



South Grove Primary School

NEWSLETTER 31 2024-2025

19th May 2025

Dear parents and carers

STARS OF THE WEEK W/C 19.5.25

N- AM	MATEI	3A	ILYAS
N - PM	ARIANNA	3H	OLIVIA
RR	MUAAD	4P	OLIVIA
RS	ASLAM	4SH	RADHIA
1L	MICHAEL	5A	RAHEEM
1W	HALIMAH	5G	IBBY
2DM	CELIA	6F	FLYN
2F	SASHA	6M	KHIARA
PLM EBRAHIM & SAMUEL			



SPORTS STARS - KHADIJA Y1, LOGAN Y3

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY W/C 12.5.25

Best Attendance ☺ **6F 99.1%**

Best Punctuality ☺ **6F**

Class that needs to improve their attendance **PLM 88.7%**

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

Overall School Attendance this year = 94.1%


**WELL DONE
YEAR 6
SATS
ARE OVER!**

Last week was SATs Week for Year 6. Both staff and children had done as much preparation as they could do to prepare them for the tests. The children were invited in for breakfast each morning to help them relax and to chat with both staff and their peers, and also to have a playtime before they started their tests. This really helped.

The children approached their tests very well and really did try their very best each day. A huge thank you to all the staff who were involved in supporting the children to take the tests.

Well done to the children for all of their hard work....they can now relax and enjoy the rest of their time in Year 6!



We are now supporting both Year 1, who will shortly be coming up to their Phonics Screening test and Year 4 for their Multiplication Tables Check (MTC).

Please support your child at home to practice. If you are not sure how to support, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

NURSERY OFFERS

If you have received an offer of a Nursery place for the new school year please remember to return your acceptance slip and choose one or more of the following 1 hour sessions to prepare your child for Nursery in the Autumn:

20.6.25 at 10:00 – 11:00am or 1:15 – 2:15pm

1.7.25 at 10:00 – 11:00am or 1:15 – 2:15pm

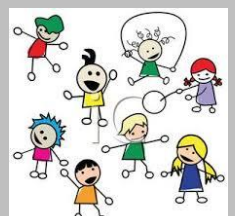


NURSERY SPACES

We still have a few Nursery places for September so if you have a child who will be 3 by 31st August this year and need a Nursery place please apply now at the school office.

Speak to Ms McLean in the office if you would like further information.

If you would like to visit the Nursery and learn more, we have an open sessions on the first Thursday of every month - these should be booked at the office as numbers are limited.





LOST GREEN PE KITS

When children forget to wear their PE kit to school on PE day we have some green kits which we lend them so that they can still take part. A few of these kits are now missing so please can you have a look at home to see if one has made it home by accident.

Thank you

PARENTS / CARERS OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE (0-25) WITH Education Health and Care Plans

DROP-IN SESSIONS

Waltham Forest SEND Team are offering drop-in sessions for parents / carers of Waltham Forest children and young people (0-25) with Education, Health and Care Plan (EHC Plan) to discuss any concerns or issues, with a member of the SEND Team.

The aim of these sessions is to provide parents / carers with an opportunity to discuss concerns and collectively think through how to move forward with the situation.

Priority will be given to those on a first come, first served basis.

Below are the parent / carer drop-in sessions, starting from Friday 9th May 2025.

*drop in sessions will begin at 9:30am to 12:00pm in one of the venues below.

Frequency	Location	Address
1 st and 5 th Friday of the Month	Queens Road Family Hub	215 Queens Road , Walthamstow E17 8PJ
2 nd Friday of the Month	Chingford Family Hub	5 Oaks Grove E4 6EY
3 rd Friday of the Month	The Curve Room, Leytonstone library	Church Lane, Leytonstone, London, E11 1H
4 th Friday of the Month	Walthamstow Family Hub	313 Billet Road - E17 5PX

Please kindly note, you will need to bring along with you a proof of address, proof of ID and child's ID for the SEND team to discuss your concerns.

OUR
MISSION
WALTHAM
FOREST



Knife Crime Awareness Week is an annual campaign by the Ben Kinsella Trust, taking place during 19th - 23rd May 2025. Our mission is to inspire a national movement where everyone recognises their role in prevention and takes small actions that contribute to meaningful change. This year we want to empower you with the tools and knowledge to help make change happen. Knife crime is not inevitable, it is preventable and together we have the knowledge, confidence and tools to help support young people and society today. We are pleased to offer two FREE online training sessions during Knife Crime Awareness Week. They can be booked by clicking the links below.

[The Ben Kinsella Trust - Parents and Carers - Helping our Children Stay Safe | 22nd May 6-8pm](#)

To find out more about our campaign, please check out our sister website-

www.knifecrimeawarenessweek.org.uk

Cycling Enthusiasts – We Need You!

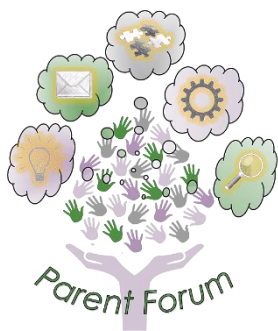


Each year, South Grove takes part in the Mini Tour de Waltham Forest- a local cycling event competing against other school teams. Over the years, we have done really well in this event, and this is a tradition we would like to keep going!

If you are in Year 5 or 6 and wish to compete, please bring your bike in to school on **Thursday 5th June**. We will be timing the children as they cycle a lap of the playground and the fastest will be selected.

Be warned, this event is not for the faint of heart and we will be looking for those cyclists who can push it to the limit!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO FILL IN THE GOOGLE FORM IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING ON ANY TRIP THIS WEEK

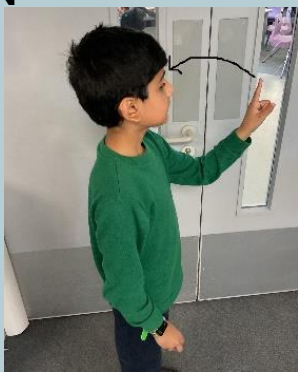


Parent Forum - Upcoming Meeting 18.6.25

The next Parent Forum will take place on Wednesday 18th June at 9:00am where we will discuss Home Learning and the Home School Agreement.

I hope that everyone who is part of the Forum is able to attend but we would welcome the views of any parent or carer who would like to come along. Refreshments will be provided!

MAKATON SIGN OF THE WEEK: YESTERDAY



This Friday 23rd May

Year 4's Fashion Dress up Day

3H's ASSEMBLY 9:15am



If your child has been offered a place in our Reception class for September from the borough's Admissions department, you should have also received a letter from us by now. Don't forget to sign up if you would like to have a practice lunch.

If you did not get the school that you were hoping for, you should automatically be on the waiting lists for any of your higher preferences and these are held until 31st December 2025.

After this time you will need to reapply to Admissions if you want to continue to stay on the waiting list for South Grove.



Fun Filled Quidditch Event!

Don't forget to come to school wearing your PE kit or you will not be able to take part.

Tomorrow Tuesday 20th May – Years 1, 3, 4 and PLM

This Wednesday 21st May – Reception, Years 2, 5 and 6



We break up at the usual time of 3:15pm on Friday this week and return on 2nd June. All Clubs are on this week and will start again in the first week back after the holiday.

With my very best wishes

J. Maltwood.

Julie Maltwood
Headteacher



SOUTH GROVE LEARNING GALLERY!

Nursery

Last week in Nursery we continued to focus on the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We made our own fruit kebabs using a variety of fruit. We made choices about which fruits we wanted to have and carefully threaded the fruit onto the kebab sticks. We then enjoyed eating our creations together with our friends!



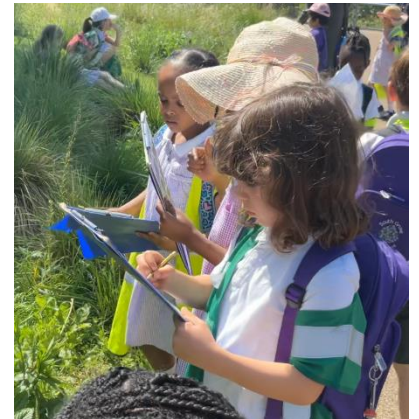
Reception

Our topic in Reception is Flowers, Plants and Growing. Last week we were very excited to discover that our bean seeds had germinated and grown a shoot and roots. Once again we practised working like botanists, observing the changes that had happened to our seeds and then drawing detailed studies of our plants and writing about their growth. Linked to our trip to the garden centre last week, we developed our own garden centre outside for role play and learning. We were very busy counting coins to pay for goods and adding 2 quantities together.



Year 1

Year 1 had the trip of all trips to Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park! As well as identifying lots of different native UK trees, wild and garden flowers like poppies, iris, butter cup and daisies, 1L and 1W had an absolutely brilliant time in not one, but two, playgrounds and sand pits. It was grins all round! We lucked out with the weather which helped us on this trip as we clocked up over 11,000 steps! Well done Year 1 for being so fit and healthy that we could walk such a long way! Olympians of the future!!

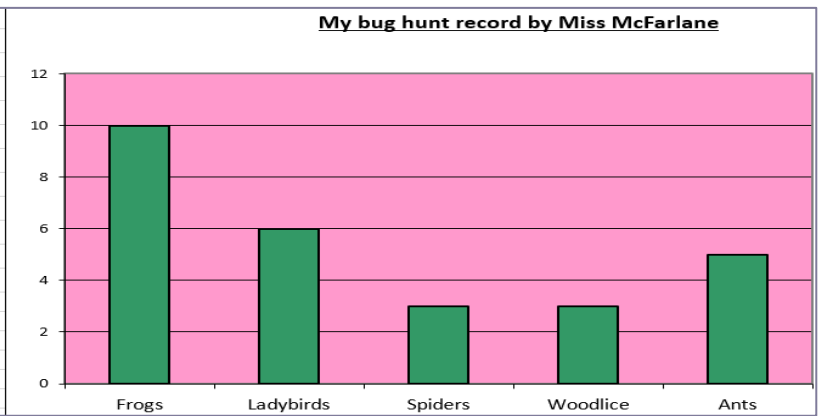


Year 2

In Year 2, in 'Computing' our unit has been 'We are zoologists'. We visited the conservation area and took some pictures of 'minibeasts'. In 'Maths' we transferred this information into a bar chart. We then chose our favourite pictures and copied and pasted them onto a word document into a collage.

2DM Bug hunt by Sabrina	2DM Bug hunt by Otis	2DM Bug hunt by Celia	2DM Bug hunt by Ibrahim M
We visited the conservation areas. I found a snail, ladybird, worm and a black cat. 			
In the conservation area I saw a snail, a ladybird and a frog. 	We found a black cat, pond skaters and a ladybird and some snails in the conservation area.	I saw a ladybird at the conservation area and some snails in a pot and a beetle in a water pot.	

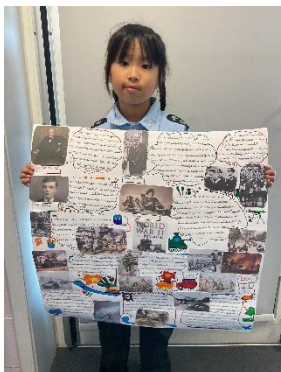
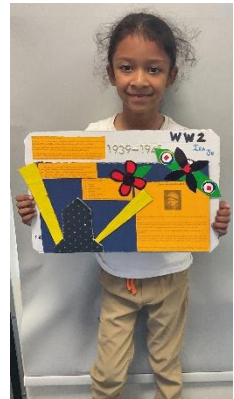
Bug	Number found
Frogs	10
Ladybirds	6
Spiders	3
Woodlice	3
Ants	5



Year 3

We travelled back in time last week to the early 1940s and spent a whole day as people from the WW2 era! Our World War 2 day was filled with fantastic activities which really helped us to deepen our knowledge and understanding of what that time period was like for those living through the war.

We conducted research, we mixed together ingredients to create oat biscuits which would have been eaten back then, and we showed off the beautiful homework projects that the children spent so much time and effort on. We really did have a wonderful time exploring all things WW2!



Year 4

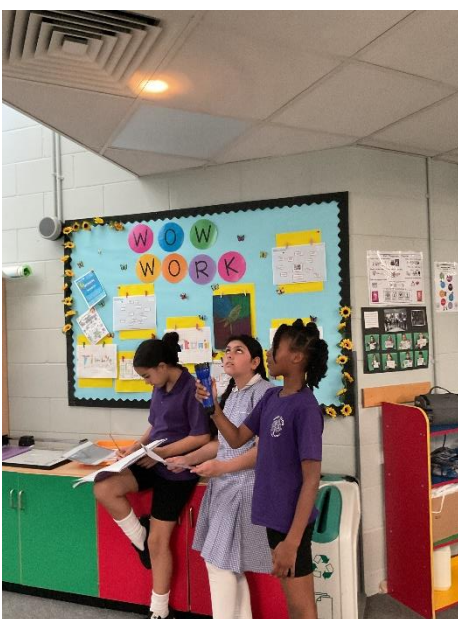
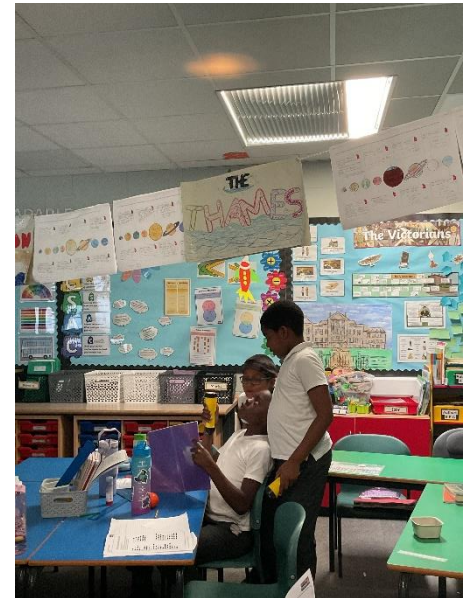
Something's afoot... 4SH has finished making their slippers! They're very proud of them. 4P has begun making theirs this week, but they're not quite put together yet. I'd usually add more puns, but I'm afraid to say I'm out of material. I hope 4P don't experience this next week...



Year 5

This term in computing we have gone from the computing suite to the classroom. Our topic for the term is 'We are Cryptographers'. In the topic we are learning about how there are different forms of communication and how messages are transmitted across distances.

We were blown away attempting Semaphore out of the field. Using red and yellow flags to form letters of the alphabet. Last week it was a little bit dark as we were trying Morse-code using torches. We came up with messages to send each other and used the torches to help us. It was very tricky to send these message using the torches, ensuring that we could understand them and decode the message



Year 6

After weeks of hard work, focus and determination, our amazing Year 6 pupils completed their SATs- and what better way to celebrate their efforts than with a well-deserved trip to the park!

On the day, the children let off steam by simply having fun with their friends! From football matches, eating ice cream and having fun in playground, it was a fantastic way to unwind after all their dedication.

The trip was not just a treat but a reminder of how proud we are of them for giving their best during their SATs. They've shown resilience and an incredible attitude throughout!

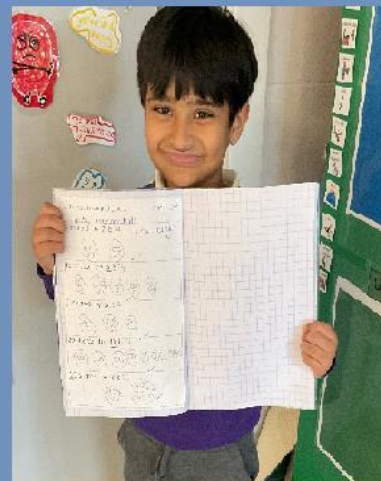
Well done, Year 6!



PLM



The children in PLM are learning about Goldilocks and the 3 bears



PLM



In Year 1. Jamie has been learning about planting as part of his topic.

Dawood, well done! He can share into equal groups