



South Grove Primary School

NEWSLETTER 26 2024-2025

31st March 2025

Dear parents and carers

STARS OF THE WEEK W/C 31.3.25

N- AM	YVA	3B	BARAKAH
N - PM	ASHER	3H	ZAYAAN S
RR	TAHA	4P	ROBIN
RS	FRED	4SH	ALL OF 4SH
1L	ELLIOT	5A	OMER
1W	SAFFIYA	5G	SARAH
2DM	OTIS	6F	UMAIMA
2F	SANAM	6M	TAHIR
PLM TIMOTHY			

SPORTS STARS - FELICITY Y1 + ALYA Y4



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY W/C 24.3.25

Best Attendance ☺ **6F 99.2%**

Best Punctuality ☺ **6F**

Class that needs to improve their attendance **RS 86.8%**

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

Overall School Attendance this year = 94.4%

SOUTH GROVE RESPECT YOUR CAT DAY ASSEMBLY

We started last Friday off with an intriguing assembly regarding- cats! Respect Your Cat Day coincided with our Takeover Day and so it was decided: an assembly all about cats!

To begin the assembly, we learnt about Mr Combe's cats, Admiral Paws and Nya, and his relationship with them. To follow that, we learnt about the domestic history of cats, tracing all the way back to the ancient times, where cats helped out ancient farmers by ridding farmland of mice and rats, and so, slowly, cats were domesticated. Afterwards in the assembly, both children and teachers tried their luck at a quiz, the first round concerning cat sayings, some well-known, some, not so much.

Next, Zach from 3H told us some of his paw-some cat jokes, to name a few:

Why did the teenage cat get sent to his room?

Because of its cat-itude!

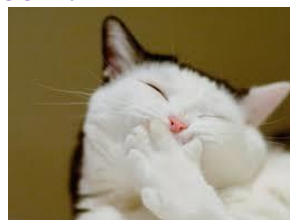
Why was the cat scared of the tree?

Because of its bark!

How does a cat stop a crime?

With the claw-enforcement!

Those were some very funny jokes!



To add to the history we received at the beginning of the assembly, we learnt that cats were worshipped as gods during the Ancient Egyptian period. I wonder what cat food they had?

Then, children and teachers had a go at Quiz Number Two: changing book titles to be cat-related! The pairs came up with some amazing ideas, and then Carter from 2F told us a bit about his sphinx cats Zeus and Luna, who had kittens and are expecting some more!

Finally, pairs of teacher and child completed the final round of the quiz, naming fictional cats!

It was a great assembly and we thank Mr Combe for carrying out the process (with help) and finding the idea!



TAKE OVER DAY REPORT BY MISS MALTWOOD (SAM - Y6)

At the beginning of Friday, the school was abundant with astronauts and policemen, explorers and lawyers, artists and more! The school was abounding with children dressed up as who they wanted to be when they grow up.

The experience as Miss Maltwood was exciting, for my day was packed with jobs, and I found it pleasing to be helpful. My accomplices, I think, felt the same about Takeover Day as me, for Ms McLean (Joel) eagerly accepted any job I gave him.

Overall, the day was fun, and it was exciting to see how adults carried out their jobs.

SOUTH GROVE'S TAKEOVER DAY	Year 6	Head Teacher Miss Maltwood	Samuel	6F
		Office Manager Ms McLean	Joel O	6M
	Year 5	Deputy Head Teacher Mr Combe	Ilina	5G
		School Finance Officer Ms Sheerer	Ibrahim	5A
	Year 4	Senior First Aider Mrs Hunter-Leitch	Areeba	4SH
		ICT Technician Mr Puddifoot	Radhia	4SH
		Music and Performing Arts Lead Ms Forbes	Sylvia	4P
	Year 3	Site Officer Mr Mendes	Bonnie	3A
		Attendance Lead Ms Montgomery	Leyla	3H
	Year 2	PE and Sports Coach Miss White	Alinur	2DM
		Teaching Assistant Mrs Monaghan	Lila	2F
	Year 1	Play Leader Ms White	Hafsah	1W
	Year 1	Midday Assistant Julie Bailey	Sadia	1L
	Year 1	Ms Lee	Nadia	1L
	EYFS Reception	My Class Teacher Ms Rice/Miss Spencer	Khadija Rowan	RS RR
	EYFS Nursery	Mrs Webster Mrs Pomfret	Ruqayah Aayat	N

Here are some examples of the childrens' applications for the jobs:

Lila Y2 applying to be Ms Monaghan – class TA: *I like teaching children in maths. I think I'd be good at maths because I know a lot and am good at empty number lines and I'm very confident and I like teaching children. I don't like tea but I do like biscuits. I am very smart but it might be a bit hard to mark the books and reading records but I think I can handle marking.*

Sylvia Y4 applying to be Ms Forbes: - Music Teacher *I love music and I want other people to participate in music. I make music in choir together with my friends or play the piano by myself. Music is important to me because it makes me feel calm and happy. Miss Forbes is kind, encouraging and helpful. I hope to use her example to help South Grove learn the best music ever.*

Samuel Y6 applying to be Miss Maltwood - Headteacher: *I would be a very fair and inclusive headteacher, with the means of helping every child both to learn and to have fun. I will be open to suggestions and will strive to help the school if I am to be picked. I believe I fit the role of headteacher as I am perseverant and hard-working, with a desire to keep on going. Another aspect of my personality is that I always try to work at 110%, if there is a goal we can smash it, if there is a limit we can break it, that is my mindset. And I believe that if you try your best, if you strive to succeed, you will always win, be it in spirit or in reality. To conclude I would like to be Miss Maltwood because of that desire to succeed, because of that passion to help and because of that open-mindedness.*

Hafsah Y1 applying to be Ms White – Playleader: *I am very active. I am good at leading a class. I am good at motivating. I never get tired so I can keep up with everyone. I can keep people lively. I have Jujitsu skills that I want to share. I like doing exercise.*





**KS2 Sports Day –
Tuesday 17th June**
(Reserve Day Tuesday
24th June)

**Reception & KS1 Sports Day –
Thursday 19th June (Reserve Day
Thursday 26th June)**

Open Evening

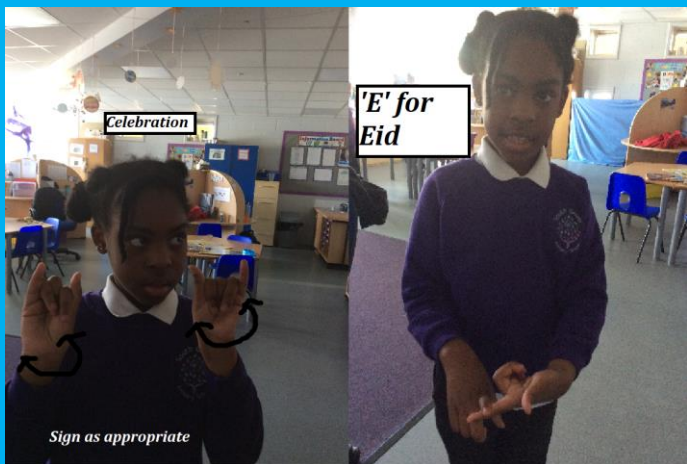
If you haven't booked already please use this link:

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

to book for Parents Evening which will take place **this Thursday 3rd April.**

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

MAKATON SIGNS OF THE WEEK: HAPPY EID



HAPPY EASTER



South Grove Spring Music Recital

Date: Tuesday, 1st April

Time: 9:15 AM

Location: Music Studio

WFM8
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.

EID ASSEMBLY

Thursday

3rd April

9:15am

All Welcome!

Remember –
You can still
send in your
photos for us
to include



Headlice

As often happens in schools, headlice are readily available in many classes at the moment!



Please check your child's hair regularly and treat where appropriate. Check again after treating because missing even one egg can start the whole cycle off again and they are easily transferred from one person to another.



Easter Eggs

We look forward to seeing your eggcellent creations! Please send them in tomorrow or Wednesday.

The winners will be announced at the Spring Concert on Friday morning with an egg prize for the best from each year group.



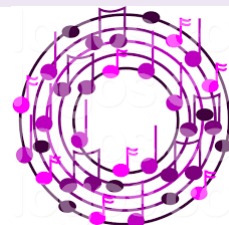


Recycling Thanks!

So far, we have sent 22.32kg of plastic waste to Terracycle to be recycled! We only need to collect 5kg more before the end of April and they will pay us £40! Thank you for your support! Please check the website for details of what we are collecting and keep on recycling!



Come and celebrate the end of term with our Spring Concert
Friday 9:15am



A FOND FAREWELL TO MRS BAKER

We will be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Baker at the end of this term. She has been a stalwart and valued part of the South Grove team for the last 20 years.



During her time at South Grove Mrs Baker has worked across the school with children from Year 2 upwards. As well as taking her class, she has led Art and Design and this has been her absolute passion. Designing schemes of work for children to experience the works of various artists, craft makers and designers has enriched the children and enabled them to learn and create their own artworks and designs in a variety of medium. Her hard work will continue to be embedded across the school.



A WAVE GOODBYE

We will not forget Mrs Baker's enthusiasm for any dressing up, or sing along events such as World Book Day, as an inflatable dinosaur (and various other inflatable costumes!) , a very sophisticated James Bond, her turn in The Masked Singer for Comic Relief as Ghost or, of course, her passionate support for her beloved West Ham United!

Mrs Baker is taking some time out to reflect on her career to date and plan exciting new adventures which we're sure will have a creative direction and probably include some glitter and fur!

We know that our South Grove community will want to thank Mrs Baker for all that she has done and given to South Grove and wish her all the very best for the future. Good Luck - you will be missed!



With my very best wishes

J. Maltwood.

Julie Maltwood
Headteacher

Enjoy the holidays and
Happy Easter to our
families who will be
celebrating

Term starts for all
Tuesday 22nd April

SOUTH GROVE LEARNING GALLERY!

Nursery

In Nursery we were busy preparing for Mother's Day on Sunday. We made special cards using paint and tissue paper. We selected the colour we wanted to use for our card and then placed our hands in paint to make a hand print flower. We then created a stem and leaves using green tissue paper. Finally we finished the cards by decorating the inside and signing the cards with our names.



Reception

Last week in Reception we continued learning about TREASURE and focused on pirate adventures and using talk for writing to explore descriptive words to write spine poems.

We found a picture in a bottle and thought of descriptive words to describe what we could see in the picture. We are beginning to write like a poet! We have also been working like a scientist in our outdoor science lab and in maths we have been learning to share a quantity equally. This means each person will have the same amount without any left over.

On Friday for careers dress up day Reception was awash with colour and creativity. Children came dressed as who they want to be when they grow up. We had doctors, nurses, police officers, fire fighters, musicians, ballet dancers and singers, an astronaut, a farmer, a photographer, scientists, lawyers, accountants and teachers. Miss Spencer and Ms Rice took a back seat while some of the children stepped into role! The children also worked together to put on a music festival complete with singers, dancers musicians and a photographer.



Year 1

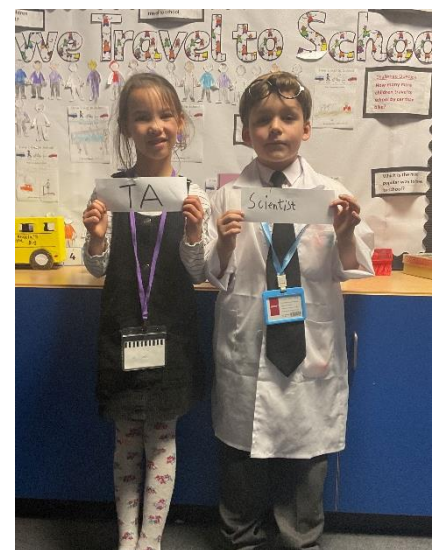
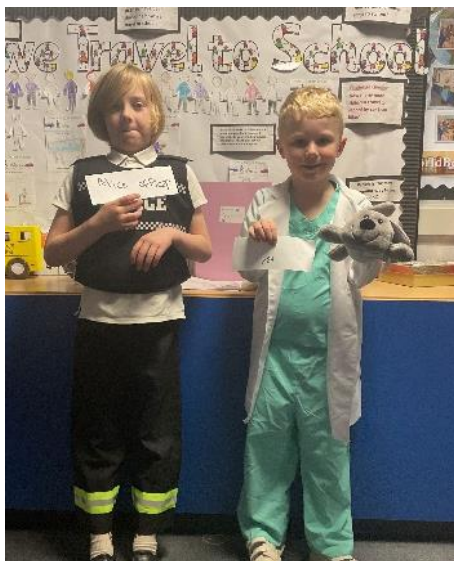
Year 1 had a fantastic dress up day on Friday, coming dressed as the job they would like to do when they are older. Happily, we had a few budding Ms Winter, Ms Lee, Mrs Tali and Mrs Patel's so maybe that means the future of education looks bright! We also had a flight attendant, a few artists, police officers as well as an Animal Programme TV Presenter.

We also got ready to wish the special people in our lives, a Happy Mother's Day as well as making cards to say Eid Mubarak to all our Muslim friends.



Year 2

Year 2 children really enjoyed Take Over Day on Friday. Their outfits were fantastic! We had a Ballerina, a Basketball Player, a Teaching Assistant, a Scientist, a Vet and many, many more... The children really enjoyed the day and it was a great opportunity for them to think about their aspirations for the future!



Year 3

On Friday, the children really enjoyed taking part in Careers Day. They were able to express exactly what career they would like when they're older. We had a mixture of entertainers, healthcare professionals, teachers and armed forces.



Year 4

Last week, Year 4 enjoyed dressing up as their dream job roles for Careers' Day; some even got to shadow an adult for the day! It was of course expected to see about 20 future footballers—I look forward to supporting Walthamstow FC in 10 years' time, but we were also blessed with some more obscure professions: a gemmologist, a bodybuilder and a detective, to name a few. A good chunk wanted to be teachers, so I promptly started prodding them and asking them if I could go to the toilet over and over and over again until they got a headache. Trust me to deliver an authentic teaching experience!



Year 5

Last Friday we had the annual South Grove Take Over Day where the children experienced what day to day life in school was for the adults. But instead of us telling you what happened we think it's better that the children who experienced the day tell you all about it:

Sarah aka Mrs Grant - The start of the day I did the register just like Mrs Grant does! It was really fun because I've never done the register. Then we went to assembly and I sat on a teachers chair, how amazing was that? During the day I taught a Science lesson and I loved helping others and explaining what to do. After I did the spelling test, it was really fun teaching my friends the words etc. I loved supporting people during the day and I loved being Mrs Grant!

Aniya aka Mrs Sharma - It was an amazing day to see people dressed up as our favourite teachers. I love the tradition and it makes the school so unique and I am excited to do it next year. Mrs Sharma has a lovely job and I was able to mark spelling work and give support to different people in class.

Anayah aka Mr Andrews - Today at school I got to be Mr Andrews! It was really fun and I loved doing the register and doing a Science quiz with the class. This was a really good experience!

Ida aka Mrs Fowler - Today at school I got to be Mrs Fowler. It was a really fun experience because I got to flip the slides on the PowerPoint. I am really happy I got this job!

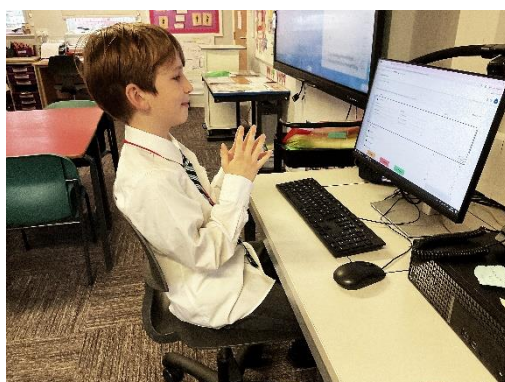
The career dress up outfits were fantastic to see doctors, scientist, fashion designers and teachers oh my! I don't know about you but I think the children had a fantastic day!



Year 6

This careers day, we have done a number of jobs in Year six. Samuel has done many jobs as Miss Maltwood such as writing the newsletter and presenting in assembly. Flynn and Khiara have been teaching their classes and reading out the spelling test. Flynn also taught G&P PE and Joel has been helping Miss McLean in the office by answering phone calls, taking notes in assembly and taking part in various other office jobs. We have had a lot of fun and realised how much teachers do in school and have had a chance to do the fun (and not so fun) things that teachers do every day.

Written by Flynn AKA Miss Fontenoy



Happy Mothers Day *cards*

The children in PLM have been colouring in their mothers day cards.



USEFUL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

We have not checked these out but they may be useful for some families.

Best care by the best people

NELFT NHS
NHS Foundation Trust

Children's Occupational Therapy Advice Line

Does your child struggle with everyday tasks?

Does your child get overwhelmed by sensory information?

You can speak to an Occupational Therapist (OT) for advice

Advice Line Available on:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

The 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month

Between 12:30 & 14:30

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7 APRIL TO 17 APRIL 2025

Are you aged between 5-16
and in receipt of benefit
related free school meals?

This Easter we have the
opportunity for you to try a wide
range of free activities, have fun,
make friends and enjoy a free
meal every day across the borough.

**BOOKING
IS ESSENTIAL**
on all activities so
book early to avoid
disappointment

To book your place and find
out more scan here or visit
WALTHAMFOREST.GOV.UK/HOLIDAYS

Free Easter-break cycling activities

Looking for a fun, free way to keep the kids active (and away from screens) this Easter?

We are offering Bikeability-certified cycle training this Easter break – whether your child is learning to ride or ready to tackle the roads.

Courses for children

Each course runs over two consecutive days

Learn to Ride – For beginners who want to learn to cycle from scratch. (Reception age & up)

Level 1 – For riders who need more practice and confidence before going on the road (like signalling or looking behind). (Year 3 & up)

Level 2 – For confident riders ready to learn road safety on quiet streets. (Year 5 & up – must attend both days for certificate & badge)

- Bikes can be borrowed for children aged 7+. More details on booking page.

Locations & dates

Mon 7 – Thu 10 April: Feel Good Centre, 170 Chingford Rd, Walthamstow E17 5AA

Mon 14 – Thu 20 April: Buxton School, 234 Cann Hall Rd, Leytonstone, E11 3NN

Book for the Easter Cycle School: bit.ly/WF-Children

Family training also available!

We're offering free, private 2-hour cycle training for families who want to ride safely together.

Over 200 slots at Lloyd Park & Leyton Jubilee Park
Available 9am–5pm throughout April

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