



South Grove Primary School

NEWSLETTER 30 2024-2025

12th May 2025

Dear parents and carers

STARS OF THE WEEK W/C 12.5.25

N- AM	GABRIELA	3A	ALISHA
N - PM	CHLOE	3H	ZACH
RR	OLIVER	4P	HARIS
RS	MARYAM	4SH	JOJO
1L	JAMIE	5A	POLA
1W	OLIVER	5G	STANLEY
2DM	ALINUR	6F	CLAIRE
2F	SOPHIA	6M	JOSH



SPORTS STARS - POEMA Y2, MARIAM Y6

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY W/C 5.5.25

Best Attendance ☺ **RR & 4P 99.6%**

Best Punctuality ☺ **4P & 2F**

Class that needs to improve their attendance **RS 85.4%**

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

Overall School Attendance this year = 94.1%

GOOD LUCK AND OUR VERY BEST WISHES TO ALL YEAR 6 PUPILS!

By the time parents read this the children will have already completed their Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling paper. So just to wish all Good luck to Year 6 in their SATs this week. They started today, and continue until **Thursday 15th May** followed by a well-deserved treat trip to St James' Park on Friday for a bit of rest and relaxation! Parents, it will support your child if you encourage a little revision each evening, ready for each day of their tests. This needs to be followed by a little relaxation and early to bed so that they feel refreshed and ready to go for the next day.



As always we have tried to organise the tests so that the children feel as comfortable as possible and familiar with the adults that have supported them all year.

Please remember that we are offering the children breakfast each morning at **8:00am**. This will help to settle them for the day and be an opportunity for staff to spend time with them. If they do not come then **please ensure that they are in school by 8:30am** to ensure they have time to settle to their day before they take their tests. If there are any concerns please contact your child's class teacher, Mr Combe or myself.

Please Notice This



Please remember that all week, the pedestrian gate in Ringwood Road will be kept closed between **8.50am and 1.00pm**. This is so that

the children are not disturbed in the mobile classrooms where the tests are taking place. Please use the alleyway to the right of the entrance past the bungalow and go down to Camden Road where the gate will be open.

This was sent to our Year 6s on Friday

Dear Year 6 children,

Next week you will be sitting your SATs tests for maths, reading, grammar, punctuation and spelling. We know how hard you have worked but there is something very important you need to know:

The SATs test does not assess all of what makes each of you special and unique. The people who create these tests do not know each of you the way that we do and certainly not in the way that your families do.

They do not know that some of you speak two languages or that you love to sing or draw. They have not seen your natural talent for dancing or playing a musical instrument. They do not know that your friends can count on you to be there for them; that your laughter can brighten the darkest day or that your face turns red when you feel shy. They do not know that you participate in sports, wonder about the future, or sometimes help your little brother or sister after school. They do not know that you are kind, trustworthy and thoughtful and that every day you try to be your very best.

The scores you will get on the test will tell you something, but they will not tell you everything. There are many ways of being smart. You are smart! So while you are preparing for the test and in the midst of it all, remember there is no way to 'test' all the amazing and awesome things that make you, YOU!

You have all worked incredibly hard this year and we are very proud of you.

Miss Marable, Miss Fontenoy, Mrs Rawat, Mrs Hussain, Mrs Perna,
Ms Maltwood and Mr Combe

THIS IS YOU!

2F'S LIVING & GROWING ASSEMBLY

On Friday the hall was filled with all things creepy and crawly as we were treated to a wonderful assembly from 2F all about nature and especially about mini beasts. They opened with a song, 'If I were a Minibeast' which they expertly signed using their Makaton knowledge.

The children then explained how they had been growing beans and keeping a record of their growth. They then shared their knowledge of mini beast facts – I think we all learnt something new – and showed the lovely water colours that they had painted after they had learnt about the artist **Maria Sibylla Merian** and her fantastic drawings and paintings of insects and nature.

They shared the acrostic poems they had written and then Sasha confidently played a song called 'Butterfly' on his tin whistle. The class then rounded off their assembly with a wonderful living and growing fashion show. Well done 2F for your fabulous assembly!

Here's what the parents had to say:
Wonderful and very informative
Amazing assembly. Thank you to everyone
Beautiful performances ☺



3A PARENTS EVENING This Tuesday 3:30- 5:50

Click here to book:

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NO CHOIR

TOMORROW 13TH MAY



**No Assembly this Friday, 16th May as
3A's Assembly has been postponed
until THURSDAY 12th June 9:15am**

Families will be welcome then!

MAKATON SIGN OF THE WEEK: **TODAY**



**Friday 16th May
Year 3 WW2
Dress Up Day**

**Friday 23rd May
Year 4 Fashion
Dress up Day**



There's Lots Going On this Term...



Tuesday 13 th May	Year 6 SATs - Reading
Wednesday 14 th May	Year 6 SATs - Maths 1 Arithmetic and Maths 2 Reasoning 9:30 – 11:30 Parenting Class (every Wednesday up to July 2 nd) Year 1 to Queen Elizabeth Park (all day)
Thursday 15 th May	Year 6 SATs – Maths 3 Reasoning
Friday 16 th May	Year 6 to St James Park (morning) Year 3 World War Two day
Monday 16 th May	9:15 am Dance Club performance in assembly – parents welcome
Tuesday 20 th May	Quidditch Day for Years 1, 3, 4 and PLM (wear PE kit all day) UKS2 Girls Cricket (invited children) at Leyton Sports Ground (all day)
Wednesday 21 st May	Quidditch Day for Reception and Years 2, 5 and 6 (wear PE kit all day) Year 1 to Soho Theatre
Thursday 22 nd May	Year 2 to Epping Forest UKS2 Boys Cricket (invited children) at Leyton Sports Ground (all day)
Friday 23 rd May	Year 5 to Ragged School (all day) 9:15am 3H Assembly – families welcome Year 4 Fashion Day Year 6 to Project Zero (morning) 3:15pm school closes for Half Term holiday
Monday 2 nd June	School Opens Year 6 – Police Workshop – staying safe
Tuesday 3 rd June	Adopt a Chef continuing workshop – Year 5 various dates across the term
Wednesday 4 th June	1:30 – 2:30pm New Reception visit
Friday 6 th June	KS2 Quadkids at Feel Good Centre (invited children)
Monday 9 th June	Phonics screening week
Wednesday 11 th June	Class Photos
Thursday 12 th June	9:15am 3A Assembly – families welcome
Friday 13 th June	9:15am 1L Assembly – families welcome 1:30 – 2:30pm New Reception visit
w/c 16 th June	Sky Arts Week School Games Week 11:45am New Reception practice lunches all week
Tuesday 17 th June	KS2 Sports Day (reserve day 24.6.25)
Thursday 19 th June	KS1 & Reception Sports Day (reserve day 26.6.25) 1:30 – 2:30pm New Reception visit
Monday 23 rd June	3:15 – 4:00pm - Year 6 Fiver Challenge in the large playground
Tuesday 24 th June	1:30 – 2:30pm New Reception visit
Friday 27 th June	9:15am Reception Assembly – families welcome
Monday 30 th June	Year 6 to Herts Young Mariners Base
Tuesday 1 st July	Year 5 to Herts Young Mariners Base
Wednesday 2 nd July	Secondary Transition Day – Year 6 spend day at their new schools 9:00 – 4:00pm Superbloom Gardening Club trip
Thursday 3 rd July	Year 2 to Southend – all day 2:00pm – New Reception Parents Meeting – very important!
Friday 4 th July	Reception to Little Angel Theatre 9:15am – Nursery Assembly
Monday 7 th July	Year 6 Pizza Party
Thursday 10 th July	3.30 – 8.30pm Parents Evening
Friday 11 th July	9:15am – Summer Concert
Friday 18 th July	9:15am – Year 6 Leavers Assembly – bring tissues! 2:30pm – Break up for Summer

With my very best wishes

J. Maltwood.

Julie Maltwood
Headteacher

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

BREAK UP - 3:15 FRIDAY 23RD MAY

RETURN - 8:45 MONDAY 2ND JUNE

SOUTH GROVE LEARNING GALLERY!

Nursery

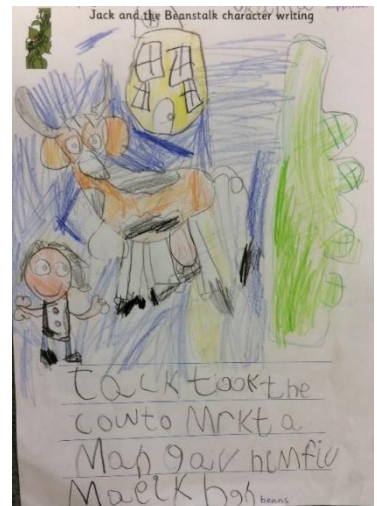
In Nursery we have enjoyed beginning learning about a new story, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We created our own caterpillars using paint. We selected two different colours and created a pattern using our fingertips. We also made repeating patterns using images of food from the story.



Reception

Our topic in Reception is Flowers, Plants and Growing. We have been using Talk 4 Writing to learn the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. We discussed the characters in the story and what happened at the beginning, middle and end.

On Friday we went on a trip to the local garden centre. We bought seeds to plant in our garden and spent time looking for other things in the centre to mark off our checklist. We are going to make our own garden centre in school.



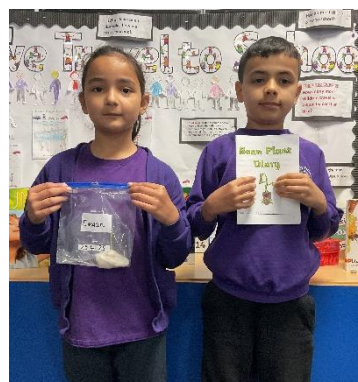
Year 1

Year 1 have been very busy scientists in preparation for their upcoming trip to Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park as they will be identifying and classifying the types of flowering plants and trees that they see there. This week the children have labelled the different parts of trees, flowering plants and even identified the trees we have in our playground using the shape of the leaves. They also learned the names of some common garden flowers and designed their own garden. Here is some of the work they have been doing.



Year 2

Year 2 children have really enjoyed planting broad beans. We started by putting them in a plastic bag in the window to observe the shoots appearing. Then, we transferred them in to soil in pots. We will continue to observe how they grow. We are keeping a bean diary to track the progress.



Year 3

In our RE learning this term, we are focusing on 'what different people believe about God'. Within this unit, we looked at why some religious people pray. We discussed the different ways that people communicate with each other and the reasons why. We then linked this to the idea of prayer and that some religious people may choose to talk to their God. Finally, in groups, we were able to look at different artefacts from various religions, learning what they are used for and how they might help people.





Year 4

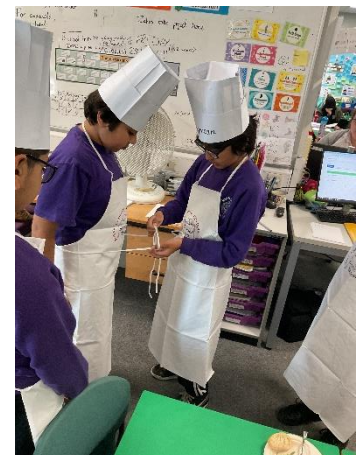
Last week, 4SH slipped into the world of textiles as they began creating their very own slippers! These they designed by themselves, with a target audience in mind, using their knowledge of product marketing. They seemed to enjoy doing it -- they spent the whole time in stitches. 4P designed theirs last week, and will be creating them this week, so there are good things coming... or sew its seams.



Year 5

Last week, Year 5 had a very exciting visitor who helped us learn about healthy foods whilst exploring the world of food flavour! We learned all about the five different tastes — sweet, salty, sour, bitter, and umami — and got to experience each one through a rather popular tasting session. From bitter rocket to salty samphire, our taste buds went on a real adventure! As part of the session, we also explored a variety of fruits and vegetables, discovering interesting facts (purple broccoli is purple because it is grown in a cooler climate) and the different ways they help keep our bodies healthy.

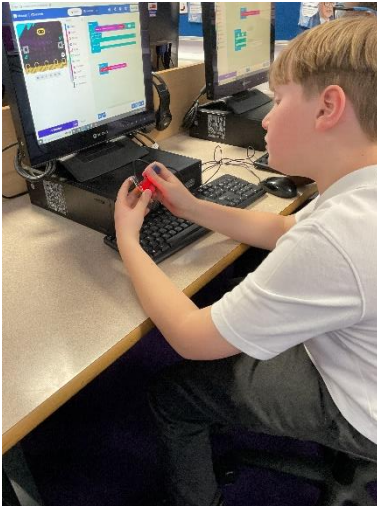
It was a fantastic opportunity to learn about nutrition and the science behind what we eat — and try some new foods along the way!



Year 6

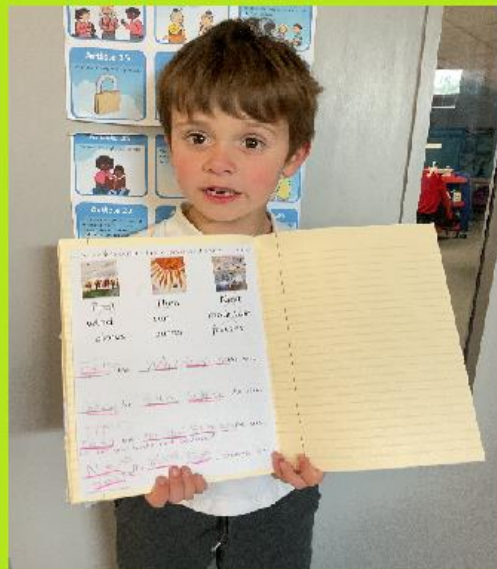
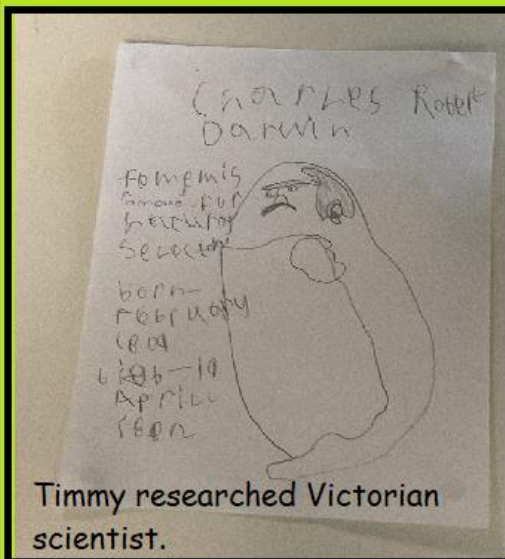
This half term, Year 6 have been exploring the fascinating world of computing through our new unit focused on interactive toys. Using Micro:bits — small programmable devices — pupils have been learning how to code, problem-solve, and get creative. This week's challenge involved using the built-in magnetometer to detect when a magnet is moved near the Micro:bit, forming part of an exciting game. Pupils also had fun composing and programming their own melodies, turning their Micro:bits into miniature musical instruments!

It's been a fantastic way to combine technology with creativity, and we can't wait to see the final interactive toys the students design!



PLM

What have PLM been up to ?



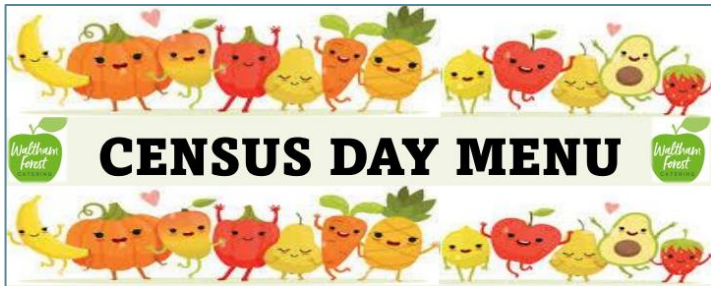
Jamie has been learning the story of 'The Tiny Seed' and using time connectives to retell the story and extended his writing.

We have been learning about Goldilocks & the 3 bears. We made porridge oat biscuits in cooking.



Special Lunches Coming Up

You can swop from packed lunch if you would like any of these



CENSUS DAY MENU

Thursday 15th May 2025

Spicy Singapore Noodles (ve)

**Cheese and Sweetcorn Quiche (v)
with Herby Diced Potatoes (ve)**

**Jacket Potatoes with Baked Beans (ve)
Coleslaw (ve) or Cheese (v)**

**Sweetcorn (ve)
Green Beans (ve)**

**Vanilla Ice Cream (ve)(v)
with Seasonal Fresh Fruit (ve)**

**Organic Fruit Yogurt (v)
with Seasonal Fresh Fruit (ve)**

Seasonal Fresh Fruit Platter (ve)



WINDRUSH DAY
19th June 2025

Jerk Chicken with Rice and Peas

Jollof Rice (ve)

Vegetable Patty with Roasted Sweet Potato (ve)

**Sweetcorn Cobettes (ve)
Broccoli (ve)**

Fried Plantain (ve)

Ginger Cake (v) with Custard (v) (ve)

**Organic Fruit Yogurt (v)
with Seasonal Fresh Fruit (ve)**

Fresh Pineapple and Watermelon Platter (ve)

Honey Bread (v)

All menu's come with freshly baked bread (v) and a selection of salad (ve)
For allergen information please see the catering team



4TH OF JULY
Independence Day

**The New Yorker Hot Dog
in a Soft Roll with
Caramelised Onions with
Wyoming Waffle Fries (ve)**

**Pennsylvania Pizza Slice (ve)
with Wyoming Waffle Fries (ve)**

**The Texan Jacket Potato (ve)
with Boston Baked Beans (ve)**

**California Corn on the Cob (ve)
Georgia Green Beans (ve)**

The Big Apple Pie with Ice Cream (v)(ve)

**Oregon Organic Fruit Yogurt
with Seasonal Fruit (ve)**

South Dakota Seasonal Fresh Fruit Platter (ve)