



South Grove Primary School

NEWSLETTER 38 2024-2025

14th July 2025

Dear parents and carers

STARS OF THE WEEK W/C 7.7.25

N- AM	RUQAYAH	3A	ERIKA
N - PM	IVON	3H	QAMAR
RR	ABDUL	4P	ABENA
RS	SARAH	4SH	DENIZ
1L	GABRIEL	5A	ANTONIO
1W	OLIVER	5G	ABDOULIE
2DM	LOIS	6F	ALL OF 6F
2F	SAHIRA	6M	THE WHOLE OF 6M
PLM DAISY			
SPORTS STARS - ZARA Y2 ADHAM Y3			



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY W/C 30.6.25

Best Attendance ☺ **RR 98.7%**

Best Punctuality ☺ **2F**

Class that needs to improve their attendance **PLM 82.6%**

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

Overall School Attendance this year = 94.1%



I cannot believe we are in the last week of our Summer Term and our academic year! We have a fun packed week with the children, including meeting their new teachers and checking out their new classes. I am also sure that Year Groups will have their own celebrations for the end of the year with their children and this will continue until Friday 18th July at 2:30pm. We are breaking up earlier than many schools, so expectations are that children continue to attend. End of year goodbyes (even for the Summer break) and transitions are very important for the children so please ensure that they finish the last school week with children and staff.

SUPER HOT SUMMER MUSIC CONCERT

We were thoroughly spoilt on Friday with a fantastic Summer Music Concert organised brilliantly once again by Ms Forbes during Friday's whole school assembly that truly showcased the work that children across the school had been learning in Music.



To begin to immerse us into what we were going to experience Aaron played a piano solo of 'When You Wish Upon A Star.'

Thina Simunye (Zulu: we are family) was beautifully sung by the choir with children that sang solos as part of this. It was a beautiful song that everyone loved. Everyone then had the opportunity to join in with the whole school song Flow Like a River, with solo's from Abena and Nicholas.

Reception children wowed us with their learning in Music with Ms Forbes. They sang Old House whilst a group shared how they have developed their early chime bar skills. They received a wonderful round of applause for their obvious enjoyment and confidence to a very large audience.



PLM showed their rhythm when they danced to the song 'Better When You're Dancing,' using shakers followed by





our Year 1 budding song writers as they performed a song that they had written called 'The Tempo Song.'

Next out Purple Alligators Guitar Club performed Shotgun in their funkiest shades and hats! They did really well, ably assisted by Holly, their tutor on the drums. They were followed by our drumming club performing Believer with Ms Forbes. Their rhythm was amazing.

The Strumming Superstars performed next, again with Holly, playing what she said was an ambitious tune, 'Fast Car.' We did not need to worry as they performed amazingly confidently.



The children have been involved in the Royal Opera House Project. The song the children sang, called 'The Hope' was based on the story of a refugee. Miss MacFarlane sang in

We were treated next to Olivia playing her bass guitar and she had a mystery guest performing on the drums with her....we

believe we knew him as Mr Perna....Everyone sang along.

Our final song 'What's It Worth Planet Earth?' was sung by the whole school.

It was amazing to see how much the children performing had grown in confidence and performing across the school. It of course could not be done without the hard work of Ms Forbes organizing the concert. Our special thanks go to Holly, Mr Perna and Miss MacFarlane.



So many instruments and so many smiles from parents. It's one part of what South Grove does best! Our large parent and carer audience loved the concert as you can see from the comments below:

Wonderful assembly. What a talented bunch! Well done Ms Forbes. Also loved the drums.

Absolutely brilliant!

Amazing! Can't wait to see the strumming superstars at Glastonbury

What an incredible summer show! Thank you Ms Forbes for the incredible music

Thank you to our families for all your support. A concert would be nothing without a great audience

PARENTS EVENING AND REPORTS

Thank you to all those parents who attended Parents Evening. I have to say that as I walked around school there were many pleased parents and children! When the reports came out earlier in the week some were quite emotional with regards to how well their children had done, particularly those who found their SATs results for the first time. I hope you found the new look Annual Progress Reports informative for the year. If you do have any queries or did not attend parents evening please ensure you speak to your child's class teacher early on this week.



This is always a sad time of year where we not only say goodbye to Year 6 pupils who will be moving onto their secondary school, but to some of our teaching and support staff who are moving onto pastures new...

GOODBYE & GOODLUK!

It is always difficult at the end of an academic year to say goodbye to staff, and this one is no exception.....

Ms Furey – Ms Furey has been with us for 2 terms this year helping shape our youngest pupils and has worked really well within the EYFS team. The children thoroughly enjoyed the learning that she provided both indoors and outdoors. As she leaves us to pursue her travels, we thank her and wish her all the very best.



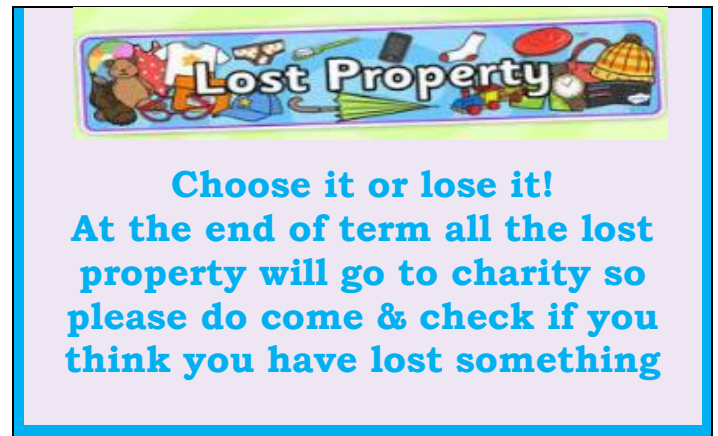


Mr Archer – Although Mr Archer has only been with us for a short time he has been a great member of the Lower KS2 team and I would like to take the opportunity to thank him for all his hard work with Year 3. We wish him all the very best for the future.

Mrs Hughes has been part of the South Grove team since 2011, starting with the lunchtime team as a Mid Day Assistant and then moving to be a Teaching Assistant in 2015 working in both our Special Resourced Provision and in the mainstream classes. Over the years she has helped many children to achieve their best and we wish her Good Luck in both her new teaching assistant role and for the future as she and her family move out of London.



We will be welcoming **Mrs Hunn** as our new Nursery teacher. She is moving to London from her home country, New Zealand. She has already met the EYFS team and they are really excited about working together. Let's ensure that we give her a warm welcome!



Year 2 Shine at Royal Opera House 'Create Day'

On July 8th, our enthusiastic Year 2 pupils took part in the Royal Opera House's inspiring 'Create Day', a celebration of creativity and children's rights. This year's event was linked to our Rights Respecting School theme, with a special focus on *Article 31: the right to play*.

The children explored the moving story of *Little Amal*, a giant puppet who walked all the way from Syria to the Royal Opera House, symbolising hope for refugee children around the world. Inspired by her journey, the pupils made their own beautiful 'boxes of hope' out of origami, showing wonderful teamwork and creativity.

As part of the celebration, the children proudly performed their song '*The Hope*' in the school's summer concert. Their performance was a heartfelt reminder of the power of art to express resilience, compassion, and unity. Well done, Year 2!



Drum Lessons at South Grove

We're excited to have found a fantastic drum teacher, Harry, who could offer lessons here at South Grove — but we need to know if there's enough interest before we go ahead and book him!

♪ Drum Kit Lessons

Starting in September, Harry could offer **individual or paired drum kit lessons** during the school day. Prices for **individual lessons** are as follows:

- **15 minutes** – £13.41 per week
- **20 minutes** – £17.88 per week
- **30 minutes** – £26.83 per week

Paired lessons are available at **half the price**.



♪ Drum Club

Harry could also run a specialist **lunchtime drum club** (like Holly's popular guitar club). The cost would be **£35 for a 10-week block**. **Please talk to the office about a reduced rate if your child is Pupil premium.**

If your child is interested in either option, please email **Ms Forbes** at musicbox@southgrove.waltham.sch.uk by **Wednesday 16th July** to express your interest stating your child's name, current class and how many minutes they would like.

IMPORTANT Final Transition Presentations to Parents this week

The last 3 of these are this week:

Transition Workshops	Date	Location	Time
Autumn 25 Nursery	November (TBA)	Nursery	TBA
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

Please do come along to find out more about your child's new year group

Reception - September 2025

Thank you to all of you who have returned your completed admission forms. We look forward to receiving the remainder before the end of term.

Children will visit on 10.9.25, 11.9.25 or 12.9.25 and the whole year group will start fully on 15.9.25. Home visits will take place in the week before. Look out for an email giving you the exact dates and times for starting and home visit

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Friday 18th July

9.15am

*Bring your tissues!!
Due to space issues we ask that only Y6 families attend*

REMEMBER!
NO CLUBS THIS WEEK EXCEPT MUSIC, WRAPCREW AND BREAKFAST CLUB

Missing Library Books

There are still nearly 70 missing books – please have a good look for them over the holidays



MISSING SCOOTER

A blue micro scooter has disappeared from the scooter park outside the Nursery gate. If anyone finds that they have picked up the wrong scooter one evening by accident please can it be returned. Thank you!

FREE MEALS FOR ALL

Next school year, once again all children will receive free meals in school – HOWEVER, if you think you may be entitled to income based free school meals please apply through Waltham Forest's Free School Meal portal by clicking here: [Apply for free school meals](#)

Please make sure you have cleared any debts you may have by the end of the week.

DEBT FREE
& Lovin' It!



Years 1 - 6 return to school on **Wednesday 3rd September**. Nursery children who are returning for a second year will start on **Tuesday 9th September**. Children who are coming into Reception and Nursery for the first time will receive their own start date and home visit appointment letter emailed so please look out for it.

Can I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and relaxed summer holiday with your children and we will see you all on **Wednesday 3rd September 2025**.

Remember – school finishes at the earlier time of 2:30pm on Friday 18th July and WrapCrew will finish at 5:00pm
Please make sure you have made arrangements for this earlier pick up time

With my very best wishes

J. Maltwood.

Julie Maltwood
Headteacher

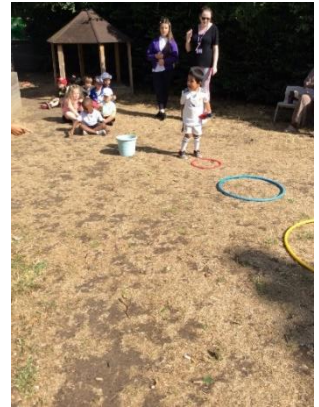
GOOD LUCK!

We wish all of our Year 6 pupils a very happy and successful time at their new secondary schools in September

SOUTH GROVE LEARNING GALLERY!

Nursery

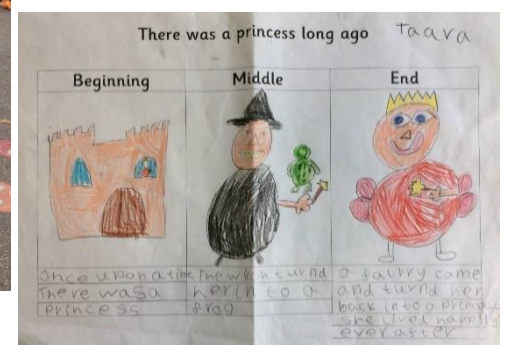
Last week in Nursery we enjoyed taking part in Sports Day. We worked in teams and completed a circuit of five different activities. We took turns in our groups and enjoyed cheering our friends on! We even each got a medal at the end. Thank you to all who came to watch us!

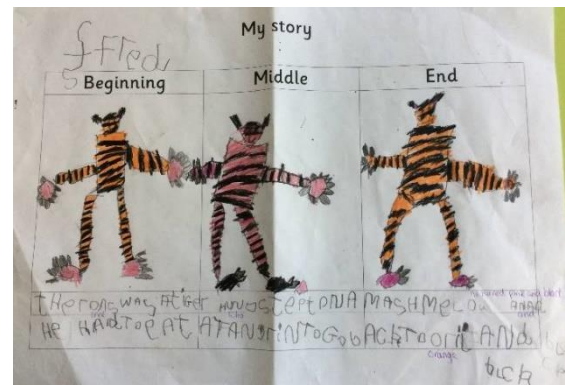
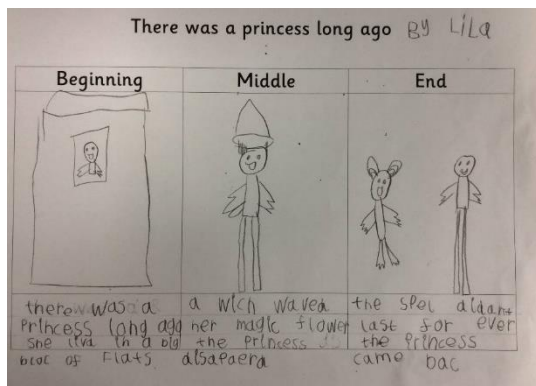


Reception

As we approach the end of the Reception year our concluding topic is Let's Pretend. We have been learning some of the features of fairy stories and story writing. A fairy tale has different characters, some good and some not so good! They are often set in a forest or castle and happen long, long ago. They usually contain a problem that needs to be solved before the characters live happily ever after. Some of us wrote about our favourite fairy story.

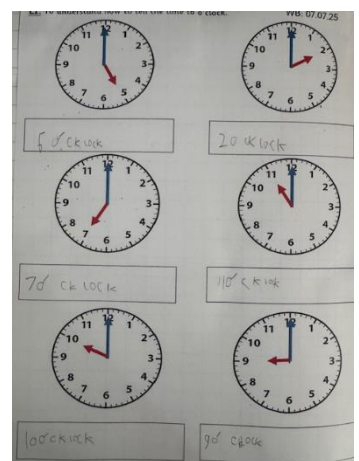
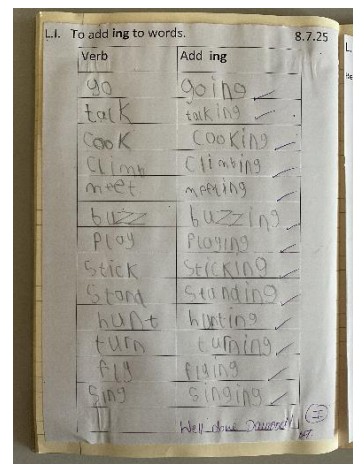
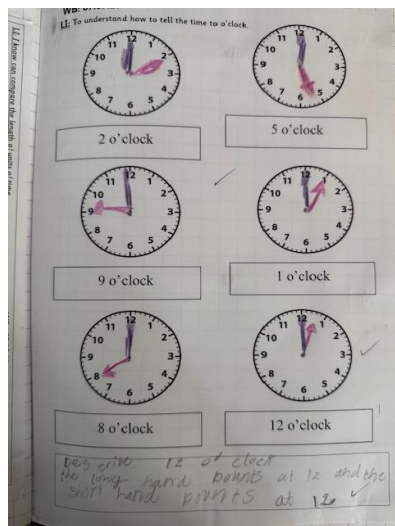
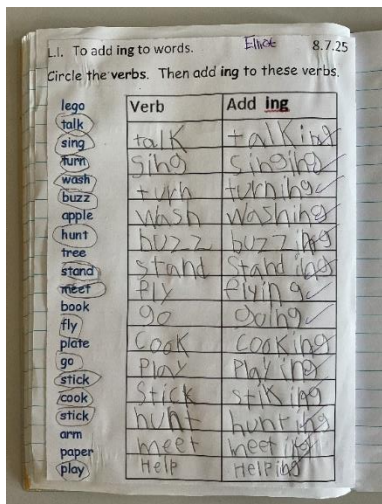
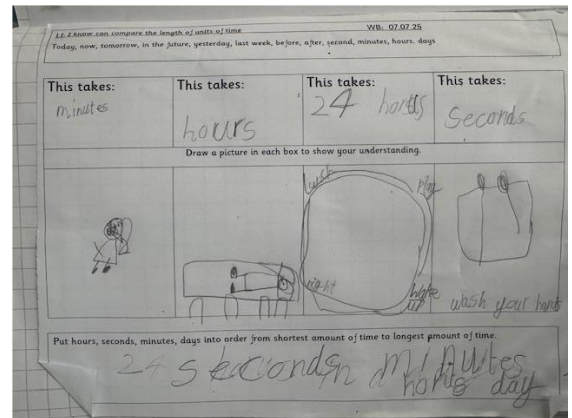
Then we learnt the song 'There was a princess long ago' and acted it out in a role play scenario to help us learn the story. This helped us to become story tellers ourselves; making a storyboard to organise the beginning middle and end of our stories before creating our own books. Some of us changed elements of the story and some of us created our own story. We have also been busy using our imagination and creativity in our freely chosen learning. Some of the children cooperated to role play a story of going to the beach. They built a super steam train to take them there.





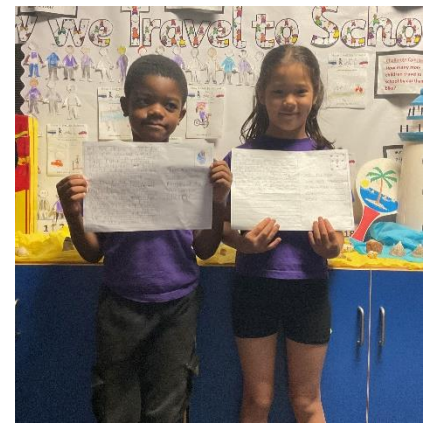
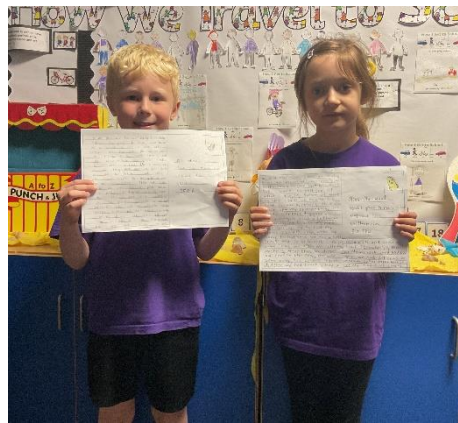
Year 1

What's the time Mr Wolf? The children have been learning the language of time, before after, yesterday, tomorrow, to solve days of the week problems and months of the year. We then worked on time vocabulary to understand how long different units of time are such as do we wash out hands for hours or seconds? After that, we looked at clocks and began making o'clock times. We are very excited to notice when it is an o'clock time on the real class clock, especially when it is LUNCHTIME!!!!



Year 2

Following our wonderful visit to Southend, we wrote postcards to tell Ms Maltwood about all of the fun we had while we were there! We used informal language to write our postcards, pretending we were having a chat! Next week, we will change to formal language for our leaflets advertising Southend. Here are two more creative homework projects, it is going to be difficult to choose a winner!



Year 3

Year 3 have begun creating their own amazing marble run courses. Thank you to all the parents who sent in some recyclable materials, as the children have had so much fun building their designs ready to test out. We experimented with different joins and attachments in order to produce the best possible final products. The making process has been interesting and has also challenged the children to think outside the box and edit their designs as they go. We can't wait to see what the final prototypes look like when they are finished next week and then tested. Well done Year 3.



Year 4

Last week, Year 4 enjoyed designing and painting their own futurist-inspired electrical appliance artwork. The idea here is to take an every-day electrical item, create a pattern alluding to the flow of electricity around it, and then colour it using a three-colour palette. The results are *shocking*!



Year 5

In Design and Technology, Year 5 have been busy building bridges! As part of their topic, they explored different types of structures and then brought in a range of materials from home to create strong and stable designs. So far they have been incorporating teamwork, problem-solving, and creativity, and are working hard to make bridges that resemble the designs we have learnt about in our previous lessons. They have made a fantastic start and will have until the end of the term to complete them!



Year 6

Last week Year 6 went to visit our friends at Mission Grove School as part of Waltham Forest's Junior Citizens programme. We got to hear a fantastic range of talks from the people who teach us to be responsible citizens such as the Fire Brigade, the Police (including the Wildlife Police!) and Transport for London's buses and cycling departments. The highlight of our trip was getting to role-play scenarios that could happen on public transport on a real life bus! Additionally, we spoke to Leyton Orient about our feelings towards the transition to secondary school and just how much homework we might receive! Overall, we certainly feel a little more prepared for life beyond primary school.



How are you feeling?

Mad/angry
Mean
Yelling/hitting
Out of control
I need time & space



Sick
Sad
Tired
Bored
Moving slowly



These are strategies to try if you feel yellow or blue. They help to make you feel relaxed and ready to go back into learning!



Happy
Calm
Focused
Ready to learn



Frustrated
Worried
Silly/wiggly
Anxious
Excited



Get on board for catch the bus month

Join us in celebrating Catch the Bus Month 2025 this September, a nationwide campaign that encourages everyone to choose the bus for a greener, healthier and more affordable way to travel.



Did you know that taking the bus helps reduce congestion, improves air quality, and supports your wellbeing? Whether it's your daily journey to school or a weekend trip, swapping one car journey a week for the bus can make a real difference. Let's make the most of our local services and show support for public transport. Keep an eye on our school noticeboard and social media for travel tips, local route info, and how you can get involved! Find out more at bususers.org



Tell us if your school is participating in catch the bus month
schooltravelplans@walthamforest.gov.uk



These may be of interest to some of our families



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All sessions are led by Waltham Forest Play Workers, with specialist workshops provided by professionals from a variety of local organisations.

Children aged 5 – 7 must be accompanied by an adult throughout the sessions. Children aged 8 – 11 may attend the session independently, however a parent, guardian or carer must attend the first session to complete the relevant paperwork.

Family sessions are limited to 60 children per session and will be offered on a first-come first-served basis. (Children must live or go to school in the London Borough of Waltham Forest).

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 Waltham Forest



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SUMMER 2025
28 JULY – 22 AUGUST

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Sessions will provide a more relaxed and quieter space. Activities will be tailored to support the needs of children with additional needs and their families.

A parent and carer will be required to stay with their child during the session. Siblings are welcome to join but will also need to be booked.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- PERFORMING PETS
- MRS BUBBLES
- SLIME & BATH BOMB MAKING
- MULTI SPORTS

AND MUCH MORE

SEND STAY AND PLAY
SESSIONS WILL BE HELD
AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES:

WEDNESDAY 30 JULY 2PM - 4.30PM
GNOME HOUSE, E17

WEDNESDAY 6 AUGUST 2PM - 4.30PM
GNOME HOUSE, E17

TUESDAY 12 AUGUST 1.30PM - 4PM
HENRY MAYNARD, E17

TUESDAY 19 AUGUST 1.30PM - 4PM
HENRY MAYNARD, E17



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