South Grove Primary School

NEWSLETTER 10 2026-2027

16th November 2026

Dear parents and carers

STARS OF THE WEEK W/C 9.11.26

N- AM	HAZIRAN	3G	KAMILA
N - PM	EDRIC	3SH	MARYAM
RR	JESSE	4P	SAHIRA
RW	RAYM	4Y	NATHAN
1L	SAJIDAH	5A	ILYAS
1S	FREDDIE	5F	LEILA
2DM	LEO	6M	FIRDAWS
2H	SAMY	6PB	SHIV

THE NEST - AVA

MUSIC STARS: IS'HAAQ Y6

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY W/C .11.26

Best Attendance ☺	6M 99.6%
Special mention 1S 99.3%	
Best Punctuality ☺	6PB
Class that needs to improve their attendance	2DM 90.3%
Class that needs to improve their punctuality	2DM

Overall School Attendance this year = 95.4%

REMEMBRANCE



On Wednesday 11th November, our Whole School Assembly focussed on Remembrance Day. As always, our Teaching Assistant Mrs Jane Lewis led the assembly as she is part of the Royal British Legion as a Standard Bearer. We were lucky to also have a colleague of hers, Malcolm, also a Standard Bearer, to help in the assembly.

Mrs Lewis shared why we wear poppies during this time of remembrance and why they are so significant, and how important it is to remember those that lost their lives in conflict across the world, and indeed continue to do so.

Children from every year group - Nursery to Year 6 - shared their work and research on the poppy and on those that were significant in creating poppies to support and care for service personnel.















The children then solemnly watched as Mrs Lewis and her colleague Malcolm, lowered the standard flag of the British Legion whilst we all took part in a 2 minute silence. The children were solemn and respectful.

Thank you to all parents and children who contributed through the purchase of poppies, bracelets, rulers and reflective poppies. The collection will go to the Royal British Legion to contribute and support the worthy projects they have to support individuals and families through times of conflict.

Click here if you would like to know more about the Poppy Appeal and how your donations help: https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/stories/11-things-you-might-not-know-about-the-poppy

Year 5&6 Sportshall Athletics

On Friday 13th November, Miss Fontenoy and Ms Hunter-Leitch took 29 children from Years 5 and 6 to participate in the Sportshall Athletic Competition at Peter May Sports Centre.

We ran in lots of relay races and did other events like chest pass, soft javelin and long jump. The children enjoyed the day and represented South Grove well.



INTERNATIONAL MEN'S DAY AT SOHO THEATRE NEXT SUNDAY 22.11.26

Next Sunday Soho Theatre on Hoe Street, host an afternoon of conversation, stalls and activities exploring what boys and men need to thrive, with a host of special guests. Everyone is welcome: boys, men, and those who love them. All funds raised go to Movember and Project Zero.

This link https://sohotheatre.com/events/walthamstows-international-mens-day/ will take you to the full day's programme including talks and free events too including Kid's activities and inspiring organisations for boys, brought to you by Festival of the Boy. There is also more information at the end of the newsletter.

Please, please, please name your children's clothes! The lost property boxes are overflowing with unnamed items including quite a few winter coats which we cannot return to owners.

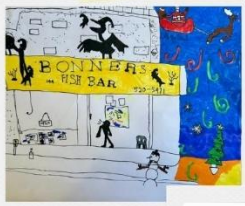




Remember that after every few washes you will need to check and write it in again if it has faded.

The Walthamstow MP Christmas card 2026 competition is now open!

Open to anyone under 12 living in Walthamstow to enter....







Email or post your entries to Stella Creasy's office by 5pm Thursday 3rd December 2026

office@workingforwalthamstow.org.uk
23 Orford Road, London E17 9NL

Don't Forget Reception Superhero Dress Up Day This Thursday 19th November



You don't need to buy a costume – just use what you have at home

Juniper CLUB

The food taster session planned for this Friday has had to be postponed until further notice. We will let you know when the date is rearranged.

Nursery Presentation Evening – 18.11.26



Now that the Nursery children have had time to settle we hope that all Nursery parents and carers are able to attend this Wednesday 18th November at 3:45pm in the Nursery.

The intention of the night is to informally introduce the Nursery space to the parents of all children attending. The children will be able to show them their learning spaces and it is also a chance for parents to meet the teachers and get a quick update on their child's learning. Additionally, we will be running through the day to day timetable and have activities set up so parents can get a feel for how their child's day goes.



All Welcome at 3:45pm

All parents/carers are invited (morning, afternoon + full time)



Siblings are allowed to come, but we encourage parents to support where needed while we are doing the workshop and introducing the Nursery space timetable.



WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!



Friends of South Grove

Next Meeting

27.11.26

8:50am

All welcome!

WRAP UP!

As the weather gets colder (and wetter) please remember to send your child in with a coat.



Upcoming Trips –

Please don't forget to give permission and to pay (where necessary) on ParentPay

1st December	3G to William Morris Gallery (workshop)
2nd December	3SH to William Morris Gallery (workshop)
3rd December	Year 5 to V&A East Storehouse
16th December	Year 2 to Revel Puck Circus



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With my very best wishes

J. Maltwood.

Julie Maltwood
Headteacher

Assemblies – Families welcome

Friday 27.11.26	5A	9:15am
Friday 4.12.26	4Y	9:15am
Thursday 10.12.26	Nativity	2:00pm
Friday 11.12.26	Nativity	9:15am
Friday 18.12.26	Carol Concert	9:15am







SOUTH GROVE LEARNING GALLERY

THIS WEEK: YEAR 5 & YEAR 6

Year 5

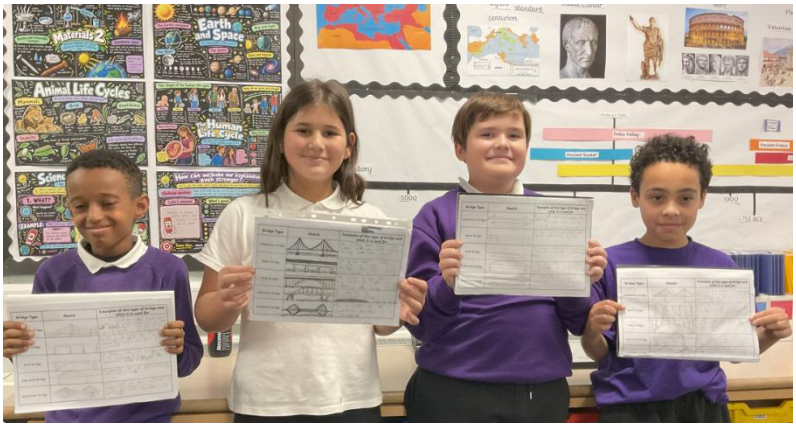
For this half of the term, we have made a fresh start on lots of exciting topics, and the children have been enthusiastic about their learning.

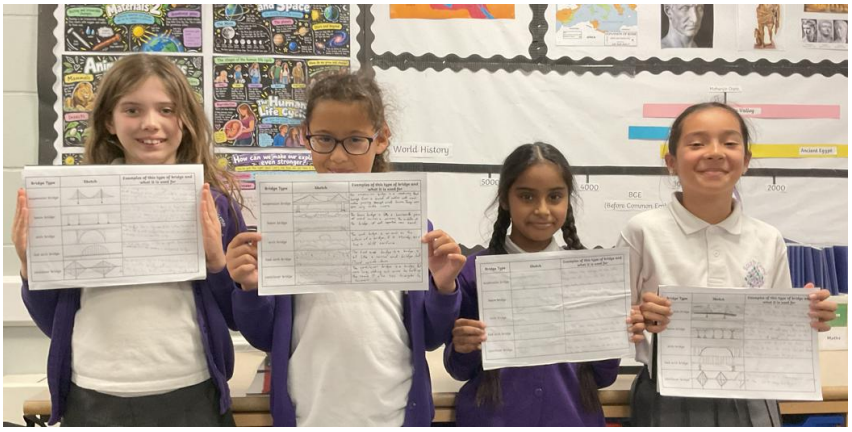
In DT, our bridge designs have been a real hit! The children have enjoyed exploring different designs and putting their own ideas into practice. Take a look at the picture to see some of their work.

We are continuing our topic on Ancient Rome. The children are keen to learn about famous Romans such as Julius Caesar, Augustus and Brutus, and to discover the important roles they played in Roman history.

Our Geography topic on populations has also been very popular. The children are learning what population means and how it helps us understand places and the people who live there.

In Guided Reading, we have been enjoying *The Wolf Wilder*. The children are really engaged in the story and are keen to find out what happens next.





Bridge Type	Sketch	Examples of this type of bridge and what it is used for
suspension bridge		The suspension bridge is a roadway that hangs from a bunch of cables with main cables passing through small towers. They can span very wide rivers.
beam bridge		The beam bridge is like a horizontal piece of wood across a stream. The middle of the bridge, if not supported, can bend.
arch bridge		The arch bridge is an arch on the bottom of a bridge, it is sturdy and has a stiff surface.
tied arch bridge		The tied arch bridge is a bridge, a bit like a normal arch bridge but flipped upside-down.
cantilever bridge		The cantilever bridge is a bridge that uses long, sticking out arms to hold up the road. It also has triangles to support it.

Year 6

Year 6 have been developing their creative and digital skills through our 'We Are Advertisers' unit in Computing. The children have been exploring how video can be used to communicate an important message and persuade an audience.

As part of the unit, the children have been thinking critically about how adverts can promote a cause. They chose online safety as their cause, with the aim of creating short, engaging videos to help younger children across the school understand how to stay safe when using technology and the internet. The children worked collaboratively to plan and storyboard their adverts, carefully considering their audience and the message they wanted to communicate. They developed their filming skills, shooting original footage and thinking about how different types of content could be used effectively.

An important part of the unit was also learning about copyright and intellectual property rights. The children considered where images, music and other online content come from and why it is important to use digital content responsibly.

To complete the project, the children worked together to edit their footage and create their finished online safety adverts. They have shown great creativity and teamwork throughout the unit, using their Computing skills to produce engaging videos that share an important message and help younger children across our school stay safe online.













Free from 2:30pm

INTERNATIONAL MENS DAY FESTIVAL
SOHO THEATRE, WALTHAMSTOW

We Can Build it Better for Boys and Men too!

RICHARD HERRING. SAM BROWNE. ROWAN WILLIAMS. SUGGS. SANJEEV BHASKAR. NICK COLLIER AKA ELLA VADAY

SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 12-5PM

ALESSANDRO BABALOLA. STEPHEN BARNABIS. ELLIOTT RAE. LEE CHAMBERS. CLARKE CARLISLE. BRAD & THE GOAT. ALEX TRIPPIER AKA BE A HAPPIER PARENT. JOSS CAMBRIDGE-SIMMONS. DAN GUINNESS. NAV MIRZAMENS RELOVED CLOTHING. ANGRY DAN. JASON HAWKRIDGE. BRAIDS AND BEERS. FESTIVAL OF THE BOY, CALISTHENICS AND MORE.

Tickets on sale now at £12 with all monies going to Project Zero and Movember - Free to enter from 2.30pm

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IS IT A MAN'S, MAN'S, MAN'S WORLD?
12:30 PM SOHO THEATRE MAIN STAGE



SANJEEV BHAKSAR	NICK COLLIER	RICHARD HERRING	SUGGS	ROWAN WILLIAMS
ACTOR & COMEDIAN	AKA ELLA VADAY DRAG RACE ROYALTY	COMEDIAN AND WRITER	FROM MADNESS	FORMER ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

TICKETS £12 AT SOHOTHEATRE.COM/WALTHAMSTOW
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THE ACTION MEN: MAKING CHANGE HAPPEN
1:45PM SOHO THEATRE MAIN STAGE



STEVE BARNABIS	LEE CHAMBERS	ALLESSANDRO BABAOLA	ELLIOTT RAE	BRAD MARCHANT
PROJECT ZERO WF CIC FOUNDER	CEO, MALE ALLIES UK	ACTOR AND CHAIR SOHO THEATRE	FOUNDER, PARENTING OUT LOUD	BRAD & THE GOAT

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MEN'S MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH
2:40 PM SOHO THEATRE FOYER TALK



NAV MIRZA	JON SALMON	CLARKE CARLISLE	RICHARD CRICK
DADS UNLIMITED	LISTEN OUT LOUD MENTAL HEALTH CAMPAIGNER	CHAIR OF THE UK MENTAL HEALTH CHARITY MIND	DIRECTOR OF MAN V FAT

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SOUTH GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL CALENDAR 2026-2027

Autumn Term 2026

School finishes for pupils on Friday 18th December 2026 at 2:30pm

Spring Term 2027

Term:	**Monday 4th January – Thursday 25th March 2027**
	SCHOOL STARTS FOR PUPILS TUESDAY 5th JANUARY 2027
School closed to pupils on:	
Staff Training Days:	Monday 4th January 2027
Half Term:	Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February 2027 (inclusive)
Spring Holiday	Friday 26th March – Friday 9th April 2027 (inclusive)
School finishes for pupils on Thursday 25th March 2027 at 2:30pm	

Summer Term 2027

Term:	**Monday 12th April – Thursday 22nd July 2027**
	SCHOOL STARTS FOR PUPILS MONDAY 12th APRIL 2027
School closed to pupils on:	
Staff Training Days:	Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd July 2027
Public Holiday:	May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May 2027
Half Term:	Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June 2027 (inclusive)
School finishes for pupils on Tuesday 20th July 2027 at 2:30pm	