

28th September 2026

Dear parents and carers

STARS OF THE WEEK W/C 28.9.26

N-AM	KARAM	3G	ADAM
N-PM	AIZAL	3SH	DOMINIC
RR	TIARA	4P	LEO
RW	KAYANI	4Y	JAHSIAH
1L	MARYAM	5A	ALISHA
1S	YAQUB	5F	ZARA
2DM	EILISH	6M	IYNA
2H	TAARA	6PB	NYLAH
	THE NEST - ADIL		



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY W/C 21.9.26

Best Attendance ☺ **6PB 98.3 %**

Best Punctuality ☺ **4P & 6PB**

Class that needs to improve their attendance **1S 92.3%**

Class that needs to improve their punctuality **2H**

Overall School Attendance this year = 94.9%

HARVEST FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS

We welcomed Julie and David Bell from the Salvation Army again this year to accept the gifts and donations of groceries and toiletries that the South Grove community gave so generously on Friday. It was a lovely sight to see so much that had been given.



Julie talked to the children about why the donations were so important and who would be so grateful to receive them.

We used the muscles of Year 6 children to help Julie and David organise the items into food types and load the donations into their large van. Here they are below having completed their task!

We know that the donations given by our families will be valuable to support local families and individuals in need. Thank you so much for your generosity.





Parent Governor Election

Thank you for parents that applied for the vacant Parent Governor Role. Due to their being two nominations, parents are required to vote. A google form was sent out on Friday to you all and we would be grateful if you could complete this very short form by this Friday 2nd October at 12.00 midday <https://forms.gle/kB61L9YCscqXt2PA> **One vote per parent/carer.**

The successful candidate will be announced next week and attend the first Governing Body Meeting of the academic year on Thursday 15th October.

Parent Forum

Thank you to the parents that attended the first Parent Forum session of the new academic year.

We focussed on the school's key priorities for the academic year and why these had been selected. We will share these with all parents very soon.

These are selected with staff involved to develop areas of teaching and learning and considering pupil personal development and wellbeing at the forefront of what we do.

We also discussed items that had been on the agenda previously and key priorities that had been implemented last year such as Home Learning, the new RSE Curriculum and the new Opening Worlds Curriculum for Key Stage Two.

Parents asked for a session on the new curriculum and what this looked like.

Also discussed were Mathematics Workshops that would help parents understand the methodology for the four key mathematical operations, as how the children are taught now is quite different.



Parents of the group would encourage other parents to come to the Parent Forum held each half-term as there are useful discussions for both the school and parents to hear from all sides. These conversations have really helped develop policy and practice across the school to continue to develop and improve the school's provision.



SEND MEETINGS & COFFEE MORNING

The first 2 dates for meetings are now fully booked – more will be set soon.
There will also be a coffee morning on 21st October to meet Miss Moriarty

Green Details Update Forms

Please send these back as soon as possible

Photo Use Preference update

Please use this link:
<https://forms.gle/qXcsUJhtBu8P4s3c8>
to update your photo preferences- it would be enormously helpful if **EVERYONE** completed this; thank you to those who have already done so



IMPORTANT!

It is really important that you let us know if you have signed your child up for an after school club and then need to collect them straight from school,

or

have booked them into WrapAround and then want to collect them either straight from school or after a club instead of going to WrapAround.

We need this information by either a message on the answerphone (press 1) or by emailing wrapcrew@southgrove.waltham.sch.uk before the end of the school day (3.15pm)

Thank you for your continuing support!

IMPORTANT-FREE MEALS

As the entitlements have recently changed, if you receive Universal Credit, regardless of your income, and have not yet applied for free school meals we urge you to do so as it may give you an entitlement to other things in Waltham Forest and if the Mayor ever removes free meals for all you will still continue to receive a free meal for your child. It can also mean more funding for the school. Just click here:

[Waltham Forest - apply for free school meals](#)





YUM!!

THIS THURSDAY- 1ST OCTOBER

**WHY NOT TRY SCHOOL DINNERS & RAISE MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL AT THE SAME TIME.
A MEAL WILL BE COOKED AVAILABLE FOR ALL & EVEN IF YOU ARE USUALLY PACKED
LUNCH YOU CAN CHANGE FOR THIS DAY:**



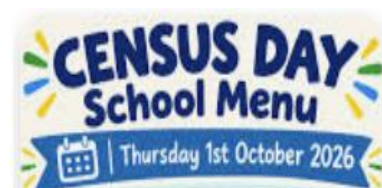
Macaroni Cheese

Pizza

Jacket Potatoes

Chips

Chocolate Sponge Cake + Chocolate Sauce



FAVOURITES DAY

Parent Communication:

Reminders are being sent out to parents as to how you can communicate with the school or keep up to date with information. Simply click on the QR Codes given for all ways to communicate or seek further information. These will be sent out via email and put on your child's classroom door.

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS AND MUSIC CLUBS

Mondays

Piano lessons with Mike

Tuesday

Piano lessons with Mike

Guitar lessons with Holly

Beginners' Guitar Club 1:00 -1:30pm

Choir 3:15-4:00pm

Wednesdays

Guitar lessons with Holly

Intermediate Guitar Club 1:00 -1.30pm

Friday

Violin lessons with Sophie

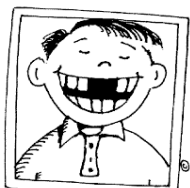
Drum lessons with Lauren



As our tutors are performing musicians, they sometimes need to shift lessons to a different day. Lessons will always be made up. Piano, drum and violin teachers would like direct contact with parents via email to discuss progress. If you do NOT want to be contacted by them, please contact me at musicbox@southgrove.waltham.sch.uk.

Lessons and clubs cannot be adjusted during term time. If you wish to cancel or adjust the lengths of lessons then notice must be given 4 weeks before the end of term.

Thank you. Ms Forbes 🎵



INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS WILL BE ON 6TH OCTOBER

Children - bring your smiliest faces. Parents - if it is your child's PE day ensure they have a jumper, cardigan or fleece to wear over their kit.

With my very best wishes

J. Maltwood.

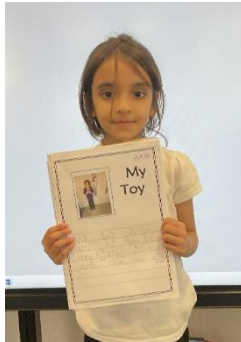
Julie Maltwood
Headteacher

SOUTH GROVE LEARNING GALLERY

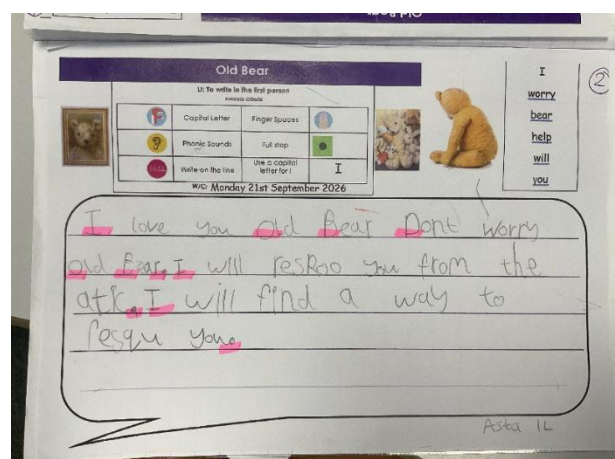
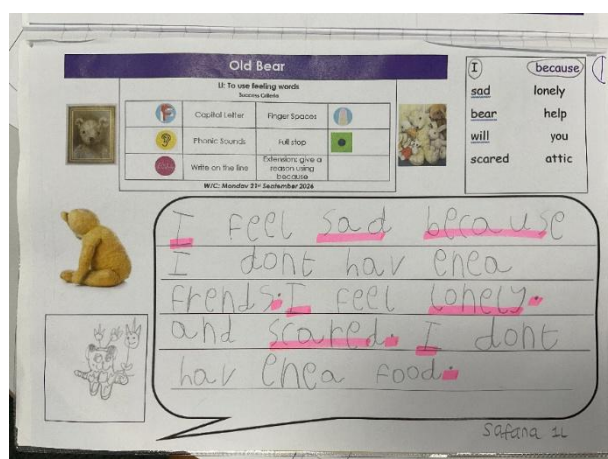
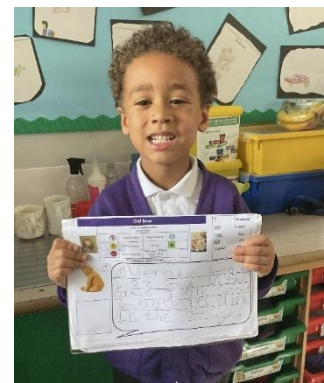
THIS WEEK: YEAR 1 & YEAR 2

Year 1

Year 1 have continued to get in to the routines of the day as well as begin our small group work. We had our first Merit Assembly where we show stand out work from that week and also celebrate the merits we have worked hard to receive. We also began showing and telling about our special toys and then began sketching them too, looking carefully at the shapes that we can see to help us depict our toys. In maths we focused on sorting and finally we have also been busy observing the world around us in Science, and starting to notice changes that are signs of the seasons changing. Keep an eye out: can you find any signs of Autumn? Bring them in to share!



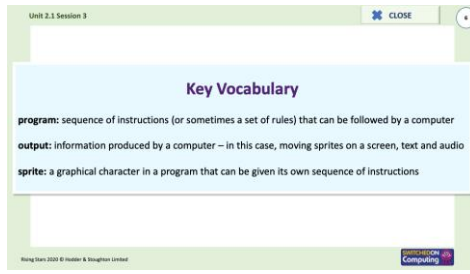
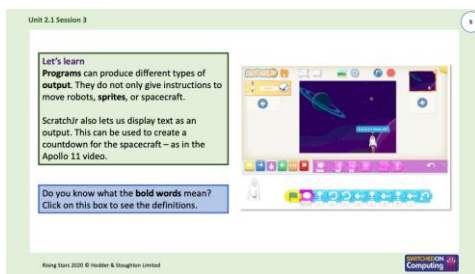
Last week Year 1 focussed on the lovely story of Old Bear by Jane Hissey. This book is about a very old teddy bear that is put into the attic out of harm's way but rescued so he didn't feel lonely. The children thought about how this would feel and came up with a plan to reassure and rescue him! We also learnt about the Harvest Festival this week and how we can collect food for those in need. Finally, in science we continued to look at different trees and changes they go through as we move into autumn.



Year 2

2DM this term are working on learning how to program with ScratchJr. In previous sessions they have been learning how to create backgrounds, add and organise objects, and reduce their size. They are learning the key program vocabulary too.

The children will eventually learn how to program a rocket launch just as Apollo 11 was controlled by a computer!



Last week they were beginning to build their program. They learnt how to create a countdown message for the launch of the rocket, adding a pop sound, recording audio, adding more sprites, making the rocket move between planets. Finally, the children played their program to see if the rocket got to the destination planet!

A group of children worked so hard to create the next stage of their program - Lila, Oliver, Flynn, Joan, Rowan, Eric, Rafa and Eilish. They were very excited about what they had achieved so far and know they will refine their work to make the program complete. Here's what they were working on:



Year 2 have also been super busy in other subjects! In PE we have been practising our fundamental skills to play, explore and stay active..

In RE we are learning about Judaism, and the importance of the 'Mezuzah' to Jewish people



In History, we created a timeline of Florence Nightingale's life and career

