



South Grove Primary School

NEWSLETTER 35 2024-2025

23rd June 2025

Dear parents and carers

STARS OF THE WEEK W/C 23.6.25

N- AM	AYAAT	3A	ANAYAH
N - PM	ORIANNA	3H	MAHDI
RR	SAMI	4P	HARRY
RS	MINAHIL	4SH	LEO
1L	RAEENA	5A	POLA
1W	ZACCARI	5G	SUMAIYAH
2DM	CALLUM	6F	FATHIMA
2F	URI	6M	DANIEL

PLM TAHA

SPORTS STARS - THEO Y1, NAOMI Y3 + ANIYA Y5



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY W/C 16.6.25

Best Attendance ☺

Special mention to 5A 99%

Best Punctuality ☺

2DM & 3A 100%

1W & 2F

Class that needs to improve their attendance

PLM 91.3%

Class that needs to improve their punctuality

RS

Overall School Attendance this year = 94.1%

WORLD REFUGEE DAY

World Refugee Day has been recognised by the United Nations since 2001. Year 6, with the support of Miss Fontenoy, shared with the assembly of children what World Refugee Day was all about. They began by sharing what a refugee is....

A refugee is someone who has had to flee their home because their lives were in danger in their home country. There are many different reasons for this and we will explore some of them in the activities coming up. World Refugee Day is on 20th June 2025 and helps to raise awareness of the lives and experiences of refugees.

Year 6 were lucky enough to be visited by the charity 'Stories and Supper' to discuss their experiences of being refugees in the UK. After sharing their own experience with Year 6, the children then completed a quiz that challenged our misconceptions about what it is to be a refugee and then Year 6 wrote poems inspired by own lives and cultures based on a poem called 'The smell of coffee in the market.' They were really impressive.



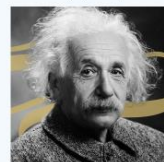
The smell of coffee in the market – by Laura

I come from a mountain so green and so tall that it will take you days to walk it all
colourful parrots posing in the trees
singing or eating from the houses' windows
I come from the smell of coffee in the market
the crepes in the pan
and the sweet smell of bread coming off the oven
I come from the salty smell of the beaches
so sunny, so blue, so deep
the hot weather and the smell of the rain on the pavement
I come from the reunions in friends' houses
where we eat mozzarella sticks until we can't walk
the laughter, the hugs, the warm welcome
every time we see each other
I come from the sweet perfume of my mum
flowers, wood
you always knew she was going out to work
because the smell was all over the living room
I come from talk about politics
and how we need change
I come from talk about jobs and kids
I come from talking with my friends about boys, work, life
our plans for the future,
our life out of our country

I come from a Portuguese family
my grandparents from my mum's side
who moved to Venezuela to build their lives
and were considered more Venezuelan than Portuguese
I come from my mum marrying my dad
who came from Carupano city in the east
I come from a beautiful country, a beautiful family
Now am in a new country,
I have new friends
but still don't feel like this is my country.
Don't know when I will be able to go back
Don't know if I will see my dad, friends, house
But I know where I come from
I will never forget that

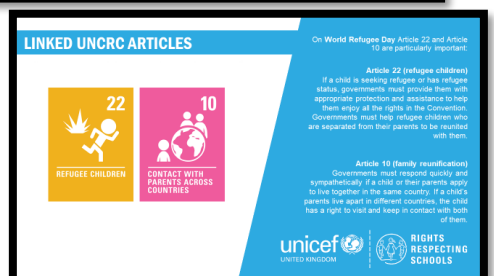
The children reminded us of a very important message about being a refugee:

Our message to everyone today is: Refugee status can impact anybody and Refugees have made important contributions to all areas of society. They enrich our culture, support economic growth, and many people we know and love are Refugees, including:



Miss Maltwood shared the UNCRC Articles with the children that are linked to Refugee children and their rights.

Thank you to Miss Fontenoy and the children of Year 6 for a very informative assembly.



IMPORTANT Transition Presentations to Parents

As last year, we would like to provide parents with an opportunity to meet their child's new class teacher and the team working within the new Year Group this term rather than waiting until the new school year.

Below are the dates and times of the meetings. These will give you information regarding your child's next Year Group and in particular anything that may be different to their current Year Group.



Transition Workshops	Date	Location	Time
Autumn 25 Nursery	November (TBA)	Nursery	TBA
September 25 New Reception	Thursday 3 rd July	Music Studio	2:00pm
Reception going into Year 1	Monday 7 th July	Year 1 Classrooms	3:30pm
Year 1 going into Year 2	Wednesday 9 th July	Year 2 Classrooms	3:30pm
Year 2 going into Year 3	Thursday 3 rd July	Year 3 Classrooms	3:30pm
Year 3 going into Year 4	Wednesday 16 th July	Year 4 Classrooms	3:30pm
Year 4 going into Year 5	Tuesday 15 th July	Year 5 Classrooms	3:30pm
Year 5 going into Year 6	Thursday 17 th July	Year 6 Mobiles	3:30pm



KS1 QUADKIDS

On Friday 13th of June, a small group of KS1 pupils took part in an Athletics competition at the Feel Good Centre. They took part in 4 different events which were a long jump, sprint, howlers throw and a long distance run. All pupils put in 100% effort and Ms White and Ms George are very proud of the children's performance.

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

Felicity - I liked the long distance running because I nearly won and got 3rd place!

Ray - I had lots of fun especially when racing because I got 2nd place. It was the best day ever!

Zaccari - This was the best day ever and I can't wait to tell my family about it. Thank you to Ms White and Ms George for taking me to the quad kids trip.

Areej - I liked the trip because I got to have fun and I enjoyed all the sports.

Otis - It was really tiring but I had the best day ever.

Rowan - I liked the run because it was very fun.

Sahira - I had fun and I really liked the 300 run.

Sophia - At the games it was really fun and I enjoyed jumping into the sand.

Zen - I enjoyed the 300m run and the long jump the most.



**MAKATON
SIGN OF
THE
WEEK:**

DRINK



Reception's Assembly

This Friday 27th June

9:15am

All welcome -
come and
support your child!



FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

with the **LBWF Youth AT Risk Service & Edge Of Care Team.**



Dear Parent/Carer,

We would like to extend this invite to you for the below TEAMS meeting aimed at Waltham Forest parents/carers on the topic of Healthy Relationships for children delivered by the LBWF Edge Of Care Team. The purpose of this workshop is to raise awareness and the support available to empower parents/carers regarding children who are vulnerable to being drawn into negative friendships and the potential links to exploitation and trauma.

We will be using the following agenda for the workshop:

- 18:00 - TEAMS arrival, settle in, house rules and introductions.
- 18:10 - Introduction by **LBWF Youth AT Risk Service & Edge Of Care Team.**
- 18:30 – LBWF Edge Of Care Team commences with the PowerPoint presentation explaining their work, social media safety advice, facts, warning signs and how to report/access support
- 19:00 - Q&A session
- 19:30 - Conclusion of workshop - END.

This will be the link to access the workshop.

EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE AS THE DATE IS TO BE CONFIRMED

We look forward to seeing you 😊

Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 355 380 735 663

Passcode: wz348xF7



Waltham Forest's Festival of Reuse and Repair 2025

JOIN US FOR THE NEXT...

Reuse and Repair Fair
SUNDAY 6 JULY, 12-4pm
FREE ENTRY

Venue: Lea Bridge Library, E10 7HU

Find new ways to reuse, repair and refashion your everyday items!

www.artillery.org.uk/reuse-repair

Class Photo order deadline is next Monday 30th June - don't miss out!



Summer Reading Challenge

Do get involved as this is a great free way to keep children reading over the Summer.

Use this link to get more information:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

It is easy and fun to get involved online or at the library.

How it works

Welcome to the Summer Reading Challenge! Take part online or at your local library.

Online

At your library



1. Sign up

Click 'Join now' to create your account.



2. Read books

Set your own goal and read anything you like. Add your books to your profile, with a review!



3. Earn digital rewards

Unlock special online badges and a certificate when you reach your Challenge goal!*

*Physical rewards like medals are only available when taking part at select libraries.



Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2025
DELIVERED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LIBRARIES



The Summer Reading Challenge provides an amazing way to boost children's confidence and self-esteem as well as better prepare them to return to school in the autumn.

Join the fun and fire up your imagination!

Come along to some fun and free creative activities!

Sign up and collect your rewards along the way and a special certificate and medal for finishing.



Waltham Forest Libraries Eventbrite

The Reading Agency

Waltham Forest LIBRARIES

Summer Reading Challenge

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With my very best wishes

J. Maltwood.

Julie Maltwood
Headteacher

SOUTH GROVE LEARNING GALLERY!

Nursery

Last week in Nursery, we began looking at the story 'Dear Zoo'. We enjoyed a cutting and sticking activity where we cut out all the animals from the story and matched them with the boxes they belong to. We have also started to get ready for our class assembly and have been busy making props.



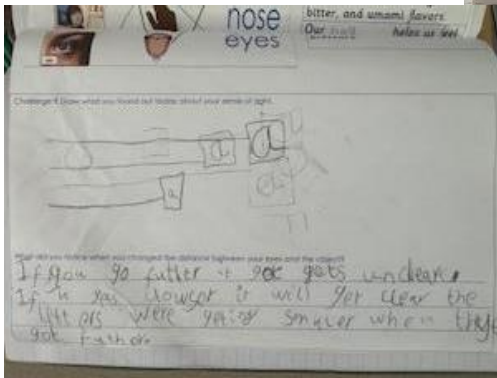
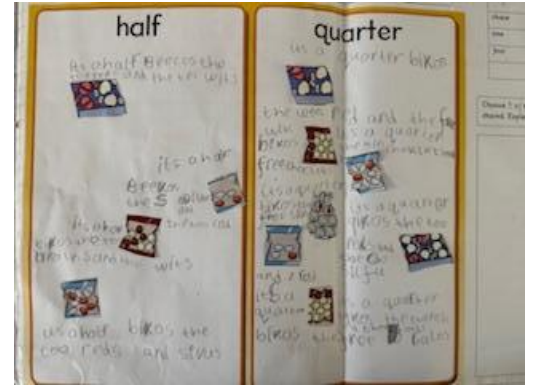
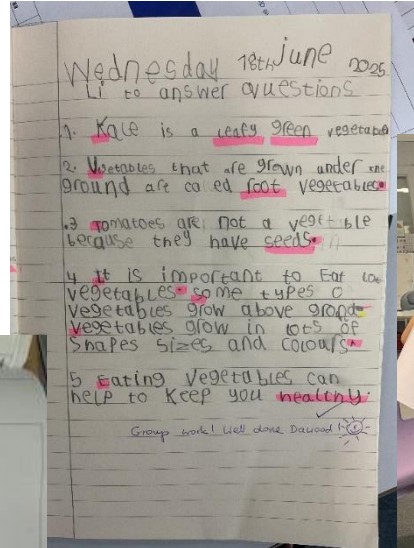
Reception

Last week in Reception we learnt about mini beast habitats so that we could look for them on our mini beast hunt! It was so much fun, we found lots of different mini beasts and demonstrated how we need to take care of them and their habitats. We recorded what we observed on a tick sheet and were super excited to see frogs and a dragon fly!



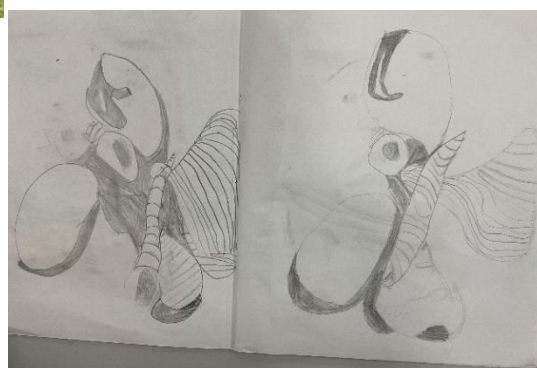
Year 1

Last week, Year 1 worked on some key skills in comprehension, focussing on consolidating halving and quartering in maths, and exploring one of our main senses in Science. In English, children read information texts about vegetables and used a key skill of retrieval: finding information in the text. We used subheadings to help us find the information quickly, and scanned the text for key words. In science, we investigated what happened when we moved objects further away. We noticed that things were harder to see and got smaller. We also noticed that not everyone had the same eyesight as some children could see further than others.



Year 2

In Year 2 last week in Art, we were looking at the artist Amiria Gale and her artwork on 'Shells'. We created an art gallery to show our 'Sea Urchins'. In Science we compared habitats of animals in our local environment.



Year 3

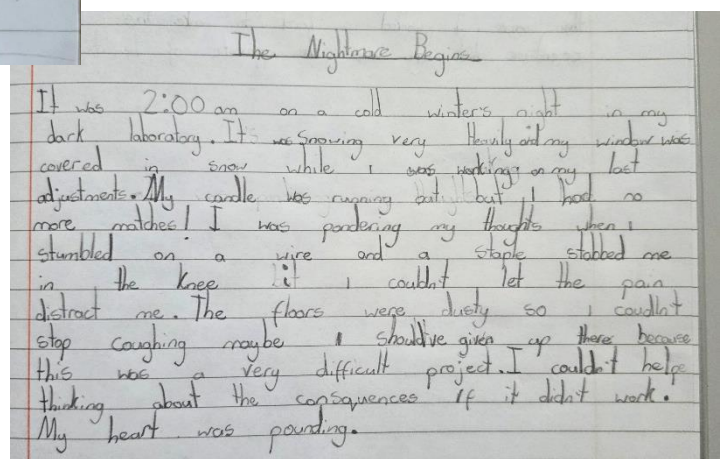
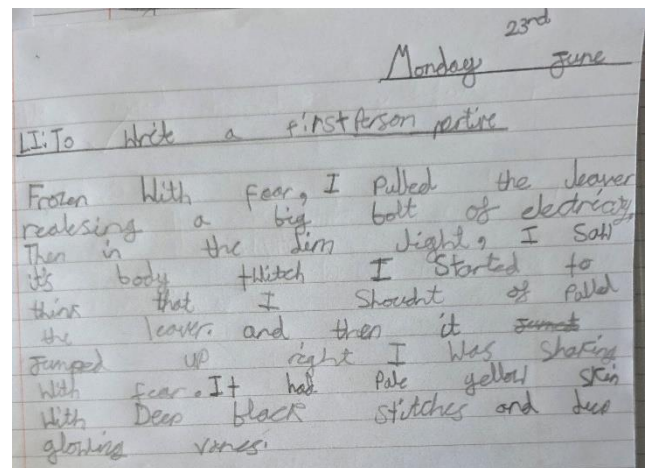
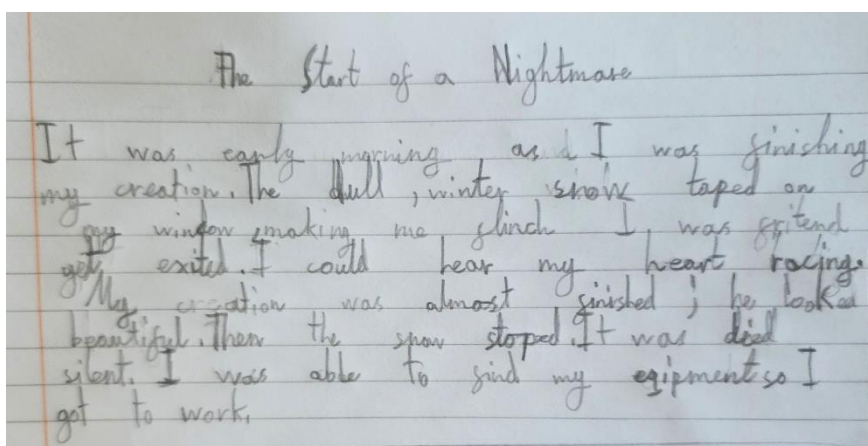
As part of our science topic on *Forces*, we carried out an investigation to explore how different surfaces affect the movement of a toy car. We began by learning what a surface is and discussed the concept of *friction*. We discovered that friction is a force that acts between two surfaces when they move against each other. To understand how surfaces influence movement, we needed to find out which surface created the least amount of friction.

Through our research and testing, we learned that smoother surfaces create less friction, allowing the car to travel more easily and further. Rougher surfaces, on the other hand, increase friction and slow the car down. Our investigation helped us see the important role friction plays in everyday movement.



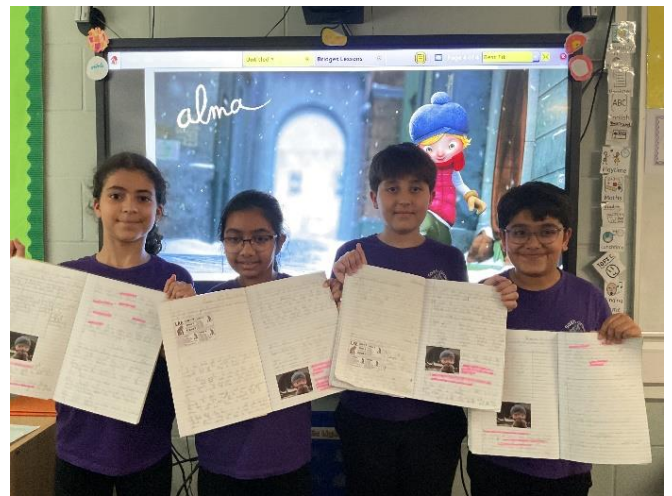
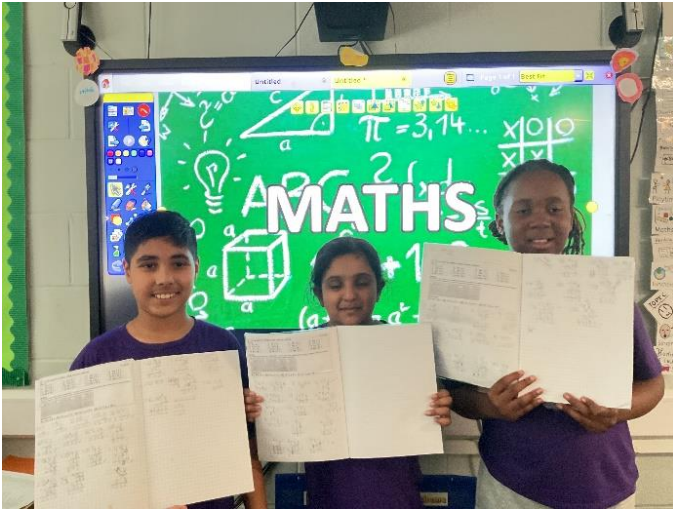
Year 4

Last week, Year 4 dove into the depths of gothic horror. In a first-person narrative, the children placed themselves in the shoes of Doctor Frankenstein during the moments before and after the awakening of his monster... What we have are some incredibly detailed introductions to the madness, using prepositional phrases and pathetic fallacy -- I can't wait for them to write the rest.



Year 5

Last week, the children began exploring the setting in the silent film *Alma*. They used their imaginations and descriptive language to bring the eerie atmosphere of the story to life. We've also been impressed with their dedication and focus in maths - they've been working really hard and making great progress!



Year 6

Last week The Fiver Challenge was well underway, and Year 6 were busy getting ready for their big sale! The children took a trip to Walthamstow Market and E17 & Central Shopping Centre to source their products and ingredients. They used their budgeting skills to shop smart and prepare for their exciting entrepreneurial adventure.

We invited all families to come along and support the children after school on Monday 23rd June in the KS2 playground. So, by the time you read this, we hope you will have enjoyed the variety of creative products and tasty treats on sale!

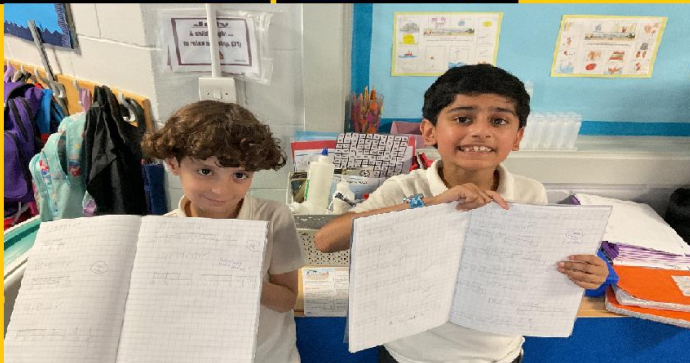
All proceeds will go towards a well-deserved Pizza Party to celebrate the children's final weeks of Primary School and we will let you know in next week's newsletter how we all did.



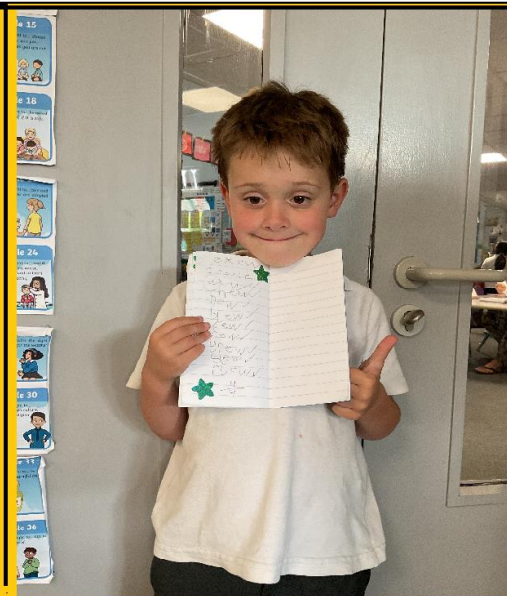
P.L.M



The children in PLM were investigating to see if any object could float or not.



Samuel & Ebrahim are able to multiply using repeated addition



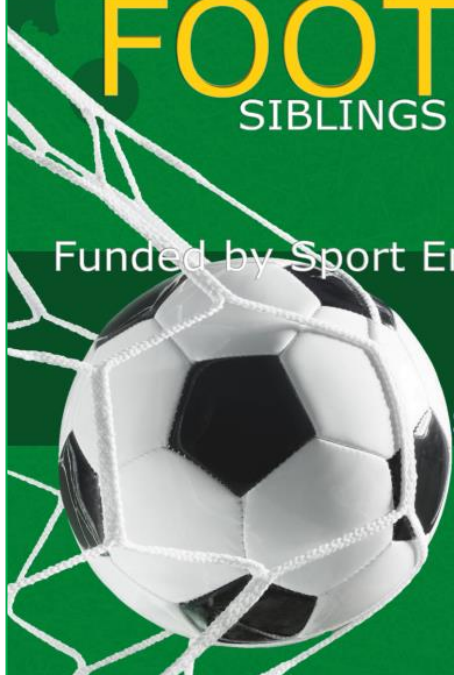
Jamie got 9 out of 9 in his spelling test!! Amazing!!



SEND FOOTBALL

SIBLINGS WELCOME

Funded by Sport England



SUNDAYS-until 27th July

2-3PM

Coach: John Dixon
Ages: 7-25

Wadham Lodge
11 Kitchener Road, London E17 4JP

£4.50 per child

Booking essential via website

More info 07528 433640 www.walthamforestparentforum.com/shop
Limited to 12 children/young people