



South Grove Primary School

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2nd June 2025

Dear parents and carers

STARS OF THE WEEK W/C 2.6.25

N- AM	ANDREA	3A	LEVII
N - PM	ADEN	3H	BARAKAH
RR	OSCAR	4P	NYLAH
RS	ERIC	4SH	GEORGE
1L	SADIA	5A	KALIA ANGEL
1W	CHARLOTTE	5G	NATASHA
2DM	IBRAHIM	6F	CAMILLA
2F	AMELIA	6M	HUDA
	PLM	TIMMY	

SPORTS STARS - IMAN Y1, HASNAIN Y4



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY W/C 19.5.25

Best Attendance ☺ **4SH 99.3%**

Best Punctuality ☺ **2F & 4P**

Class that needs to improve their attendance **PLM 92%**

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

Overall School Attendance this year = 94.2%

Welcome back! I trust that you all had a relaxing break with your children and that they are full of energy for the last half-term.

MELT IN THE MOUTH ASSEMBLY!

We had a delicious treat from **3H** on Friday before Half-Term. The children introduced their assembly with a lively song about Cocoa trees and sunny lands.... And how the cocoa beans are turned into chocolate.

The children shared their experience of a chocolate tasting session they had in school. The photos showed what a fabulous experience they had!



The history of chocolate dating back to the Mayan and Aztec period was shared. Who knew eating chocolate was popular way back in history!! The chocolate facts were fascinating too!

The best bit of the assembly was when some staff (lucky us!) Miss McFarlane, Mr Archer and myself were given some morsels of chocolate to taste and we had the awful task (not really) of guessing the chocolate bar. I was thrilled mine was a Twirl but don't think Mr Archer minded his Cadbury's square or indeed Miss MacFarlane with her Crunchie bite!



A visit from a graphic designer enabled the children to learn about making chocolate wrappers attractive to the buyer. They were really eye-catching!

An important part of the assembly focused on how Fair Trade was really important to cocoa farmers.



Everyone listened carefully to the facts about chocolate as we knew we would be asked questions about it.

A truly mouth-watering assembly! Well done to **3H** and to Miss Hubbard, Mrs Malek and Mrs Hughes for supporting the children.

Here's what the parents had to say:

Amazing assembly, really loved it!

Great assembly - Yum!

Fun chocolate assembly! Fantastic





QUIDDITCH DAY MAGIC AT SOUTH GROVE!

On Tuesday and Wednesday before the holiday, excitement filled the air as South Grove transformed into Hogwarts for our much-anticipated annual Quidditch Days! From the moment the Sorting Hat was dusted off and placed upon eager heads, it was clear that these would be days to remember.



Each child was sorted into one of the four famous Hogwarts houses: Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw, or Slytherin. Cheers echoed across the playground as teams proudly wore their house colours, excited faces and spirits high. Staff joined in the fun too, playing the role of the Golden Snitch and being chased mercilessly by the teams!

Throughout the day, our young witches and wizards from every year group, showed incredible teamwork, agility, and sportsmanship. Whether it was Hufflepuff's determination, Ravenclaw's clever tactics, or Gryffindor's fearless imaginary flying, every house gave it their all.

In the end, it was Slytherin who soared to victory, their chasers and seekers working seamlessly to secure the win. A huge congratulations to them—but truly, every child was a winner for embracing the spirit of the game and making each day such a magical success.

Thank you to all the staff and workshop leaders who helped bring Quidditch to life. We can't wait to see which house lifts the cup next year! Check out more photos of the day in the Learning Gallery at the end of the newsletter.



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 **this 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!



MAKATON SIGN OF THE WEEK:

BUTTERFLY



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.

We welcome the views of any parent or carer who would like to come along



If your child has been offered a place in our Reception class for September don't forget to sign up if you would like to have a practice lunch during the week of 16th June.

The first visit for new Reception children and their parents/carers is this Wednesday, 4th June from 1.30 – 2.30pm



OPEN DAY
Walthamstow Fire Station
Sunday 8 June 2025
12pm-4pm
(Special Early Entry for SEND at 11am)

- Open to All! Experience the Fire Engine and Spray Some Water!
- BBQ, Street Food, Ice Cream & Doughnuts!
- Facepainting, Henna, Nail Studio and MORE!

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EID Celebrations

We wish all our families who will be celebrating EID on Friday -

EID Mubarak!

We hope you have a lovely time with your families.

Please remember to send us an email, send in a note, or sign the sheet at the office so we know that your child will not be in school on that day



🔑 The new Wanders resource [is here.](#)

Discover Waltham Forest with their walking and cycling trails showcasing famous people and places in the borough and sharing some of Waltham Forest's lesser-known secrets. There are nine routes to choose from. Check out [the full guide \(PDF\)](#), or find the individual routes [on our website](#).

New 2025 Waltham Forest Wanders – get your school exploring the borough

We're excited to let you know the 2025 Waltham Forest Wanders resource is now available!

Building on the success of last year's edition, this update includes a fresh set of family-friendly walks across the borough – helping children and families explore their local area while staying active.

With easy-to-follow routes and inspiring destinations, it's a brilliant way to encourage walking to school, after-school adventures, or weekend outings.

Waltham Forest Wanders helps families get active, explore locally, and choose walking as a fun, sustainable travel option.

It's free, easy to use, and a great way to support your Travel for Life targets around active travel, community engagement, and environmental awareness.

You can share the attached resource in newsletters or use it for Walk to School Week, classroom projects, or eco council activities.



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FOR LIFE



Contact us now to share your active travel stories with us:
schooltravelplans@walthamforest.gov.uk



Click here for the full booklet: [WF WANDERS Booklet](#)

With my very best wishes

J. Maltwood.

Julie Maltwood
 Headteacher

SOUTH GROVE LEARNING GALLERY!

Nursery

In Nursery, we have been learning about the story 'Jasper's Beanstalk'. Just like Jasper in the story, we planted our own beans at Nursery. We began by decorating a label with colouring pencils. We then attached our labels to our plastic cups and added some tissue inside the cup. We watered the cup and lastly added our beans. Let's hope they grow into tall beanstalks!



Reception

We have been learning the story of a giant beanstalk and a boy called Jim. We looked at similarities and differences between that story and the traditional tale of Jack and the Beanstalk. Among the differences the children felt that Jack took things away and Jim gave things to the giant. At the end of the story the giant gave Jim a golden coin. We wrote letters to the giant to say what we would buy with a golden coin. We have also worked on a large scale and begun to make a class giant and giantess for role play and story telling.



On Wednesday we were all very excited to take part in Quidditch games. The children listened to the instructions and developed new skills.





Year 1

Expelliarmus! Year 1 had a great time during Quidditch Day. They thoroughly enjoyed being active, having a go at new team games and even scoring some points for their team. They also worked on their attitudes to sport as they had to manage their emotions when they missed a goal or their team didn't win. Everyone from the four houses really got into the spirit of the day by working hard in class as a team to win points. We made sure we wished each other good luck and cheered loudly for everyone, with supportive comments if things didn't work out. Well done for your sporting attitudes Year 1!



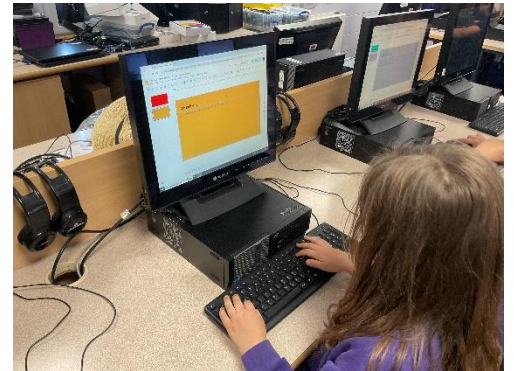
Year 2

Year 2 had an amazing day at Epping Forest. The children represented the school so well and this educational visit linked perfectly to our topic this half term based on trees and minibeasts. The weather was also kind to us that day. Thank you to all parents who came to help; your support was invaluable and made the trip very special for the children in Year 2!



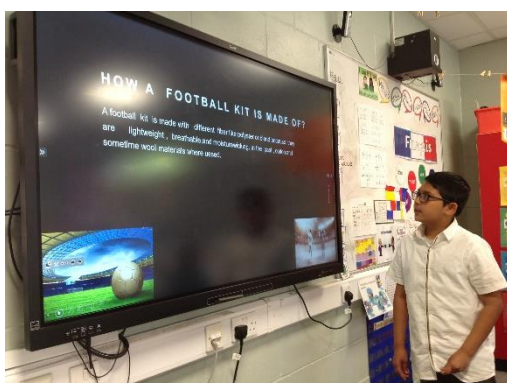
Year 3

In our computing sessions, we have been looking at the unit 'We are who we are'. Within this unit, we have been using Google slides to create presentations about ourselves and our interests. We learnt how to add text, images and use the spell check tool. We've had lots of fun creating these presentations and look forward to narrating a presentation for our final lesson.



Year 4

In the week before the holidays, (among other things) Year 4 had their Fashion Day! This meant coming to school in their very best outfits, presenting their research projects, and getting involved in some serious D&T. They made friendship bracelets using thread, beads and the power of friendship, and then upcycled old t-shirts into swanky new tote bags. Tote-ally awesome! What a day, and what a term! I hope they're looking forward to our next topic. It's *shocking*...



Year 5

What a week! You knew it was last week before half term. We had participated in Quidditch and a Victorian Classroom Experience! Hogwarts came to South Grove, we flew high and far but don't worry no brooms were in sight, we played a slightly more 'muggle' version of the game! To round off all our fun learning of the Victorians we travelled back in time to 1895 to the Ragged School in Mile End to take part in activities about the Victorians. Many of the children thoroughly enjoyed the classroom experience taught by the strict Miss Perkins who told us to sit up straight and only be spoken to when asked to speak! We practised the 3 R's, reading, writing and arithmetic! We are very glad that we are not in the Victorian era that is for sure!



Year 6

Following a busy SATS week, Year 6 have been hard at work on an exciting Fairgrounds-themed maths project ready to build their own next half term! As part of their learning, they took on the challenge of designing their own fairground attractions while working out real-world calculations like building fees, running costs, and potential profits. Using their maths skills, they budgeted carefully to make sure their rides were fun, affordable, and financially successful. It was a fantastic way to link maths to everyday life, and the students showed great creativity and problem-solving along the way



P.L.M's activities & school trips



PLM participated in Quidditch



Samuel went to Epping Forest. Their topic for the term was Minibeasts. He thoroughly enjoyed it!



Jamie & Dawood went to the new SOHO Theatre with their class. They heard author Serena Patel talk about her book 'Pra's Pet Club'.



THE
TOGETHER SPACE



June Pop-Up Event

Sun 22nd June 10am-12.30pm

Barn Croft Primary School, E17 8SB

- **Drama Workshop with Down The Lens**
A fun drama workshop with lots of sparkle
- **Inclusive Fitness Session with Emma & Chris**
Designed to get those endorphins pumping
- **Innowalk Experience**
Try out this innovative dynamic standing device
- **Inclusive Yoga with Freeing Potential**
A calming and fully inclusive yoga workshop
- **Inflatable Activity Run**
Get your bounce on in the playground
- **Tuck Shop & Hot Drinks**
With SEND Coffee, healthy snacks and cakes



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