South Grove Primary School

NEWSLETTER 11 2026-2027

23rd November 2026

Dear parents and carers

STARS OF THE WEEK W/C 23.11.26



N- AM	SUBHAN	3G	THEO
N - PM	ASHIN	3SH	DAWOOD
RR	EESA	4P	ISRA
RW	NORAH	4Y	YAHYAH
1L	EMILIANO	5A	ILYAS
1S	NANXI	5F	OLIVIA
2DM	JOAN	6M	SARAH J
2H	SAMAAH	6PB	NICHOLAS

THE NEST - ALL OF THE NEST

MUSIC STARS: LUTHAYNA Y2 & IYNA Y6

SPORTS STARS: ELLIOT & CHARLOTTE Y3 & OTIS Y4

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY W/C 16.11.26

Best Attendance ☺	**3SH 98.8%**
Best Punctuality ☺	**6PB**
Class that needs to improve their attendance	**RR 86.2%**
Class that needs to improve their punctuality	**3G**

Overall School Attendance this year = 95.3%

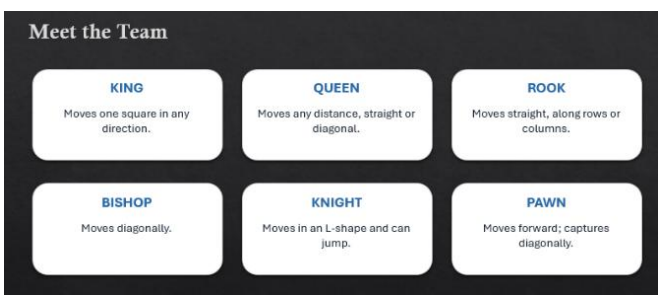
CHESS ASSEMBLY

Mr Perna gave us a fascinating assembly on Friday, revealing both the history of Chess and an understanding of the game and how it developed over time. Originating in India where it was originally known as Chaturanga, travelling across Persia into different countries and cultures it has continued to be an extremely popular game that is still enjoyed today by people of all ages.

Mr Perna enjoys a game of Chess himself and explained the roles of the different pieces and how they move across the board. He also explained that it is a game that exercises your brain as you have to use strategic thinking, patience and problem solving – much more than just moving pieces across a board! You don't have to be the strongest or the fastest, it's a puzzle that uses logic and wits.

We also explored the fascinating world of computer chess, including Deep Blue, the IBM supercomputer that famously defeated world champion Garry Kasparov in 1997. Today, powerful chess engines such as Stockfish take computer chess to another level! It certainly gave us plenty to think about and reminded us to always stay several moves ahead. Checkmate!

If you've never tried it, why not give it a go with your friends or maybe someone in your family knows how to play – who knows – maybe one day you could become as good as Roman Shogdzhiev!

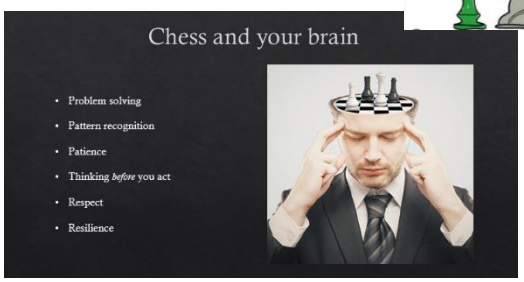


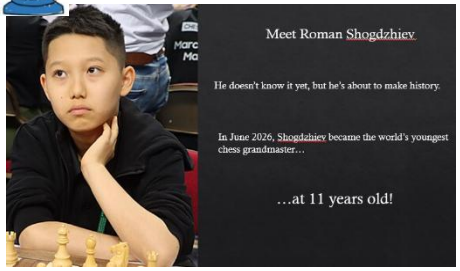












LKS2 Sportshall Athletics- Tuesday 17th November

This particular trip is one that the children really look forward to.

Arriving early, we took the time to prepare the children with top tips on their particular events. Attentively, the children listened and those who had been lucky enough to take part in Sportshall Athletics before, offered words of advise.

First up, the field events. The children quickly listened to instructions and were off. They took part in different events including: chest push, standing long jump, vertical jump, target throw, javelin and speed bounce. Time then came for our track events. This involved an obstacle relay, over/under relay, 1+1 lap, 2+2 lap, 4 lap Paarlauf and 4X1 lap relays. Here are our results for our track events for our heat/group stage:

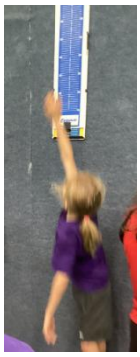
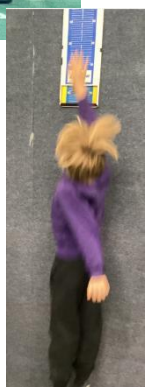
Events	Obstacle relay	Over/Under relay	1 + 1 relay	2 + 2 relay	4 Lap Paarlauf	4 X 1 relay
Girls team	2nd	3rd	4th	4th	4th	4th
Boys team	1st	1st	2nd	2nd	1st	3rd

A special mention to the whole team and our aspiring Feel Good Ambassador, Otis, for their superb behaviour and for having a positive mind-set throughout. They were gracious in their victories and evaluated their performances throughout.

As Sporthall is one of the biggest sporting events for School Games competitions, there were four different sessions held. We therefore have to wait for our results. They are expected to be with us before the winter break. Fingers crossed!







Nursery Presentation Evening – 18.11.26




Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to the Nursery last Wednesday 18th November.

We hope that you all found it was useful to see what the children do in the Nursery and to have a chat with their key workers about how they are getting on with their learning.

Please can we ask you to complete this sort (just 4 questions) form to give your views: https://forms.gle/TXXQyas8fwhE6ana6 or scan this code:

Friends of South Grove

Next Meeting

THIS FRIDAY

27.11.26

8:50am

All welcome!

Assemblies – Families welcome



THIS Friday 27.11.26	5A	9:15am
NEXT 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





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Felix Charity

There will be a free food market at Walthamstow Leisure Centre this Thursday 26th November.



The events are called 'Felix Fresh' and they are a pop-up market where tonnes of surplus produce is given out for free to local communities in a 2-hour window. Everyone in the community can come along and take a bag of food home. They bring enough produce for at least 350 families to take full bags home with them.

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The event will be between 12-2pm. See more information at the end of the newsletter.

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Recent Incident and Safeguarding Reminder

Recently, our Safeguarding Lead dealt with an incident involving some children receiving phone calls at 11:00 pm from another pupil and a 'friend' who was unknown to them. This highlights the need for all of us to be vigilant in ensuring children are using their phones safely and responsibly. There are also disputes coming in to school following fall outs on WhatsApp groups. WhatsApp users are meant to be over 13.

****What You Can Do if your child has a phone****

Please support us by taking the following steps:

Discuss safe phone use with your child, including not answering calls from unknown numbers and what to do if they receive a concerning message or call.

Check your child's contacts and call history regularly to ensure they only communicate with people they know and trust.

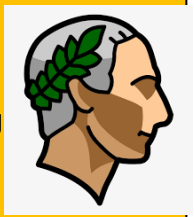
Monitor online activity and app usage to make sure they are not using social media platforms or apps that are not suitable for their age, such as WhatsApp, Snapchat, and TikTok. Please remember, the minimum legal age for these apps is 13.

Regularly review privacy settings and talk to your child about online safety and reporting anything that makes them feel uncomfortable.

Remember: Whoever pays for the phone bill or contract is legally responsible for the content accessed on the phone.



Years 4-6 Roman Day
This Thursday 26th November



Years 4-6 will come dressed as a Roman or as something with a Roman theme, to bring the topic alive!

Please remember that Romans liked to keep warm and usually wore many layers to ensure they were not too cold during the day...

With my very best wishes

J.Maltwood.

Julie Maltwood
Headteacher

Keep Going for SEN info & FREE FOOD info after the Learning Gallery below!

SOUTH GROVE LEARNING GALLERY

THIS WEEK: NURSERY, RECEPTION & THE NEST

Nursery

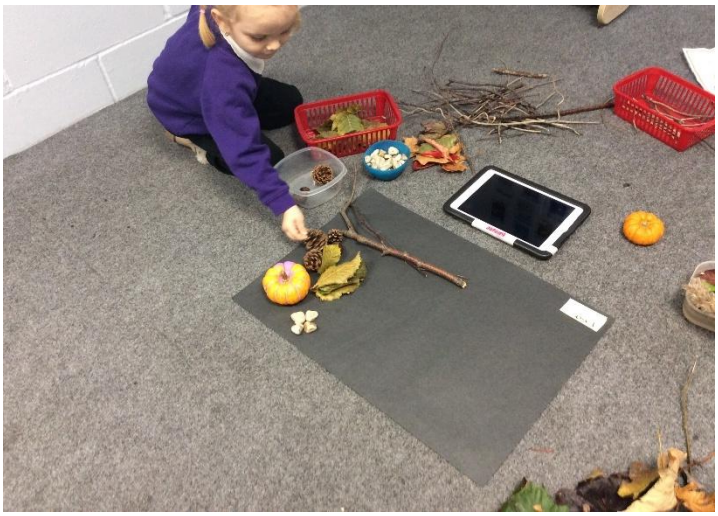
The Nursery has been busy since returning after the break! We have begun our transportation topic and have been having a blast exploring all the different types of transport. To kick off the unit, we read The Train Ride by June Crebbin and began to build our very own train. We have begun reading Magic Train Ride by Kelly Crabtree, a story that can take us anywhere! So far, we have stopped at the jungle and ocean stations, where the children have been learning about jungle and ocean animals and their habitats. I'm so excited to see where the train takes us next!

To learn more about the changing seasons, we created art inspired by the English artist Andy Goldsworthy, using natural items such as leaves, sticks, conkers, and pumpkins. The children did an amazing job creating their art!

The Nursery celebrated Diwali by making diva lamps using salt dough. The children formed their lamps, then decorated them with paint and glitter. They were all so excited to learn about Diwali and bring their lamps home.

We had the wonderful chance to meet with our Nursery families last week and let them explore the Nursery and see what our day looks like. It was lovely to speak with everybody!







Reception

Reception have had an exciting week focussing their learning on Superheroes! We learned that Superheroes are often people with special powers, and how they often want to help others by protecting, or rescuing. We have been very busy exploring outer space too linked to our story Man on the Moon and the character Bob, who doesn't believe in Aliens...or does he?!

This all culminated in a spectacular 'Superhero dress up day' where the children showed their confidence, expressive and imaginative sides and paraded their characters around and showed off their power moves. Here are some of our activities this week!













The Nest

In The Nest, we have been working on our mathematical and fine motor skills. We have been recognising and matching numerals, partitioning tens and ones, and having fun forming numbers through sensory activities.

We have also enjoyed retelling the story 'From Head to Toe', and joining in with the actions that each of the animals do. 'Can you do it?' 'I can do it!'













FREE FOOD!



Felix Fresh

Felix, in partnership with BETTER, will be distributing free fresh fruit and vegetables.



WHEN
Thursday 26th November 12-2pm

WHERE
Walthamstow Leisure Centre,
243 Markhouse Rd, E17 8RN
W3W ///clubs.models.such



Bring your bags, boxes, trolleys and strong arms, and take home with you a variety of delicious, fresh food!



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The HORNBEAM Food Guide - Autumn/Winter 2026

Free or very low-cost groceries & meals

For services that require referrals, contact Adult Early Help, Waltham Forest Council, or the NHS

MONDAYS

Free Breakfast & Coffee Hub Leyton Trinity Methodist Church, 280 Leyton High Road, E10 5PW	**10:00 - 12:00** No referral needed
Solidarity Supermarket The Hornbeam Centre, 458 Hoe Street, E17 9AH	**16:00 - 18:00** No referral needed. Low-cost bulk and surplus food on a sliding scale
Eat Or Heat Food Bank Quaker Meeting House, Jewel Road, E17 4QU	**18:30 - 19:30** Referral required

TUESDAYS

Eat Or Heat South Chingford Congressional Church 161 Chingford Mount Rd, London E4 8LT	**10:00 - 11:00** Food Bank. Referral required
Holy Trinity Church Food Share 4 Holloway Road, Leytonstone, E11 4LD	**11:00 - 13:00** Arrive early, food goes quickly. No referral needed. £3 for £40+ worth of food
Highams Park Food Aid All Saints Church, Church Avenue, E4 9QZ	**11:00 - 13:00** E4 area only, referral required
PL84U Food Bank Unit 29, Forest Business Park, Argall Avenue, E10 7FB	**12:00 - 14:00** Council tax letter required for proof of address, referrals for large families
Friday Hill Food Rescue 19 Chingdale Road, Chingford, E4 6HZ	**13:00 - 14:30** Local area only, proof of address required

WEDNESDAYS

Elim Pentecostal Church Food Share Hainault Road, Leytonstone, E11 1EL	**10:00 - 12:00** Referral or proof of receiving support required
Highams Park Food Aid Cafe All Saints Church, Church Avenue, E4 9QZ	**11:00 - 14:00** E4 area residents. Community cafe only, no referral needed
PL84U Food Bank Unit 29, Forest Business Park, Argall Avenue, E10 7FB	**12:00 - 14:00** Council tax letter required for proof of address, referrals for large families
Eat Or Heat Food Bank Quaker Meeting House, Jewel Road, E17 4QU	**13:00 - 14:00 & 18:30 - 19:30** Referral required

THURSDAYS

Elim Pentecostal Church Food Share Hainault Road, Leytonstone, E11 1EL	**10:00 - 12:00** Referral or proof of receiving support required
Highams Park Food Aid All Saints Church, Church Avenue, E4 9QZ	**11:00 - 13:00** E4 area only, referral required
The Gleaners Community Living Room The Hornbeam Centre 458 Hoe St, E17 9AH	**11:00 - 15:00** Free meal served at 13:00. No referral needed
The Lighthouse Project Food Pantry St Mary's Church, Church Road, E10 5JP	**1200 - 14:00** No referral needed
The Drive Food Stall Outside Gateskill House, The Drive, E17 3DD	**12:00** - until everything is gone. Arrive early, food goes quickly. No referral needed
Foodcycle Community Meals St Mary's Welcome Centre, 8 Church End, E17 9RJ	**18:30 - 20:30** Arrive early, food goes quickly. No referral needed

FRIDAYS

Leytonstone Community Fridge. 578 High Road Leytonstone, E11 3DA	**12:00 - 13:00** £1 per shop. No referral needed
OrganicLea Community Living Room Hawkwood Nursery, 115 Hawkwood Crescent, E4 7UH	**12:00 - 14:00** Free lunch. No referral needed. Must book in advance
Cann Hall Masjid Food Bank 145 Cann Hall Road, Leytonstone, E11 3NJ	**16:00 - 18:00** Social services referral required
Eat Or Heat Food Bank Quaker Meeting House, Jewel Road, E17 4QU	**18:30 - 19:30** Referral required

SATURDAYS

Rukshana Khan Food Bank 6-8 Greenleaf Road, Walthamstow E17 6QQ	**10:00 - 12:00** Referral or proof of benefits required
Leyton Community Food All Saints Church, Melbourne Road, E10 7HF	**11:00 - 12:00** Food distribution, E10 residents only. Proof of address needed
PL84U Food Bank 1Unit 29, Forest Business Park, Argall Avenue, E10 7FB	**12:00 - 14:00** Council tax letter required for proof of address, referrals for large families
Seventh Day Adventists Food Bank 14 Drayton Road, Leytonstone, E11 4AR	**15:30 - 17:00** No referral needed

SUNDAYS

Leytonstone Community Fridge. 578 High Road Leytonstone, E11 3DA	**11:00 - 12:00** £1 per shop. No referral needed
Masjid Tawhid Food Bank 30 High Road Leyton, E15 2BP	**11:30 - 12:30** No referral needed
KindWellCom Food Share St Mary's Welcome Centre, 8 Church End, E17 9RJ	**19:30 - 20:15** No referral needed. Has family supplies incl. nappies, clothes, books

MUTLIPLE DAYS & FOOD CO-OPS

Kukoolala Cafe Wednesdays - Fridays 3 Marsh Lane, Leyton, E10 7BL	**09:30 - 10:30** Free meals, no referral needed
Christian Kitchen Every day Mission Grove Car Park E17 7DB	**19:30 - 20:00** Arrive early, food goes quickly Free hot food, no referral needed
Cooperation Town Various places and times in Waltham Forest, Hackney & Haringey	**Join a food co-op!** Save £££ by collectively buying bulk groceries, plus free surplus food. For more info email saul@cooperation.town



Book by going to this web page :
[Waltham Forest HAF programme Winter 26]
Or by scanning this QR code:

Waltham Forest Holiday Activity and Food programme will offer school-aged children and young people who are in receipt of targeted free school meals the opportunity to get involved in a wide range of fun activities and holiday clubs and enjoy a daily meal during the holidays.

Eligible children will be entitled to 4 sessions across the Winter holidays.
Booking is essential for all activities, so book early to avoid disappointment.

If you require any support with bookings, please email:
wfholidayactivityprogramme@walthamforest.gov.uk