk from Mr. Tapper, who introduced the children to the world of graphic design. He shared a wonderful presentation showcasing some of his incredible designs and answered an exhaustive list of questions from the children. We are very grateful for his visit, and I'm sure the children were left feeling inspired.

On Thursday, we welcomed a visitor from the Chocolate Museum. The children learned about the history of chocolate and the Mayans' role in its development. They also used their problem-solving skills to decipher Mayan maths, discovering how the Mayans created a number system using dots and dashes.

Following this, we enjoyed a chocolate tasting session, where we had to guess the citrus fruits and spices used in different chocolates. The children also had the opportunity to use cocoa butter and learn about its moisturizing benefits.

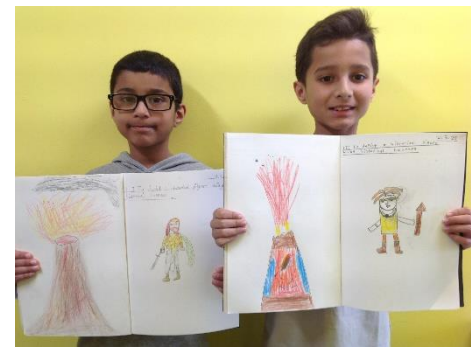
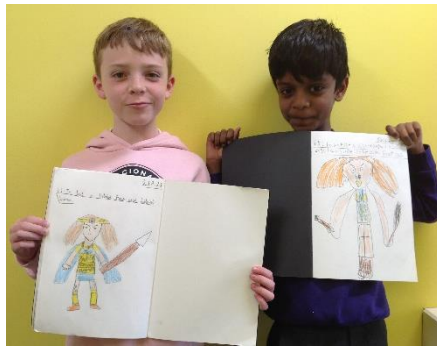
To round off the week, we celebrated **Red Nose Day** on Friday.



Year 4

Another busy week in Year 4: swimming, career talks and the usual academia. For careers' week, we had a parent give a talk about being a psychiatrist. It was very interesting to dive into the mind of someone who dives into minds for a living! In history, we learned about Roman roads and towns (the positives of Roman rule), before starting to look at Boudicca (where it goes a tad awry). So far, we've looked at historical sources describing her appearance and mannerisms, and used these to create artwork depicting her.





Year 5

Last week in Year 5 as a part of careers week we were very lucky to have Rob Watson, one of our children's parents, come and speak to Year 5 all about being a film producer.

Rob talked about the highs and lows of film producing, even how he had to cut Star Wars star Daisy Ridley from a film he made locally in Tottenham near the old Ikea! He talked about some of the films he has worked on but mentioned they were a bit of PG and above rating so perhaps later viewing when we are older.

Rob had such great a passion for his career and his love of films, television and movies really inspired the kids to talk about the things they liked and did not like in films. Just hearing about the amount of hard work that goes into creating one was incredible to hear. Thank you very much to Rob for giving up his time to come and celebrate all careers.



Year 6

As part of Careers Week, Year 6 were lucky to welcome a Creative Director, to tell us about his exciting career. Stuart works on advertising campaigns and events, film direction, photoshoots and event space design. During his visit, he reflected on his time at primary school, where he particularly enjoyed English and Art—subjects that played a key role in shaping his future. He even recalled being part of a Year 6 newsletter, which he believes sparked his passion and set him on the path to his current career.

The Year 6 children were excited to ask Stuart many questions where they learnt that he had worked on projects all over the world and has even met famous figures, including Marcus Rashford! (We were very excited to hear that!)

Stuart spoke about the importance of being passionate in everything you do and how much he enjoys what he does every day. Our Year 6 students were truly inspired by his journey, and who knows—maybe we have some future Creative Directors in our midst!



PLM

PLM



The children in PLM have been using different materials to make their figurines.



USEFUL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS
We have not checked these out but they may be useful
for some families.



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Wednesday	23rd April 2025	5.00pm at Chingford C of E Primary School E4 7BP
Thursday	24th April 2025	5.30pm at Walthamstow School For Girls E17 9RZ



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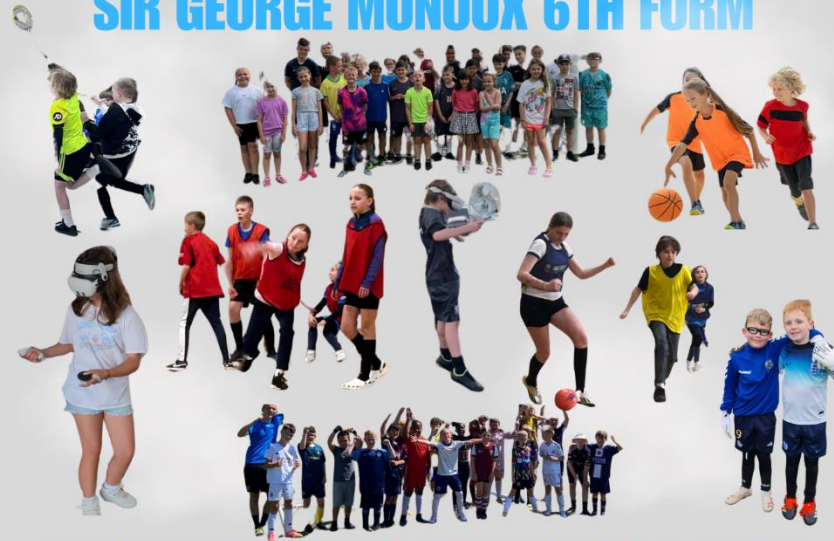
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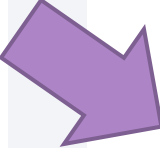
Apply now for Years 7–11;

Applications still open for Years 5 and 6

Please pass this information on to pupils in Years 5–11 and their parents and carers:

Bring Your Family to University Days are free, one-day events that provide information, advice and guidance about university to students from Year 5 to Year 11, and their parents and carers.

All families are welcome including families who have not been to university or studied at a university before. Bring Your Family to University Days aim to provide an inclusive and friendly environment for you and your family to ask any questions you may have about higher education and to meet current UCL students and tour our Bloomsbury campus.



Applications for the **primary school event** taking place on **Saturday, 12 April** will close at **10am on Tuesday, 25 March 2025**.

Applications for the **secondary school event** taking place on **Saturday, 31 May** are now open and will close at **10am on Thursday, 8 May 2025**.

Sign up here

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/widening-participation/learners/primary/bring-your-family-university-days>

Best wishes,
UCL Access and Widening Participation Team

A decorative border of various colorful Easter eggs, including solid colors, stripes, and patterns, surrounds the text.

You MUST get an adult to help you with this!!

Before decorating your eggs, you need to hard boil them. Place the eggs in a large saucepan. Add cold water; enough to completely cover the eggs. Place on a medium high heat and bring the water to a gentle boil. Reduce heat and simmer the eggs for 9 minutes. Remove from heat and fill with cold water. The eggs must be completely cool and dry to decorate successfully.

Here are some egg decorating ideas. Feel free to use any other ideas of your own - let your imagination run wild!

Make your own food colour dye

Combine $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 tablespoon of food colouring with 2 teaspoons of vinegar in a cup that is deep enough for the eggs. Add water to about the half way point. Gently place the eggs into the cups. You could use a soup spoon to place your eggs in the cups to avoid cracking. The longer they are left in the dye, the darker the colour shade. Experiment with different combinations of colours. When you remove the egg from the dye, pat dry with a paper towel and place in a holder.

Rubber Band Designs

Wrap elastic bands around hard cooked eggs then drop them in food colouring dye. Remove eggs, pat dry with a paper towel and remove the rubber bands. The parts of the egg covered with rubber bands will not be coloured. Once the rubber bands are removed you can drop the egg into a different coloured dye.

Collage Easter Eggs

Adorn your egg with different craft supplies using white or craft glue to attach the materials. Items to try: sequins, buttons, glitter, stickers or beads; or colour with markers. Go wild!

Sponge Painted Eggs

Cut a sponge into small pieces. Pour some acrylic paint into a shallow dish or onto wax paper. Clip the sponge pieces onto clothes pegs, one for each colour of paint. Dip the sponge into the paint and dab the egg with it. Start with your darker colours first for the best effect. Put the egg in an egg cup to dry. **DO NOT** eat the eggs that have been painted!

Face Eggs

Use craft supplies such as wool, ribbon and fabric scraps to create a character. Attach with craft glue. Add facial features using permanent markers for the mouth, nose and eyes. Then you could, if you wanted, cut a paper towel tube for a body. Decorate the tube with paper for clothing. Place the painted egg onto the holder.

Easter Bunny Eggs

Use food colouring dye or natural dyes to dye eggs in solid colours. Dry with paper towels. For each bunny egg cut two oval shaped ears from coloured paper. Glue the ears on the top of the egg. Add plastic googly eyes. Use markers to add a small triangle for a nose and some whiskers. Glue on a cotton ball for a tail.