

5th October 2026

Dear parents and carers

STARS OF THE WEEK W/C 5.10.26

N-AM	LEA	3G	CHARLOTTE
N-PM	ZOE	3SH	UMA
RR	MIA	4P	ZEN
RW	MARC	4Y	SOFI
1L	ASTA	5A	SAHAJ
1S	CHLOE	5F	MAHDI
2DM	AARIAH	6M	VASILIKI
2H	YUSUF E	6PB	RAYAN
THE NEST - JAK			
MUSIC STARS: OLIVER Y2 & BONNIE Y5			



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY W/C 28.9.26

Best Attendance ☺	1S 98.5 %
Best Punctuality ☺	1S
Class that needs to improve their attendance	4Y 81.4%
Class that needs to improve their punctuality	2H

Overall School Attendance this year = 95%

TIME TO READ - ALWAYS A GOOD TIME! DEVELOPING A LOVE OF READING....

"If you are going to get anywhere in life you have to read a lot of books." - Roald Dahl

In Nursery and Reception you will hear about the importance of developing early reading skills with your child by sharing books and talking about their content through the use of Bug Club and their reading books and word recognition cards. Please support the teachers by sharing a book each day and add a comment in their reading record books. It will make such a difference to how your child develops within school.



Whole Class Reading – we are ensuring that each class reads a class book during the term, so that they can discuss the storyline, characters and gain understanding of texts. We will be encouraging the children to buy their own copy so that they can have it in school to read along within the classroom, and when the story is finished they will be able to develop their own mini library at home to begin to develop that love and enjoyment of reading.

Reading for all! We cannot stress enough the importance of reading on a very regular basis i.e every day preferably but at the very least four times a week for every child across the school. We want children to immerse themselves in the enjoyment of reading and to develop a love of books and a variety of authors.



read! Anytime. Anywhere. Anyhow.

Read, read, read! Regular visits to the school library encourage this, so please ensure that your child looks after the book that they bring home to share and keep it safe until it needs to be returned the following week, particularly from babies and toddlers in the household. Lost or damaged books mean less for our library and will incur a cost of replacement of £5 passed onto parents. Remember a visit to a book shop or one of Waltham Forest's libraries is a lovely way to begin to engage your child's love and engagement in reading whatever the subject!

Recommended Reading List – look at the link below for a recommended reading list by Year Group. <https://images.scholastic.co.uk/assets/a/c5/0e/creating-a-reading-spine-hand-out-2137908.pdf> The recommended books have a blurb by the side so that parents and children can then select a book to buy and read. Waterstones or The Works, the book shops in Walthamstow, have a lovely range of books in the children's section and very often two for the price of one offers.



Bug Club

Just a reminder from Mr Puddifoot about how you can log in at home to enjoy electronic books that have been selected and downloaded specifically for your child. These should be read alongside the reading book provided for your child by the teacher.

To make Bug Club's 'homecoming' as easy as possible, there is a handy trouble shooting guide for parents with lots of useful information including how to log in, allow pop-ups, clear caches, find help and more.



As for accessing Bugclub, parents can just go to: www.bugclub.co.uk

The school code is **MWJL**

Renaissance Reading MyOn - KS2

For the children to access an online reading tool so that they can access many books from home to read electronically including fiction and non-fiction. Teachers recommend books for the children to read.

The children have an individual log-in to access using their first name and then initial of their surname and the password: **read**



The children will complete reading tests based on the books they have read when they return to school. This gives the school a reading age for the children which will be shared with parents during Parent Evenings.

BBC

500 WORDS

A fun, creative story writing competition.
Opens for entries
Tuesday 29 September - Friday 6 November 2026

No need to worry about spelling, punctuation or grammar!

Prizes for the bronze, silver and gold winners!!

Write a **STORY** you would love to read

Ages 5-11

Find out more and enter at bbc.co.uk/500words

BBC BITESIZE FOR TEACHERS

WHY NOT



Results of Parent Governor Elections

On behalf of the Governing Body can I thank the two parents who took the time to put themselves forward for Parent Governor Nominations. Here are the results:

Name of Candidate	Number of Votes
Elizabeth Picart	26
Fatjona Thameli	18



Therefore **Elizabeth Picart** will become our Parent Governor and be invited to join the Governing Body for their next meeting. We welcome her and wish her all the very best in her new role.

AUSSIE RULES FOOTBALL ASSEMBLY

On Friday we were lucky enough to have a resident Antipodean, Miss Grant, deliver a hard hitting and action packed assembly on Aussie Rules Football (AFL). We learned about the different rules, how to score points and the different shaped balls. It was fun being able to contrast it with the football we are more used to in Britain.

It wouldn't have been a Miss Grant assembly without a quiz and of course Tim Tam treats for the winners. It was a great way start the day!

SOCCER FIELD vs AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL OVAL	
SHAPE Rectangular SIZE 100 – 110 m long 64 – 75 m wide GOALS 2 goals (one at each end) PLAYERS 11 per side (including goalkeeper) GAME TIME 90 minutes (2 halves of 45) BALL IN PLAY In play most of the time; out of bounds = throw-in	OVERALL Soccer is played on a rectangular field. Aussie Rules is played on a large oval. SCORING Soccer: 1 point per goal. Aussie Rules: 6 points (goal) or 1 point (behind). CROWD & SPACE Aussie Rules ovals are much larger to allow for the long kicks, open play and a bigger crowd.
SHAPE Oval SIZE 110 – 155 m long 135 – 185 m wide GOALS 4 goal posts (2 tall central, 2 shorter outer) at each end PLAYERS 18 per side (no goalkeeper) GAME TIME 80 minutes (4 quarters of 20) BALL IN PLAY In play most of the time; out of bounds = boundary throw-in	



Premiership Game

- In the AFL Grand Final, teams are going head-to-head for the AFL Premiership and the highly sought-after Premiership Cup. The team that wins this showdown walks away with the Premiership, the top honour of the AFL season, marking them as the champions of Australian rules football.
- This trophy is a testament to a team's dedication and excellence throughout the year. Winning the Premiership is the ultimate achievement for any AFL team. The Premiership Cup, a shiny silver trophy shaped like a big cup, is presented to the victorious team right after the Grand Final, celebrating their triumph.
- The AFL season begins in March and runs until late August, followed by a four-week finals series. The season concludes with the AFL Grand Final in late September, the most important match of the year.



UKS2 Boys Football Competition by Mr Combe

On 25th September, the Year 5 and 6 boys football team represented the school a tournament at Douglas Eyre with other schools in the borough.

Skipped by Oisin, we started really well and won our first match 4-0, with a hattrick from Eisa. In the next match we gave our best performance and beat a good quality Barclays team 1-0 with Shayyan scoring the only goal. We then came up against a very strong Willow Brook team. They scored two high quality goals early on and we were never able to recover. To progress to the quarter final we needed to beat St Patricks and despite taking the lead through Nathaniel, we conceded a late equaliser and went out on goal difference.

However, I have to say the way the boys conducted themselves throughout the day was exemplary and both myself and Mrs Hunter-Leitch were very impressed with them.



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

Year 3 Dress as an Egyptian Day
Thursday
22nd October
Parents welcome to come in at 3pm to see their work

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 but we are still waiting to many more!

Black History Month Lunch Thursday 15th October

As always, even if you are usually packed lunch you can change for this celebration lunch – just sign up at the office or email parents@southgrove.waltham.sch.uk so cook knows how much to prepare:

MENU

Plantain & Chickpea Curry & Rice
Jerk Chicken
Jollof Rice
Roasted Vegetable Medley
Old Fashioned Ginger Cake
Tropical Fruit Salad



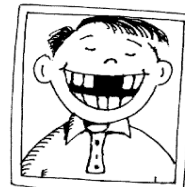
Flu Innoculations

This Thursday 8th October ~ Reception to Y6
Vaccination UK should have contacted you to confirm your preference of a nasal spray or an injection (contains no pork products)



WELL DONE!

The whole school community has helped us to once again achieve Gold Level Travel for Life for sustainable travel. Well done everyone and keep up the good work!



INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS ARE TOMORROW 6TH OCTOBER

Children - bring your smiliest faces and full uniform. Parents - if it is your child's PE day (Years 1, 4 + 6) ensure they have a jumper, cardigan or fleece to wear over their kit and a white polo shirt if you wish.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS – EXTENDED ENTITLEMENT – are you eligible?

We are asking all parents/carers (Nursery to Year 6) to complete a quick check to see whether their child may be eligible for **Free School Meals (FSM)** with the new expanded Free meal entitlement. Even if you are unsure whether you qualify, please complete the eligibility check. The check is quick and there is no obligation to then apply.

Please use the link to complete the check: <https://fsm.lgfl.net/app>

Thank you for your support.



AUTUMN WALK / JOG / RUN SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER

**Sponsored family fun event
2km round St James Park**

**See sponsor sheet at the end of
this newsletter or collect one from the office**



PLEASE NOTE
NO CHOIR
TOMORROW –
6TH OCTOBER

Please collect
children at 3:15pm



With my very best wishes

J. Maltwood.

Julie Maltwood
Headteacher

October

A child's right ...
to say what they think should
happen and be listened to (12)



Co-operation



Children have the right to give their opinions freely on issues that affect them. Adults should listen and take children seriously.

SOUTH GROVE LEARNING GALLERY

THIS WEEK: YEAR 3 & YEAR 4

Year 3

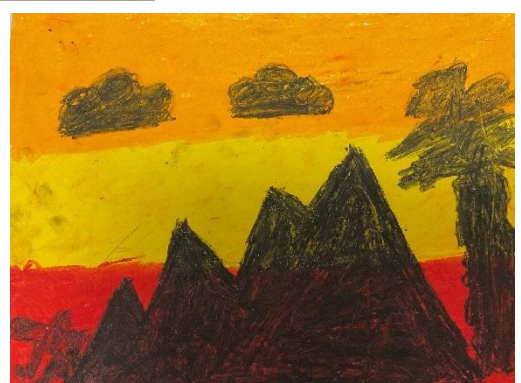
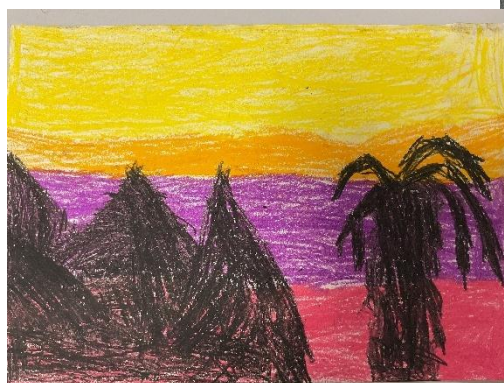
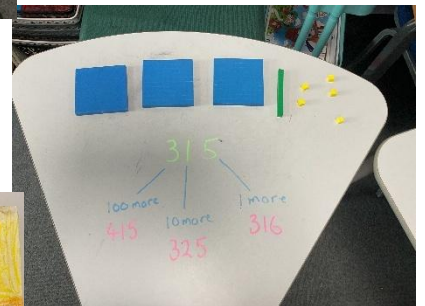
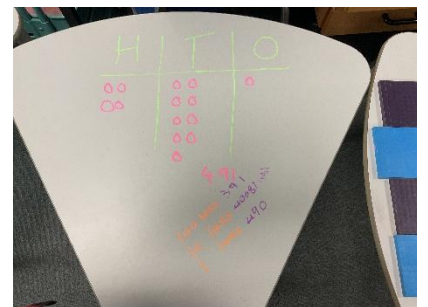
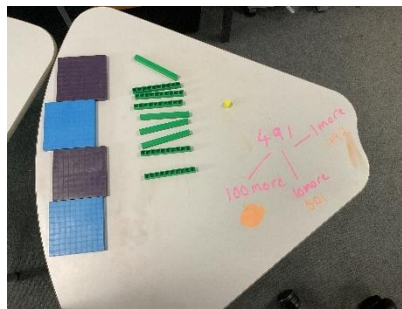
There has been lots of learning going on in Year 3!

We became historians and writers as we learned about Howard Carter and his incredible discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb.

We also explored the Death of Osiris, learning about the Egyptian gods and the stories and beliefs that were important to Ancient Egyptians.

Our creative side came out during our art activities, where we created Egyptian themed silhouette art using pastels to create our own artwork inspired by the Ancient Egyptians.

We have also enjoyed some lovely discussions about Christianity, sharing our thoughts, asking thoughtful questions and listening respectfully to the ideas of others. It has been wonderful to see the children becoming increasingly confident when explaining their ideas and responding to different viewpoints. In maths we have been working on our place value looking at what the different values of each number is in a 3 digit number and what it will become when 1, 10 or 100 are added or taken away



Year 4

Year 4 brought the legend of Rome to life! Our Year 4 students stepped back in time to Ancient Rome, trading their pencils for mosaic tiles (*paper actually*) to recreate the famous story of Romulus and Remus. After studying the myth of the twin brothers and the She-Wolf in English, the children transformed their classrooms to design a masterpiece. Using a traditional Roman palette of terracotta, gold, and stone grey, they carefully arranged hundreds of tiny pieces of paper (which they cut themselves), showcasing incredible patience, artist flair and geometric skill. Their final mosaics are a stunning tribute to the founding of Rome and will be proudly displayed in the classroom and eventually our school corridor for everyone to admire.

In addition, our historical adventures took an exciting turn as we explored Hannibal's legendary assault on Rome. To bring this gripping story to life, the children participated in an immersive English lesson, actively re-enacting Hannibal's arduous journey. They traced his historic route across the Mediterranean Sea, through Spain, over the treacherous Alps, and southward through Italy before finally arriving at Rome. The children were absolutely captivated by the experience, which truly made history come alive in the classroom.



REMEMBER – STAY SAFE AND DO NOT GO DOOR TO DOOR FOR SPONSORSHIP – JUST ASK FRIENDS AND FAMILY



AUTUMN WALK • JOG • RUN

Sunday 18 October 2026 • 2:00pm

2km around St James' Park & Low Hall Playing Fields, Walthamstow

Raising funds for the South Grove 'Stay Cool' Playground Project

STAY COOL 🕶️

Help us create more shade in the school playground and make South Grove more heat-resilient during the summer months.

Child's name: _____

Please **DO NOT** go door to door just ask friends and family to sponsor you! Write each sponsor's name and the amount they have pledged, then tick the box when you have collected it.

NAME	SPONSORSHIP AMOUNT	COLLECTED? ✓

TOTAL COLLECTED: £ _____

WALK • JOG • RUN • HAVE FUN • HELP SOUTH GROVE STAY COOL 🕶️

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN!



WALTHAM FOREST HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD PROGRAMME

MONDAY 26 – FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER 2026

AUTUMN 2026

**ARE YOU AGED BETWEEN 5–16
AND IN RECEIPT OF TARGETED
FREE SCHOOL MEALS?**

Funded by the Department for Education, the Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF) offers you the opportunity to try a wide range of free activities, have fun, make friends and enjoy a free meal everyday across the borough.



To book your place and find out more scan here



or visit

WALTHAMFOREST.GOV.UK/HOLIDAYS

Booking is essential on all activities so book early to avoid disappointment

For queries please contact the Waltham Forest Holiday Activity Programme team on:

WFHOLIDAYACTIVITYPROGRAMME@WALTHAMFOREST.GOV.UK

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