



South Grove Primary School

NEWSLETTER 33 2024-2025



9th June 2025

Dear parents and carers

STARS OF THE WEEK W/C 9.6.25

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RR	ROWAN	4P	SYLVIA
RS	NIDA	4SH	EISA
1L	UMA	5A	TIMMY
1W	FELICITY	5G	AAMILAH
2DM	AMELIA	6F	LIAM
2F	ZARA	6M	JUDE
	PLM ISMAEEL		



SPORTS STARS - ELSIE Y2, SAHAJ Y3

MUSIC STAR - JOEL N Y6

RIGHTS RESPECTING STARS - HAFSAH Y2, ABIGAIL Y5

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY W/C 2.6.25

Best Attendance ☺ **4P 90%**

Best Punctuality ☺ **6F**

Class that needs to improve their attendance **5A 81.4%**

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

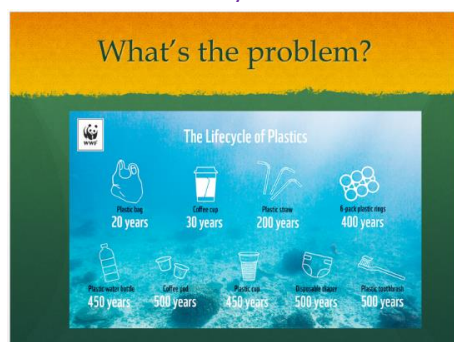
Overall School Attendance this year = 93.9%

I trust that all of our families who were celebrating, had a very Happy Eid with their families and friends! It was lovely to talk to the children about their celebrations.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT ASSEMBLY

Last Thursday, we were given a rousing and inspirational assembly by Ms Winter to celebrate World Environment Day.

She explained about the different types of plastic, how they are formed and how different types of plastics take longer to break down. We learned some damning statistics with regards to what happens to plastic waste and how certain 'one use' items (such as straws and toothbrushes) can cause so much lasting damage to our planet.



However, we also found out how we could help recycle at South Grove - including recycling specific items such as Babybel wrappers, bread bags and cheese wrapping.

Thank you to Miss Winter for really motivating us to get going on this recycling mission!



"To the young people I say, you are a gift to your communities and indeed the world. You are our hope and our future." Wangari Maathai



BBC's 'Meet a Musician' Workshop

Last Thursday, Year 2 and 4P were really lucky to take part in the BBC's 'Meet a Musician' workshop when two musicians from the BBC Symphony Orchestra came to South Grove. The session involved a mixture of interactive activities and live music being performed. It was both inspiring and great fun!

Here's what the children had to say about it:

Amelia - It was amazing!

Callum - It was a different experience and really great!

Celia - It was like being in a different world.

Kayson - It was like being in a different dimension.

Lila - It was lovely being able to listen to stringed instruments.

Aaron - It was funny and inspiring. I liked the piece they played and the story behind it.

Abena - It was surprising, you don't always see people from the BBC at school! The way they played the instruments was amazing!



Your school needs you! 📖

The big schools prize has returned this summer, in association with National Book Tokens and their longstanding charity partner, Read for Good.

They are offering five schools the chance to **win £1,000 in National Book Tokens** to fill the shelves with new books, as well as **£300 in cash** to create a fun and welcoming library space for all!



Nominate our school and if yours is one of the five winning entries, you'll also personally receive a **£100 National Book Tokens gift card** to spend in your favourite bookshop!

[Nominate your school](#)

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**MAKATON
SIGN OF
THE
WEEK:**

COLOUR



**Parent Forum -
Upcoming Meeting
18.6.25 at 9:00am**

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



**Class Photos – this
Wednesday 11th June**
Please come in full uniform with a big smile!

Phonics Screening

Good luck to all Year 1 children who will be doing their phonics screening with Miss Fowler this week. The children are made to feel very comfortable with her and are used to practising.

Year 1 teachers and support staff would appreciate if parents could continue to practice with their children, as phonics will continue after the screening is complete.

Good luck Year 1, you will be brilliant!

Phonics

Reception visits for children starting at South Grove in September 2025

Thank you to those parents who came with their children for their first visit to our Reception Classes last week. The children spent a fun afternoon exploring what will be their new setting both inside and outside in the garden. They played together, making new friends whilst parents chatted to staff and each other.

We look forward to meeting more of the children and their parents in the coming weeks (13.6.25, 19.6.25 & 24.6.25 all visits are 1.30 - 2.30pm)

Practice lunches are the week of 16th June at 11:45am - these must be pre-booked at the office.

Please remember that there is an important opportunity for parents to meet the Early Years Phase Leader and the Head Teacher for a session to discuss their child's transition to South Grove Reception Classes and to share arrangements for the start of school in September 2025.

This important meeting is at 2.00pm on Thursday 3rd July



Multiplication Tables

This is a really useful tool to help your child check how well they know their times tables – have a look...

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

Ice Poles



These will be sold by Year 2 **THIS WEEK & NEXT** to help subsidise their trip to Southend later this term.

They will be on sale each break time and will cost **40p**



This Thursday – 3A's Assembly
This Friday – 1L's Assembly
Both 9:15am
Parents/carers welcome

June
A child's right ...
to life and
to be healthy. (6)



Wisdom

Internet and Smartphone Safety Webinar

The Waltham Forest School Nursing service would like to share information from Kooth about Internet Safety.

There is a webinar held by Kooth: Helping young people stay safe on smartphones and online.

Please kindly click onto the link below and register for the webinar.

<https://connect.kooth.com/events/event/23-jul-helping-young-people-stay-safe-on-smartphones-and-online>

Kooth are offering parents and carers this 30 minute webinar covering how you can encourage them to think about how they spend their time on social media platforms and how they can get help to deal with similar situations that they may find themselves in.

Available Dates: (if you sign up and are unable to attend they will share guidance on this topic with you)

Wednesday 23rd July, 6pm- 6:30pm

Thursday 24th July, 6pm- 6:30pm

Please book online via the links above.
Thank you

Kind Regards,
The WF School Health Service



Fantastic Mr Fox!

Just a quick update on last week's rescued fox cub...

A big thank you to Mr Zhuravlov who took the cub to a fox rescue centre where it will be playing with other abandoned cubs and will hopefully now have a long and happy life!





UKS2 Girls Cricket

The Year 5 and 6 cricket trip was great and we all enjoyed it. It was tough competing against all the different schools but luckily we made it to the semi finals! Everyone had a go at batting, bowling and fielding and we all learnt a few things that day. We scored some 4s and 6s which certainly helped us win 3 out of 4 of our games. We should also thank our feel good ambassadors, Olivia and Rosie for cheering us on. Despite the hot weather everyone kept a positive attitude to keep us going. In our last game we battled it out against Greenleaf for 3rd place and we won!

Thank you to Miss White and Mrs Edmonds for this amazing opportunity and taking us on the trip.

By Ida & Olivia (Year 5)



UKS2 Boys Cricket

On May 22nd, on an overcast summer's day, some boys from Years 5 and 6 went to Leyton Sports Ground to play in a cricket tournament. The squad was: Zak (captain), Josh (wicketkeeper), Omar, Dominik, Raheem, Rayyan, Faris and Eesah. In our first game, we batted first, lots of runs were scored and there was some questionable 'bowling' from the other team. Even so, we made 75 runs. Then we started bowling, Zak opened the bowling with a good over, only 2 runs were scored from it. The next few overs were tidy, but zero wickets fell. Then came the breakthrough, Eesah was brought on and he clean bowled their opening batsman with a fast, pitched up ball. Sadly, we were unable to defend the total and suffered a defeat. In our second game, we batted first and scored way more boundaries on our way to an impressive score. When they batted, Eesah opened the bowling. With his second delivery, South Grove drew first blood, the batter hit the ball straight up and Josh took a diving catch. The new batsman walked to the crease and took his guard, Eesah, with ball in hand, came steaming in and with his next ball clean bowled the batter, sending the stumps flying. The whole team bowled well and the fielding was on point and restricted the opposition to a limited total. Despite the heroics of your faithful correspondent and the best efforts of the team, we did not make it into the next round. However, it was a great day out and we can be proud of our achievements. We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Hunter-Leitch for taking us and Miss White for working hard with us in training.

by Eesah (Year 6)

MINI TOUR DE WALTHAM FOREST CYCLE TRIALS - 16.6.25

Due to rain last week, we were unable to run our trials for the Tour de Waltham Forest for Years 5+6. The new trials will be on **Monday 16th June**. If they are interested, please could your child bring their bike in for this date and make sure they park it in the correct area inside the playground by the Ashford Close Gate.

GOOD LUCK!



Bike Week 2025: get pedalling!

From 9-15 June, we're celebrating Bike Week, the UK's biggest week-long celebration of cycling.

This year's theme is "Be a Bike Hero" – encouraging everyone to discover the benefits of cycling for health, happiness and the planet.

Whether it's riding to school, the park or just for fun, cycling is a great way to get active and explore your local area.

Find out more at cyclinguk.org/bikeweek



Join a Family Cycle Ride with Joyriders

Families are invited to take part in free guided Sunday cycle rides this summer with Joyriders, starting from Leyton Jubilee Park. Destinations include Walthamstow Wetlands, the Olympic Park, and Stratford. It's a great way to build confidence, meet other local families and explore new routes together.

- Rides run on selected dates from May to October, 10am-1pm.
- Book your spot and see the full ride schedule at: joyriders.org.uk/ride-with-us

Let's get more families pedalling this summer!



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Contact us now to share your active travel stories with us:

schooltravelplans@walthamforest.gov.uk



Waltham Forest

Upcoming competitions: (invites to competitions will be handed out beforehand)

KS1 Quadkids Athletics - Friday 13th June @ Waltham Forest Feel Good Centre

Years 5&6 Hockey Festival - Thursday 19th June @ Olympic Park

School Value Games – Tuesday 24th June @ Peter May

UKS2 Tour De Waltham Forest Cycling – Wednesday 25th June @ Leyton Jubilee Park

KS2 Quadkids Athletics - Thursday 26th June @ Waltham Forest Feel Good Centre

Photos of events will be loaded to the sporting area of the website.



SPORTS DAYS - NEXT WEEK – FAMILIES WELCOME TO WATCH:

KS2 SPORTS DAY – TUESDAY 17TH JUNE (am)

KS1 & RECEPTION SPORTS DAY – THURSDAY 19TH JUNE (am)

REMEMBER - CHILDREN TO WEAR PE KIT ALL DAY

With my very best wishes

J. Maltwood.

Julie Maltwood
Headteacher

**NO DANCE CLUB
MONDAY 16.6.25**

SOUTH GROVE LEARNING GALLERY!

Nursery

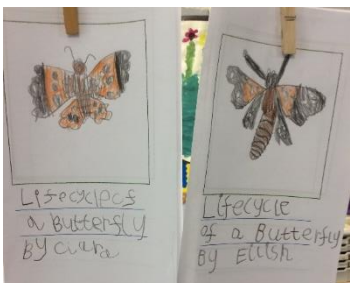
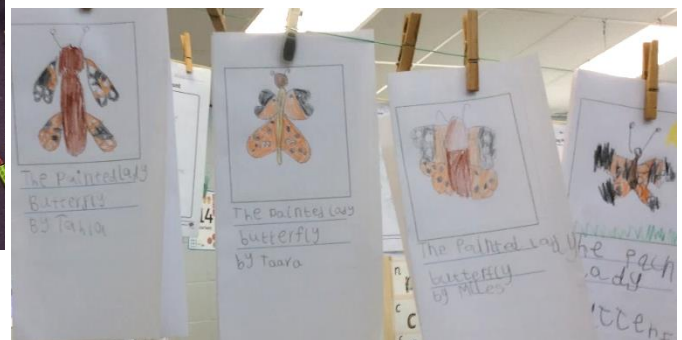
The Nursery children worked hard over half term creating some mini-beasts using different types of junk modelling. Have a look at our beautiful display we made in our classroom! The children were excited to share their work and talk about how they made their creations. We also looked at the story, 'Monkey Puzzle' and completed activities based on the story. We counted out the correct number of bananas to match the numeral.



Reception

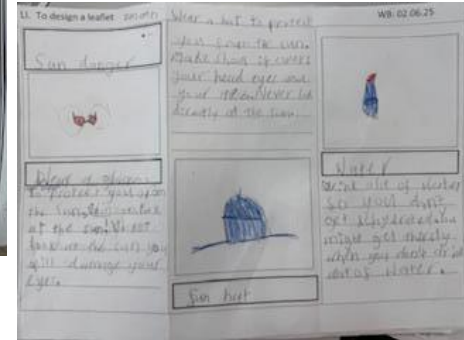
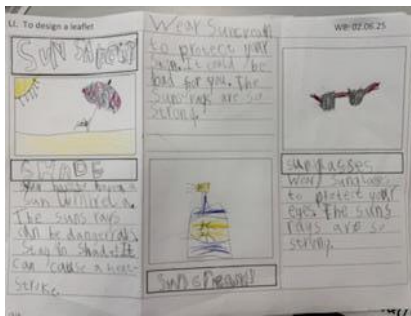
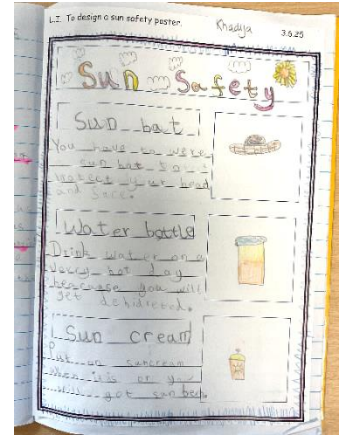
In Reception we are learning about mini-beasts. We listened to a story about Christopher Nibbles and his caterpillars. Christopher was shocked to discover that his pet caterpillars were missing so we made posters to help him find them. After this we got a special delivery, our very own caterpillars. We are going to observe what happens to them as we learn about the life cycle of a butterfly. We found out that they will turn into painted lady butterflies.

In maths we learnt about doubling and used spots on ladybirds to help us double numbers. We learnt that if we double a quantity we have to add the same amount to itself. That is the same as having two groups of that quantity.



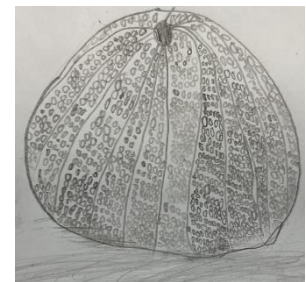
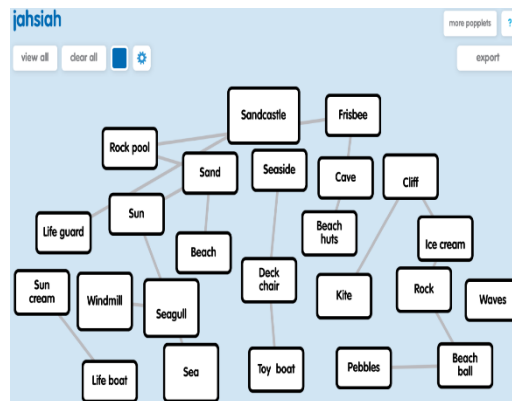
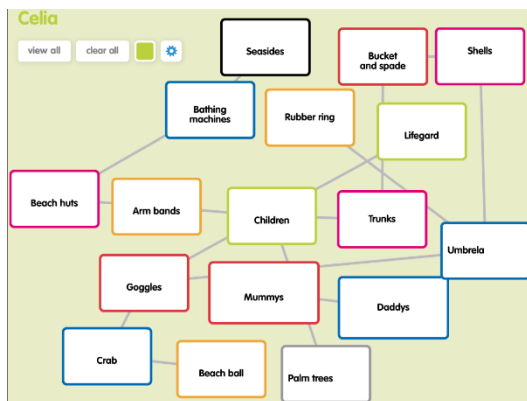
Year 1

Year 1 have been getting passionate about safety in the sun. As the weather starts to warm, 1L and 1W have been writing posters and leaflets about the dangers of the sun's powerful rays. The children came up with catchy titles and sub-headings to make their leaflets eye catching but also informative. The children warned: You need to drink plenty of water so you don't get dehydrated. Not drinking enough can lead to you feeling sick or even getting sunstroke!



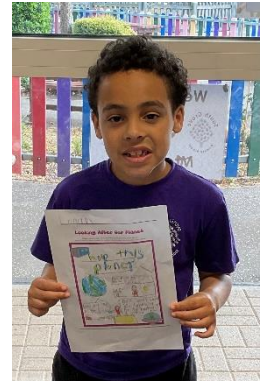
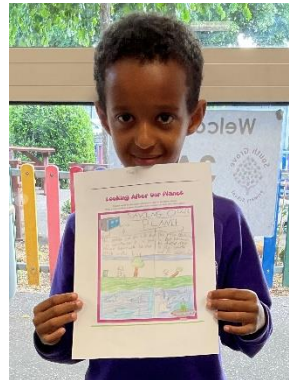
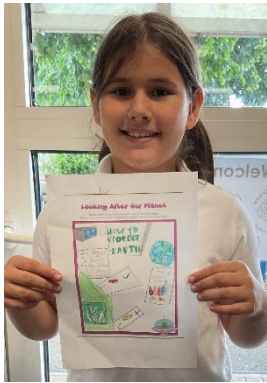
Year 2

Last week Year 2 were super busy, our new unit in Computing is called 'We are safe researchers'. We used the programme 'Popplet Lite' and created mind maps to show all the things which can be found at the seaside. In Art, we did an observational drawing of a sea urchin. Best of all, we had the opportunity to take part in a BBC's 'Meet a Musician' workshop. It was great fun!



Year 3

Last week we were learning about the importance of protecting and looking after our environment and the world around us. We have explored the recycling process and understood just how necessary it is to reduce, reuse and recycle! We produced our own posters for World Environment Day, which was on Thursday 5th June. These posters highlight the things we can do to help to preserve our planet, not just on World Environment Day, but every day of the year.



Year 4

Last week, Year 4 discussed how some view life as a journey. They then thought about the journey their life may take them on, and the milestones they would like to make.



Year 5

What a return to Year 5 for our final half term! After our week off we are well rested and ready to take on all the work and fun that is coming our way. We had our second session of Adopt A Chef with Chef Tessa. This session, Chef Tessa helped us to improve to our knife skills using the claw method and the bridge method we applied these to cutting up various salad items. In our salad we chopped up: radishes, peppers, celery, cucumber and lettuce. We found some of the items easier to cut up than others. We couldn't wait to get these salads home and eat them all!



Year 6

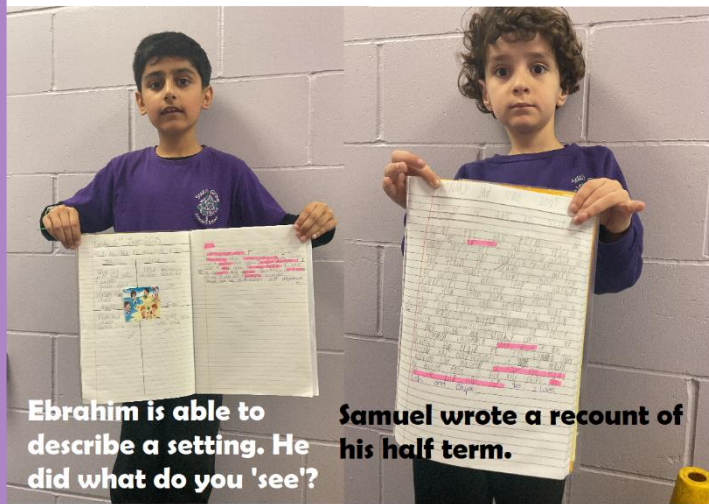
In Science, Year 6 have been exploring one of the most fascinating concepts in biology- evolution! The children have been learning about Charles Darwin and took part in an exciting Science experiment called 'Battle of the Beaks'. As part of their learning about evolution and adaptation, the children used different tools to represent bird beaks and tested how well they could pick up various foods like seeds and raisins.

The experiment showed how some beak shapes are better suited to certain food sources- just like in nature! It was a fun and hands-on way to understand how animals adapt to survive in their environments.



PLM

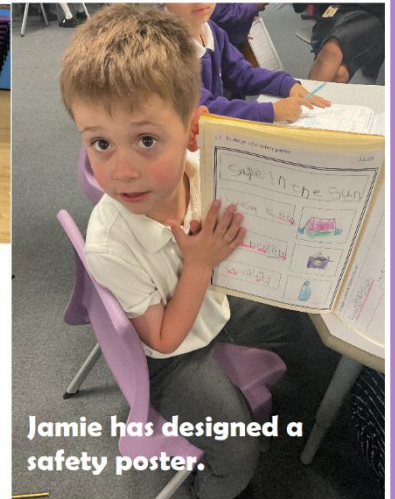
PLM



Ebrahim is able to describe a setting. He did what do you 'see'?

Samuel wrote a recount of his half term.

Music lesson



Jamie has designed a safety poster.

Keep Going....



THE LONDON SCHOOL
OF ECONOMICS AND
POLITICAL SCIENCE

16-21 JUNE

LSE FESTIVAL 2025

VISIONS FOR
THE FUTURE

FAMILY DAY

Free activities for
children of all ages

LSE Campus, Houghton St,
WC2A 2AE

SATURDAY 21 JUNE
10AM-1PM



Sustainable crafts

Storytelling

Biscuit-decorating

Mono print poster making

AI adventures

Designing future worlds

Face painting

REFRESHMENTS FROM
THE PLAZA CAFÉ AND
FOOD STALLS



The London School of Economics and Political Science in Holborn, central London, are holding the [LSE Festival 2025 \(16-21 June\)](#). The LSE Festival is an annual series of social science lectures, exhibitions, workshops and performances, all free and open to the public, offered both in person and online.

This year the theme is "Visions for the Future", and they will explore the people and communities, innovative technologies, challenges of today, and lessons from the past that are shaping the world to come. All events are free, and designed to be engaging, educational and thought-provoking. @@@#’n

Of particular interest to you may be the [Family Day](#)

From 10am-1pm on Saturday 21 June, children aged 4 to 16 are invited to visit the LSE campus for a morning of face painting, inspirational storytelling, biscuit decorating, print poster making, and a fun-filled, hands-on AI adventure!

Join our free hands-on activities for all the family!

LSE thought this might be of interest to our teachers, parents and students.
More information about the LSE Festival can be found here: lse.ac.uk/festival.



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