

30th June 2025

Dear parents and carers

STARS OF THE WEEK W/C 30.6.25

N- AM	NANXI	3A	LOGAN
N - PM	ROBIN	3H	INDIA +ZACH
RR	ASIYAH	4P	MEESUM
RS	SAMY	4SH	MICHYLA
1L	AWA	5A	BIANCA
1W	SANA	5G	KAINAAT
2DM	ROWAN	6F	MISHA
2F	NAZIM	6M	JUDE
PLM ZAIRA			



SPORTS STARS - SAMARA Y1, BAREERA, POEMA, IBRAHIM + MARYAM Y2, JINXI Y4, KHIARA + ANAYA Y6

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY W/C 23.6.25

Best Attendance ☺ **5G 99.3%**

Best Punctuality ☺ **2F**

Class that needs to improve their attendance **PLM 88%**

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

Overall School Attendance this year = 94.2%

RECEPTION ASSEMBLY - FLOWERS AND INSECTS

Reception were literally 'buzzing' with excitement last Friday as they performed their first Reception assembly to a very large audience of children, staff and parents and carers.

A video shared with the audience showed how much fun the children have had growing their own bean seeds, all the stages in the process from planting, to watering and considering the conditions for growing. The children took the beans home and proudly showed everyone how they were growing.

The children shared the 'Don't disturb them' sign in their Reception garden. They showed how they were growing tomatoes, peas, lettuce and herbs. The children have watered them every day. They are very proud of their garden and can't wait for them to grow.

The children wrote riddles about 'What am I?' The audience had to guess and then the children showed them if they were correct or not. They also changed 'Going on a Bear Hunt' to 'Going on a Mini-beast Hunt' and added sound effects using percussion instruments.

Later on a video showed them mark making to draw the insects in detail, using magnifying glasses to look in detail at the caterpillars. They also went to the Secret Garden to look for bugs. Finally, the children did a gallery cat walk of their wonderful painted flower pictures.

Everyone was very proud of the children and their first assembly. They have grown amazingly in confidence since the beginning of the year. However, they could not have done it without their teachers and support staff, so thank you!



Here's what the parents had to say:

Absolutely stunning! Well done!
Great job! You should all be very proud of yourselves!
Fantastic! What an amazing assembly.
Well done – bravo!!



Autumn Term 25
Year 1 - Year 6 start Wednesday
3rd September
Returning Nursery start Tuesday
9th September
New Nursery & Reception will be
given individual dates



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)

NEW CLASSES FROM SEPTEMBER 2025



**Get excited for
NEW CLASSES!**

Nursery

TBC

Reception

Ms Rice (RR)

Miss Spencer (RS)

Foundation Stage
Leader – Ms Rice

RR becomes 1W with Miss Winter

RS becomes 1L with Ms Lee

1L becomes 2F with Miss Fowler

1W becomes 2DM with Miss McFarlane

KS1 Leader Miss Fowler

2DM becomes 3SH with Mrs Sandhu-Hanif

2F becomes 3G with Ms Grant

3A becomes 4F with Miss Fontenoy

3H becomes 4Y with Miss Lovell-Young

Lower KS2 Leader
Mrs Sandhu-Hanif

4P becomes 5A with Mr Andrews

4SH becomes 5H with Miss Hubbard

5A becomes 6P with Mr Perna

5G becomes 6M with Miss Marable

Upper KS2 Leader
Mr Combe

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.

Please note the change for Year 2 going to Year 3 as the original date was their seaside trip.

**CORRECT
DATE**

Transition Workshops	Date	Location	Time
Autumn 25 Nursery	November (TBA)	Nursery	TBA
September 25 New Reception	Thursday 3rd 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	Tuesday 8th 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

**IMPORTANT
DATE
CHANGE**

MAKATON SIGN OF THE WEEK: SUN



Nursery's Assembly

This Friday, 4th July 9:15am - morning Nursery & full timers & 2:45pm - afternoon Nursery & full timers.



Class Assembly

All welcome!

Extreme Heat Early Collection Arrangements – Tuesday

- Once again children may be collected early between 1:45pm – 2:00pm only
- Collection is entirely optional, and school will remain open for children who are not able to be collected.
- After 2:00pm, there will be no collection until normal end of school time at 3:15pm. This is to give office staff a break from collecting pupils. Please do not arrive after 2:00pm.

Phew, what a scorchers!

• Please come through the Ringwood Road gate only and collect at the school office where the school staff will collect your child. Siblings can also be collected and handed to parents at the office. Please come in, sign your child out on the sheets provided then wait outside whilst we get your child from class. Please be patient!

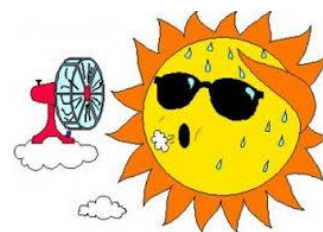
After School Activities:

All after school clubs will continue to run as scheduled. Please note that we are unable to offer refunds for children who do not attend these sessions if they have been collected early.

Hot Weather Reminders:

As always during periods of hot weather, please ensure your child comes to school prepared:

- A sun hat or cap
- A full water bottle
- Sun cream applied before school, preferably an 8-hour protection product
- Hayfever medication taken before school if needed



We understand that work commitments may prevent some families from taking advantage of the early collection option and there is no expectation for the children to be collected early. We do expect children to be in school in the morning.

These arrangements are simply an additional option for those who want to collect their children during the specified times.



Break times will take place under the trees and in shaded parts of the playgrounds or inside.

Emotionally Based School Avoidance: A workshop for parents and carers

Date and time: Wednesday 16th July - 10:00 - 12:00 via Zoom

THE ROOTS
Empowering young minds

The Roots (The Roots) are offering a free workshop for parents and carers in Waltham Forest to support children who struggle to attend school because of fears and worries. The workshop offers strategies for helping children manage anxiety about school.

Parents who book a place will be provided with a pre-workshop video to watch. The video will explain common feelings that children have about school that may be underneath the avoiding behaviours.

Our 2-hour online (on Zoom) workshop will build on the video learning to explore tools for overcoming fears and worries about school. Parents and carers will have opportunity to create an individualised action plan to support their child to feel more confident about going to school.

For more information and to book a place, please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/emotionally-based-school-avoidance-an-online-workshop-for-parents-tickets-1421076200169?aff=oddtcreator>

YEAR 1 MARKET TRIP POSTPONED

Due to the extreme hot weather for tomorrow (Tuesday 1st July), Year 1's school trip to Walthamstow Market will be postponed. **1L will reschedule the trip for this Thursday morning 3rd July.** 1W's date is not yet confirmed. The children will not need to bring in their packed lunch for this trip. They will be back before 12pm to have their lunch at school.

CLASS PHOTOS

Although today was the deadline for Class Photo orders if you bring it in 1st thing tomorrow you should be OK Don't miss out!





Feel Good Ambassadors - School Value Games

On the 24th of June, 8 other Feel Good Ambassadors and I went to Peter May Sports Centre to help teach Year 2 and 3 children about different sporting games and activities. One group of Feel Good Ambassadors delivered ball skill activities and the other group did speed stacking. When we arrived we set up the ball games activity which focused on passing and moving skills. We then took part in a warm up dance routine to get all the children ready for the day.

After that, all the children went to their different activities and then we started setting up for speed stacking. They practiced the 3 stack, 6 stack and then a 3,6,3 stack. Then we got onto the relay races, where kids had to upstack and downstack a set of cups and then run to high five the next person in their team. The group that finished first with their hands were the winners. If there was time left they did a competition between their group. We had so much fun helping them, but we were exhausted by the end of the day!

Report by: Ameera 6F



Year 2 School Value Games

Miss McFarlane, Miss Anderson and Miss George had the lucky privilege of taking 26 Year 2 children to the Peter May Sports Centre to take part in a 'Value Games Festival'. In total over 500 Year 2 & Year 3 children competed and took part. And over 130 'Feel Good Ambassadors' led the activities. The activities ranged from: Athletics, Speed Stacking, Lacrosse, Target Games, Baseball, Tag Rugby, Archery, Hoopball, Dance, Quidditch and Badminton. They had a very inspirational fun filled day.

Sanam – It was fun, enjoyable and amazing.

Inigo – It was amazing to try new skills.

Sabrina – It was soooooo fun!

Lila – I loved it and tried my best on every single event.

Luca – It was so cool and exciting.

Uri – It was amazing and fun.

Bareera – It was amazing. My two most favourite events were the races and archery.



Nursery
Sports Day

Tuesday

8th July

9:00am and
12:30pm

In the Nursery
Garden

Come & cheer
your child on!

Music News



Instrumental Music Lessons – September 2025 – Deadline: Wednesday 2nd July

- If your child would like to **continue or stop** their instrumental music lessons with Waltham Forest Music Service in September, please complete [this Google Form](#) or email Ms Forbes directly at Musicbox@southgrove.waltham.sch.uk **Deadline: Wednesday 2nd July**
- If your child would like to **start** instrumental lessons, you can find all the information by clicking [this form](#) link **Deadline: Wednesday 2nd July**

Young Voices at the O2 – 22nd January 2026

Year 5 will be taking part in the Young Voices concert at the O2 Arena!

If your child is currently in Year 4, please sign up via the [Young Voices website](#) using this link.

You'll also have the option to purchase audience tickets and t-shirts (these are not compulsory).

We will be holding a parent meeting in early September with more details.



Year 4 Theatre Trip – 12th February 2026

We're thrilled to announce that Year 4 will be heading to the West End to see the brand-new musical Paddington!

More details to follow soon—we're so excited for this trip!

Assemblies – 9.15am

Families welcome

Friday 11th July –
Summer Music
Concert

Friday 18th July –
Y6 Leavers (bring
tissues!!)

Article 24 Health and Health Services

Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy.

Article 33 Drug Abuse

Governments must protect children from the illegal use of drugs and from being involved in the production or distribution of drugs.



**PARENTS
EVENING
10TH JULY
3.30 – 5.30PM**

**LOOK OUT FOR A
LINK TO BOOK FOR
THIS SHORT MEETING**



TRIPS

- 30.6.25 Y6 to Herts Young Mariners Base
- 1.7.25 Y5 to Herts young Mariners Base
- 2.7.25 Y6 Secondary transition day
- Superblooms trip to Tower of London
- 3.7.25 Y2 to Southend
- 1L to Walthamstow Market (1W TBC)
- 4.7.25 Reception to Little Angel Theatre
- 8.7.25 Y6 Junior Citizens trip



**YEAR 6
LEAVERS PIZZA
PARTY
Monday 7th July
3.45 – 5.30pm**

**Please inform us if you will
collect your child –
otherwise they will be able
to walk home by themselves**

Next week is the last week
for clubs except of course,
Wrap Crew and Breakfast Club

With my very best wishes

J. Maltwood.

Julie Maltwood
Headteacher

July
**A child's right ...
to relax and play. (31)**



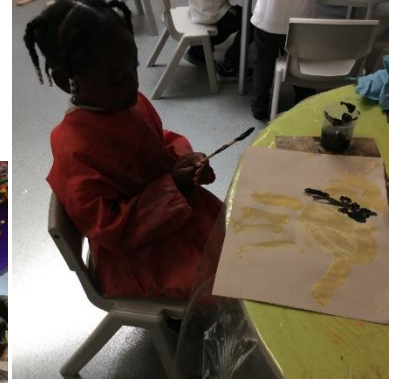
Responsibility

School closes at 2.30pm on
Friday 18th July. We do
expect all children to
attend up until this day!

SOUTH GROVE LEARNING GALLERY!

Nursery

Last week in Nursery we were busy continuing to prepare for our class assembly. We discussed our favourite animals and then painted them on large paper. We made choices about the colours we wanted to use and decided which shapes to paint to represent the different animals. Can you guess which animals are our favourites?



Reception

Last week we continued learning about mini beasts and we completed our information leaflets about the lifecycle of a butterfly. We were so excited to discover on our return to school on Monday morning that our Painted Lady butterflies had emerged from their chrysalis. We looked carefully at the butterflies as they fluttered in their butterfly home and we watched as they fed on fruit and sugar water, they used their long tongues called a proboscis to suck up the fluids.

On Wednesday we released the butterflies and waved goodbye as they flew off to start the lifecycle again. One of them flew back to use before settling on the green leaves in our garden. Look out for Painted Lady butterflies they could be one from South Grove!

We were also busy during the week making props for our Reception assembly.

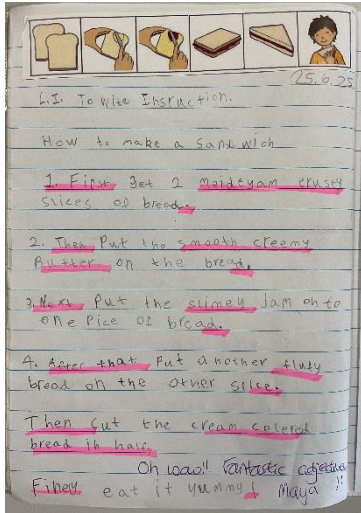


Year 1

Tasting, tasting, tasting, 1,2,3! Year 1 got busy in science, exploring another of their senses: Their sense of taste and whether they could distinguish between tastes such as sweet, salty, bitter or sour. Yes we could- but what happened when we took away other senses like our sense of sight and smell. It was a very exciting sensory experience!

Year 1 also wrote some careful instructions for how to make a jam sandwich, using time connectives, describing words, conjunctions and even some adjectives: e.g. '3. Next, carefully spread the butter across the fluffy bread so you don't make any holes.

Lucky for Year 1 instruction number 6 was to eat their sandwiches!



Year 2

The Year 2 Homework Projects that have been sent in so far are fantastic and have been displayed in the classroom.

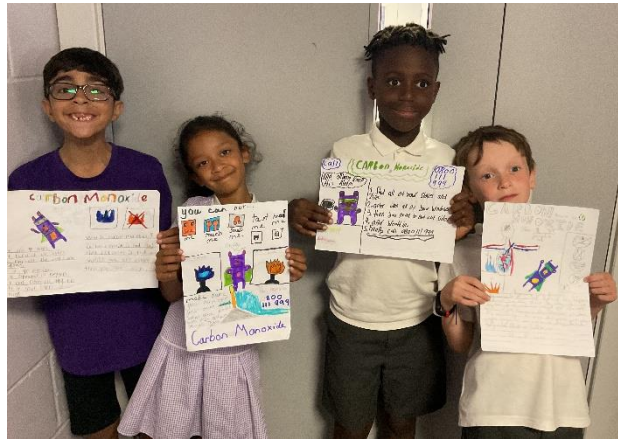
In Geography lessons, we have been using atlases to identify the countries and capital cities in the United Kingdom. Additionally, we have located and recorded the Continents and Oceans using world maps. The children really enjoyed finding out what each country's flag looks like.



Year 3

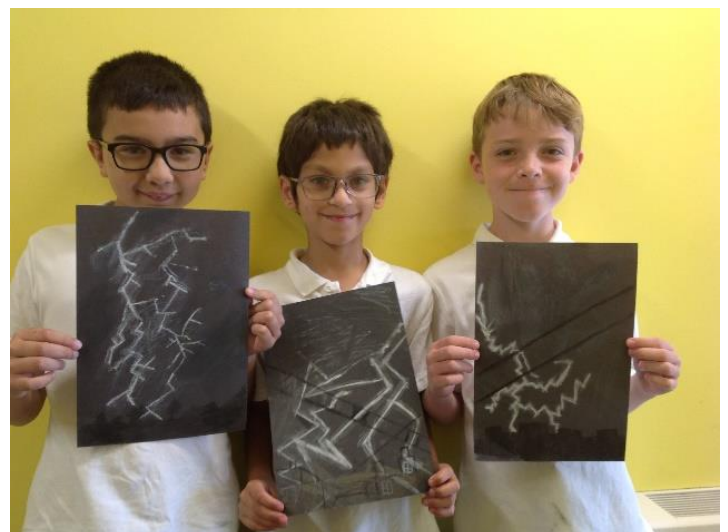
Year 3 had an exciting and educational experience during a special workshop about carbon monoxide. The session was engaging, teaching the children about this invisible gas in a fun and memorable way. Through interactive games, storytelling, and role-playing, the children learned how carbon monoxide can be dangerous, where it might come from in the home and how to stay safe. They especially enjoyed using detectors and practicing how to spot warning signs.

It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn important safety tips while having fun. They also designed posters to share all that they had learned.



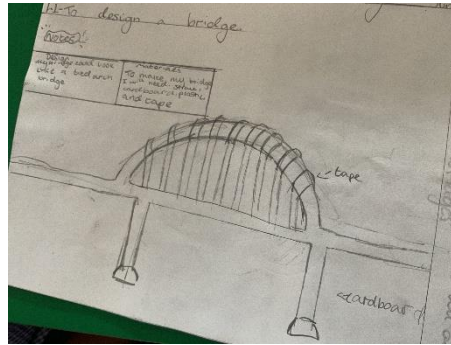
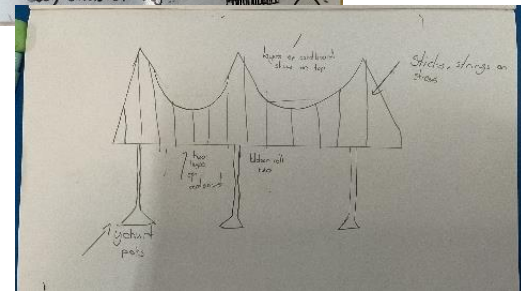
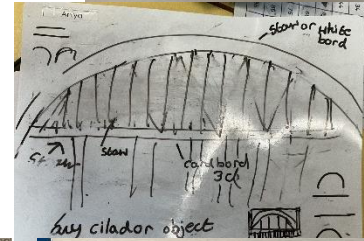
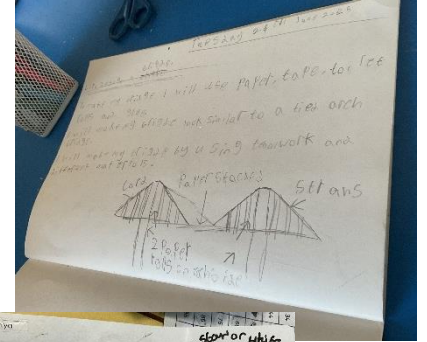
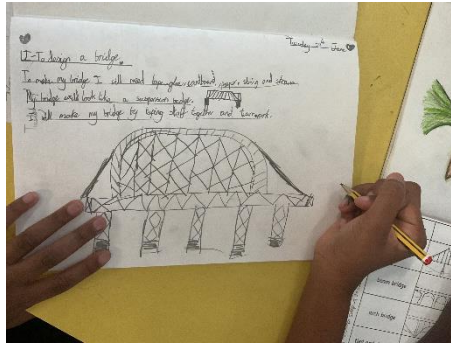
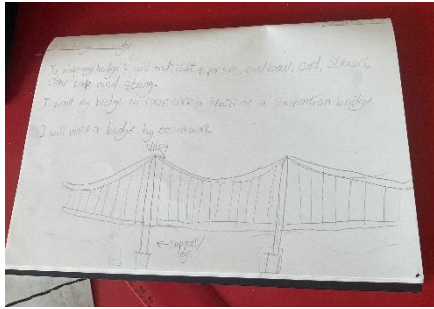
Year 4

Last week, Year 4 made chalk lightning art. It was a shot in the dark that they'd come out good, but they turned out great! Chalk it up to good teaching... The kids particularly admired the contrast they could make between the white of the lightning and the dark grey clouds, all accentuated by the black-charcoal shadows to finish. Electrifying!



Year 5

Last week we continued our work on bridges taking on our biggest challenge yet. Bridge making! We worked in groups to come up with a bridge and how we should design it. We thought about the sustainability of items we would use to create our bridges. We are looking forward to coming up with our bridges and working together!



Year 6

This half term, we took part in the Junior Enterprise Project and completed work towards our Fiver Challenge! We had to make a profit from £5, which was provided by the school. We made our business, created our business name, designed a logo, presented our sales pitch and sold our product on our stall during the Fiver Challenge Fair. It was such an enjoyable experience raising money for our end of Year 6 party! Along the way, we learnt a lot about finance helping us with life skills and how we can use these skills well beyond primary school!



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