

23rd September 2024

Dear parents and carers

STARS OF THE WEEK W/C 23.9.24

N-AM	AVA	3B	NAOMI
N-PM	ABUBAKAR	3H	LEYLA
RR	LYRA	4P	ELENI
RS	ZYVA	4SH	MINAHIL
1L	KHADIJA	5A	ARMAAN
1W	NICKOLAS	5G	SHAHEER
2DM	ANFAL	6F	ZAARA
2F	EBRAHIM	6M	ZULEKHA



SPORT STAR: HENOK Y3

RIGHTS RESPECTING STAR: ANIYA Y5

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY W/C 16.9.24

Best Attendance ☺ **4P 99.6%**
Special mention – RR 99%

Best Punctuality ☺ **4P**

Class that needs to improve their attendance **PLM 86%**

Class that needs to improve their punctuality **1L**

Overall School Attendance this year = 94.5%



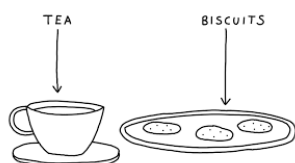
PARENT FORUM

This Wednesday 25th September at 9:00am, I will hold the first Parent Forum of the year. I would love you to come along to discuss how we can work with parents to maximise the support that we can all bring to each child and the whole school community, including parent to parent support and workshops that parents would find beneficial.

It would be great to welcome our new parents to South Grove. We can always discuss the most mutually suitable days and times to meet at this first meeting.

We developed a **Parents Communications and Engagement Policy** at the end of last year and it will be good to consider this with parents and staff at this meeting.

We also planned to look the **Home School Agreement and Home Learning Policy** within Parent Forum.



If you can make the meeting, once you have dropped your children off please come round to the office. Please let us know if you would like to be involved but cannot make this meeting.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will welcome you!

NSPCC Assemblies and Workshops

Last Thursday the NSPCC gave workshops to Years 2, 5 and 6 to let children know how to keep themselves safe. Thank you to the parents who asked if there was a workshop for parents.

I asked the NSPCC and they have pointed me in the direction of the resources below. If you have any further questions please speak to me directly.

The children really liked the workshops and one child has decided he wants to work for the NSPCC when he grows up!
Ms Montgomery



Additional NSPCC resources for families to help keep children safe

The NSPCC have shared some important information below on wider NSPCC resources and support to help keep children safe.

Parent/Carer support

Take a look at information, support, advice and activities from NSPCC for parent and carers.

www.nspcc.org.uk/parents

Activities to extend learning at home

Take part in games and activities at home to help children learn about speaking out and staying safe.

www.nspcc.org.uk/activities

Online Safety Hub

For information on a range of different online safety topics including gaming, social media, sharing images, parental controls and more.

www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety

Childline – under 12's

Childline have an accessible website with advice, support, games and activities. Children can change the language, enlarge text and also listen to the content.

www.childline.org.uk/buddy (5-7)

www.childline.org.uk/kids (7-11)

Talk PANTS with your children

Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep children safe from sexual abuse. From P through to S, each letter of PANTS provides simple but important messages.

Download the free resources at www.nspcc.org.uk/pants.

MAKATON SIGN OF THE WEEK THANK YOU



CLUBS START THIS WEEK –

THEY ALL NOW END AT 4:15PM (NOT 4:30PM)

All clubs start this week including music clubs. There are still some places in some clubs including in the new Lego Engineering Club and the Coding Club.

Ask at the office to check which ones still have space

There will be no clubs on 17th October (Parents Evening) and the last week for clubs will be 9th December



Applying for a Reception Place for September 2025

If your child will be five between 1st September 2025 and 31st August 2026 (date of birth 1.9.20 – 31.8.21) you need to apply for a school place. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2025. More information on the process can be found here: <https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/applying-primary-school-place>

Miss Maltwood will conduct tours of the building so she can answer any questions you may have. We have set up a booking system on our website which you can access by clicking this link:

<https://www.southgrove.waltham.sch.uk/Prospective-Families/> for you to make your choice of a tour date. This also gives you the opportunity to ask questions that can be answered during the tour.

Tour dates

Thursday 3rd October 4:00pm

Monday 14th October 4:00pm

**Tuesday 5th November 9:00am –
No children on this tour please**

Friday 15th November 4:00pm

Wednesday 4th December 4:00pm

Thursday 9th January 4:00pm

As numbers are limited, the dates will disappear from the form once they are full. Please let any friends or neighbours with children in this age range you may know about this as well.

Waltham Forest Admissions do not look at the applications until after the closing date, so places are not given on a first come first served basis **however**, if you apply after the closing date your application will be treated as a late application and you may not get your choice of school.

IMPORTANT – having a place in our Nursery does not guarantee a place in our Reception – you must still apply. Also, even if you have other children in the school, you must apply and please ensure that you say

on your application that your child has siblings at South Grove.

**Reception
class**

Admissions

Attention all Year 6 Parents...

You must apply for a Secondary School place for your child by 31st October 2024.



We advise you to visit schools – open day dates are below & on the Waltham Forest Website where you will find more information about applying: <https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/schools-education-and-learning/apply-school-place/apply-secondary-school>

Double check with the school though to check they haven't changed their date.

If you apply late you may not get the school of your choice.

ALL TRIPS THIS YEAR

When your child goes on any sports or class trip this year, you can request a packed lunch from school.

However, you must ensure you complete the Google form you get sent at least a week before the trip to choose from a menu to ensure all allergies are accounted for.

The Big 8 Food Allergens



Secondary School open evenings

Buxton School	Thursday 10 October 2024	5.30pm to 7.30pm
Chingford Foundation School	Thursday 3 October 2024	5.45pm to 8pm
Connaught School for Girls	Thursday 26 September 2024	6pm to 8.30pm
Eden Girls School, Waltham Forest	Thursday 10 October 2024	5.30pm to 8pm
Frederick Bremer School	Wednesday 2 October 2024	5.30pm to 8pm
George Mitchell School	Tuesday 8 October 2024	5.30pm to 8pm
Heathcote School & Science College	Wednesday 2 October 2024	5pm to 7.30pm
Highams Park School	Thursday 10 October 2024	5.30pm to 8.30pm
Holy Family Catholic School and Sixth Form	Thursday 19 September 2024	6pm to 8pm
Kelmscott School	Wednesday 25 September 2024	5.30pm to 8pm
The Lammas School	Tuesday 1 October 2024	6pm to 8pm
Leytonstone School	Wednesday 9 October 2024	5pm to 8pm
Norlington School and 6th Form	Saturday 28 September 2024	9.30am to 12 noon
South Chingford Foundation School	Wednesday 25 September 2024	6pm to 8.30pm
Walthamstow Academy	Thursday 3 October 2024	5.30pm to 8pm
Walthamstow School for Girls	Thursday 26 September 2024	4.45pm to 7.30pm
Willowfield School	Thursday 3 October 2024	4pm to 8pm

**CHECK FIRST WITH THE SCHOOLS TO CONFIRM TIMES & DATES ARE STILL ACCURATE
WE RECOMMEND YOU VISIT MANY SCHOOLS**

IMPORTANT - Flu registration

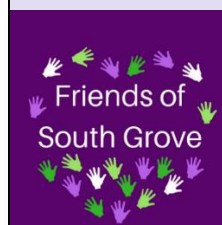
Please review the flu vaccine consent form at the end of the newsletter and click the link to either consent or to decline the flu vaccine which will be given this Wednesday 25th September
There is a gelatine-free option too

<https://london.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/Walthamforest>



The Friends of South Grove

(FOSG) our parent fundraising group, will hold its first meeting **this Friday, 27th September at 9:00am** in the dining room.



We would love to invite all our new parents and carers to come along, meet other parents and get involved in this essential fundraising group. Of course, as always, anyone from all our families across the school is very welcome.

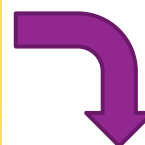
LAST BIT FROM ME....

Please do make sure you scroll down past the Learning Gallery for more flyers with useful information for parents.

With my very best wishes

J. Maltwood.

Julie Maltwood
Headteacher



SOUTH GROVE LEARNING GALLERY!

Nursery

Last week in Nursery, we continued to welcome new arrivals into our class, and there have been some lovely friendships sprouting. The children have come into their own in the mud kitchen, as delectable concoctions of 'coffee, sticks and salad' have been enjoyed by all. The highlight of the week however, has to have been the brilliant display the children created for the Ocean Room, having made models of fish, turtles, jellyfish and crabs, to (we're sure you'll agree) great success!



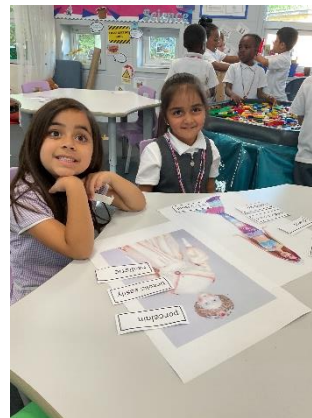
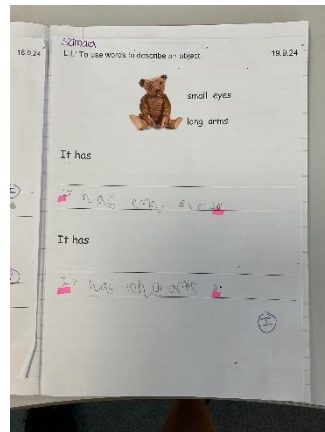
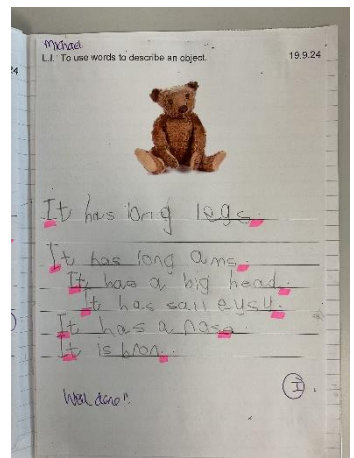
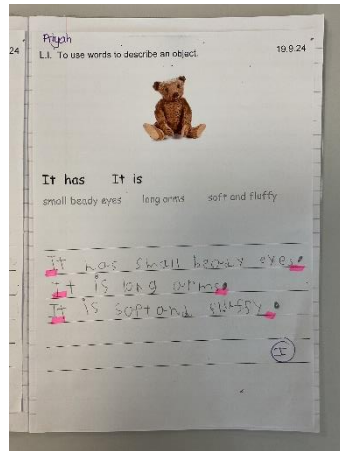
Reception

Last week the Reception children attended school for one whole week! They have begun to learn and become familiar with some of the routines of a school day and to make new friends. They have learnt to make and stand in a line and are beginning to wait in order to have a turn. Each class began to make and paint a box which will become our kindness box, we will decorate it next week!



Year 1

Year 1 went back in time last week, learning about bears, dolls, trains from a long time ago to now. We discovered that children 150 years ago did have these sorts of toys, but they were different in terms of the things they could do and how they were made. In fact, the bears from 1903 looked much more like real bears and were not soft and cuddly like today's Teddy Bears. We used this knowledge to help us use our capital letters and full stops correctly as we wrote about bears from a long time ago. The children also had opportunity to look at some toys that we don't really play with now, as well as some toys that have only relatively recently been invented.



Year 2

Children in Year 2 been enjoying learning to play the recorder with Miss Forbes in their weekly music lessons.



Year 3

In Year 3 we have looked at line drawings and how to show movement underwater. We drew different sea creatures and also completed colour washes in preparation for our sea scape collages.



Year 4

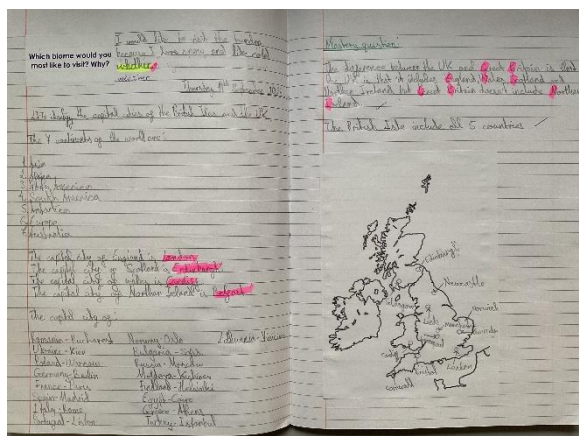
Last week, Year 4 began the macabre task of creating death masks for their deceased pharaoh. Lacking the tools and materials for solid gold masks, we opted with the next best thing: Papier Mache! I'm sure the pharaoh won't mind... In fact, I don't think he has a mind anymore. It too has been machéed.



Year 5

Last week Year 5 consolidated their learning of the world's geographical features, such as mountains, rivers, and continents. Feel free to ask them to explain the difference between Britain, the UK, and the British Isles, as we continue to build and expand their understanding of location knowledge!

Additionally, representatives from the NSPCC visited the school to talk to the children about their rights. The session focused on helping the children understand their rights to be safe, heard, and protected. It was an important discussion that empowered them with knowledge about their well-being.



Year 6

Last week during the NSPCC workshop we discussed types of abuse and how we, children and adults, could handle it. This included telling a trusted adult and calling childline, which is a free network of calls exclusively for children struggling with abuse. We were given scenarios and how we, as children, thought they were. Fine, in the middle or not ok, which we discussed with a partner, telling the adults as well about what we thought.

By Sam, GF



PLM

PLM are learning about

PSHE

Road safety





Sample of the video the children were watching







Then they are given 2 choices, A or B, as the little girl make; the right decision and in the other she make; a bad decision

In PSHE the children are learning about road safety. Children must always stay safe when they approach roads where people are driving their cars as they can be very dangerous. They must look both ways, at both sides of the road and walk with their adults. The children looked engaged while watching.

Toy cars and road carpet have been taken out so children can play with the car and figurines so they can learn to be safe.



Keep going – there's more useful information for parents and carers below!





THE ROOTS

Empowering young minds



Is your child struggling to go to school ?



Join one of our free workshop for parents to help your child attend school with confidence.

Scan the QR code to book a place and find out more

Join us at

Walthamstow Library, High Street, E17 7JN

- 27 September 2024 - 9.30am - 11.30am
- 29 November 2024 - 9.30am - 11.30am



THE ROOTS

Empowering young minds

Up to 10% of children experience anxiety or distress about going to school.



Our workshop aims to support you to help your child re-engage with school.

What the workshop covers:

- Why children may struggle to attend school
- Strategies for overcoming anxiety about school
- Self-care and connecting with school
- Action planning to help take steps forward.

Who are we?

The Roots was established in partnership with Waltham Forest Council in 2024. We are a team of specialist clinicians who support young people and their families with common wellbeing and mental health challenges.

Visit our website or email us directly to find out more about The Roots service and our support for families & young people:

Roots@groundwork.org.uk
TheRootsLondon.co.uk





Waltham Forest Mental Health Support Team Webinar Dates 2024

Waltham Forest Mental Health Team present to you webinar dates for 2024. These webinars cover a range of topics around mental health and wellbeing. They are accessible to all residents of Waltham Forest.

ALL webinars run from 4:30-5:30pm.

Register [HERE](#)



OCTOBER 2024



Wednesday 02nd October 2024: What is Mental Health (*Primary School Parents/Carers*)

Wednesday 16th October 2024: What is Mental Health (*Secondary School Parents/Carers*)

NOVEMBER 2024



Wednesday 6th November 2024: What is Mental Health? (*ALL Support Staff and Teachers*)

Thursday 14th November 2024: School attendance and Emotional Wellbeing (*ALL parents/Carers*)

Thursday 28th November 2024: School attendance and Emotional Wellbeing (*ALL Support Staff and Teachers*)

DECEMBER 2024



Thursday 5th December 2024: Managing Anxiety (*Young People*)

Thursday 12th December 2024: Managing Low Mood (*Young People*)

YOU NEED CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO BOTH CONSENT OR DECLINE THE FLU VACCINE

Flu immunisation for pupils in school years Reception - Year 11

DEAR PARENT/CARER,

The flu vaccine is being offered at your child's school again this autumn/winter.

To give consent for your child to have the flu vaccine, please click here:

<https://london.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/walthamforest>

Even if you do not wish for your child to have the vaccine, please complete the online form so that we can record your wishes.

THE NASAL FLU VACCINE

- ✓ Protects your child from the flu
- ✓ Protects your family and friends from the flu (especially those who are elderly, young babies, or those who have serious health conditions)
- ✓ Is painless, quick and effective
- ✓ Is free
- ✓ The nasal flu vaccine is very effective at reducing the spread of flu



THE IM FLU VACCINE



We also offer the flu vaccine as an injection, which is **gelatine-free**. Please see our Frequently Asked Questions for more information.

You only need to complete one consent form for each child. If you later change your mind, please call your local team. If your child has this immunisation elsewhere after you have submitted the consent form, you **MUST** inform Vaccination UK rather than the school.

We understand that you may have questions about the vaccine. For more information, please go to our website, where you can find a list of FAQ's, as well as details of our community catch up clinics. We also have some FAQ's enclosed below.

You can also find informational videos on our YouTube channel, including subtitled versions for other languages.

Yours Faithfully,

Your Local Immunisation Team
Vaccination UK



WALTHAM FOREST

Immunisation Team
Contact Details

walthamforest@v-uk.co.uk

0208 0174291

WORKING ON BEHALF OF



USEFUL INFO

- ✓ We try to come to your child's school twice. If they are absent or unable to be vaccinated at school, you will need to attend one of our community clinics for the vaccine. Details of these can be found on our website or you can contact the team above.

- ✗ **PLEASE NOTE** the flu vaccine will **NOT** be available to otherwise healthy children after December 13th at all, and so we urge you to return the consent form as soon as possible in case we are not able to visit your child's schools for a second visit this year.

- ✓ Your consent will remain in place for the entire flu season. If your child misses a first visit, you do not need to complete a second form.

USEFUL LINKS

www.schoolvaccination.uk/nasal-flu
 www.youtube.com/@vaccinationuk

PRIVACY POLICY

Our 2024/25 policy can be viewed here:
www.schoolvaccination.uk/privacy-policy
For data protection queries, please contact:
dpo@vaccinationuk.co.uk



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

*The consent form needs to be signed by a person with parental responsibility which includes:

- Mother: automatic
- Father: if married to the mother either when baby is born or marries subsequently
- Unmarried father: if name appears on birth certificate (since 1/12/03) or legally acquired
- Others: if parental responsibility is legally acquired
- Parental Responsibility Agreement: signed, properly witnessed and sent for registration to Principle Registry or the Family Division (High Court)
- Residence Order: granted by the Court

Please note that young people under the age of 16 can give or refuse consent if considered competent to do so by nursing staff.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Are there any side effects of the vaccine?

Possible side effects are: decreased appetite, headache, a runny or blocked nose, and sometimes a raised temperature. These are common, but they pass quickly and can be treated with paracetamol or ibuprofen if you feel your child needs it.

Are there any children who shouldn't have the nasal vaccine?

You should let us know if your child has any of the following:

- A very severe allergy to eggs, egg proteins, gentamicin or gelatine – it is important for us to know if your child has been admitted to hospital with a condition called anaphylaxis, triggered by these things.
- Are currently wheezy or have been wheezy in the past 72 hours with asthma. There is an alternative flu vaccine that we can talk to you about to ensure that your child is protected as soon as possible.
- Have a condition that severely weakens their immune system.

Also, children who have been vaccinated should avoid close contact with people with very severely weakened immune systems for around two weeks following vaccination (By severely weakened, we generally mean people who are isolating, such as those who have received some types of chemotherapy or people who have had a bone marrow transplant, for example). This is because there's an extremely remote chance that the vaccine virus may be passed to them.

Contact with other healthy children or adults does not need to be limited after having the vaccine.

We do not eat pork products.

Can my child have a different flu vaccine?

Yes. There is a flu vaccine available, in the form of an injection.

The nasal flu vaccine is the best vaccine for children and young people under 18 years of age as it is more effective at stopping the spread of flu and it is painless, but it does have a highly processed form of gelatine (porcine gelatine), which is used in a range of many essential medicines. The gelatine helps to keep the vaccine viruses stable so that the vaccine provides the best protection against flu.

If your faith or beliefs mean you would prefer a vaccine that has no pork (porcine gelatine) in it, please complete the consent for the flu injection only. You do not need to complete a form for both.