South Grove Primary School

NEWSLETTER 7 2026-2027

19th October 2026

Dear parents and carers

STARS OF THE WEEK W/C 19.10.26

N- AM	AIYAL	3G	SANA
N - PM	EISA	3SH	MAYA
RR	ANAS	4P	CARTER
RW	MATEI	4Y	MARYAM
1L	SAFANA	5A	ALEXEY
1S	CASPIAN	5F	ENXI
2DM	LILA	6M	JINXI
2H	OLIVIA	6PB	YASMINE

THE NEST - EZRA

MUSIC STARS: ZAIRA Y2 & SURI THE NEST

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY W/C 12.10.26

Best Attendance ☺ Special mention to RW, 1S, 6M & 6PB all 99% or above	**The Nest 100 %**
Best Punctuality ☺	**6PB**
Class that needs to improve their attendance	**5F 92%**
Class that needs to improve their punctuality	**3G**

Overall School Attendance this year = 95.3%

WHAT A HOOT!

Over the last two weeks our Reception children have been learning both facts about owls and the story of the Owl Babies, and so they were all very excited to see real live owls in school on Friday when they had a fabulous treat in the main hall as they met four feathery owls and their handlers from Night Owls.

The children, from Reception, Nursery, Years 1, 2, and 3, as excited as they were, sat perfectly still and listened extremely well to keep themselves safe, and very importantly not frighten the owls who came to meet us and show off their flying skills. The children and adults watched as each of the owls swooped across the hall to their owners, skimming the top of the children's head.



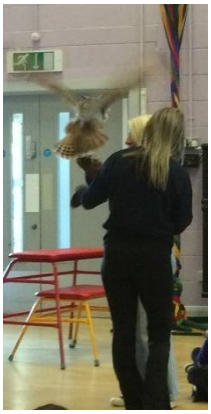
We heard many interesting facts about owls and we got to meet three different species of owls, including two types of Scops Owls, a Barn Owl and an African Spotted Eagle Owl.



To finish, we all listened to the very important message that if we love the owls and other animals we should always put our litter in a bin or take it home to recycle as owls and other animals can be injured, hurt or killed by the food and rubbish that humans discard.

It was an amazing experience for the children and to finish the experience off Dotty the gorgeous barn owl sat on our shoulders for a picture.



















Attention all Year 6 Parents…

You must apply for a Secondary School place for your child by 31st October 2026 which is the last Saturday of the Half Term Holiday.



We advise you to look 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

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

TRIPS THIS YEAR

We like to arrange a variety of enrichment trips and workshops for the children across the year which really help bring their topics alive. However, when there is a cost involved, we do rely on parent/carer donations to make these possible. It really helps when you can pay as soon as you are informed about them to ensure that we do not have to cancel them.

Thank you very much for your ongoing support for the school!



Friends of South Grove

Huge thanks to the 40 children and families who ran, jogged, walked, got pushed in buggies and successfully completed this fun event organised by the marvellous Friends of South Grove. A great time was had by all and so far it has raised about **£1700**. The rain held off and St James playground used up more energy. Once again - **Thank You!** You can drop any sponsorship money at the office.







Parents Evening – this week – make sure you have booked!

We look forward to seeing all our parents this week for the various Parents' Evenings:

Year 6 Monday & Tuesday. **1L & 2H** Wednesday & Thursday -

Reception – Year 5 on Thursday 3:30 – 8:30pm **NO COOKERY OR FOOTBALL CLUBS ON THURSDAY**

If you haven't done so already please book via this link:

https://www.southgrove.waltham.sch.uk/Parents-Evening-Booking-Page/ the times available will be within the booking link as there are different times on different days

Year 6 will need to book two appointments – one with their child's English Teacher and one with their Maths teacher

Nursery will have their parents evening later next term once they are fully settled.





Y3 Egyptian Dress Up Day & Workshop

This Thursday – if you haven't done so already – please can you pay £1.70 on ParentPay for the workshop.

Parents are welcome to come at 3:00pm to see their children's work.



Miss Maltwood will conduct tours of the building after the children have left so she can answer any questions you may have. The page on our website to book a tour can be found here:

https://www.southgrove.waltham.sch.uk/Prospective-Families/ This also gives you the opportunity to ask questions that can be answered during the tour.

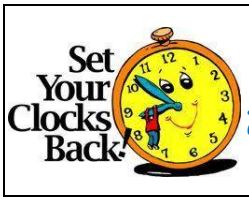
As numbers are limited, the dates will disappear from the form once they are full. Please let any friends or neighbours with children in this age range you may know about this as well.

Tour dates – all at 4:00pm except 30.11.26
~~Wednesday 14th October 4:00pm~~
Tuesday 20th October 4:00pm
Thursday 12th November 4:00pm
Monday 30th November 9:00am
Wednesday 9th December 4:00pm
Wednesday 13th January 4:00pm

Reception class admissions

Edenred

If your child is entitled to Income Based Free School Meals look out for Edenred vouchers that should be sent to you by the end of the week



2:00am 25.10.2026

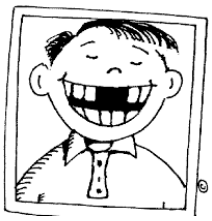
LABEL LABEL LABEL!

Please can you make sure you label your child's uniform with their name so that if it gets mislaid we can easily return it to its owner. Do remember, even if written on, it will need checking to see if it is still visible after washing and re-doing if necessary.

Names and classes (remember to update) on water bottles and packed lunch bags are really helpful too. Thank you.



Please confirm your preferences on how we use your child's photo by using this link: ***photo update***



'Old it, Flash, Bang, Wallop, What a Picture!

You should all have received the proof for your child's individual school photo. The is **Wednesday 4th November**. Please do not be late or the company cannot guarantee delivery before the end of term. Late orders also incur an extra fee.



SEND COFFEE MORNING

SEND coffee morning this Wednesday, 21st October 9:00am for a relaxed meet up with Ms Moriarty our new SENCO and biscuits!
ALL WELCOME – just come to the office

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month Lunch
was moved to **THIS Thursday 22.10.26**
all children who are usually packed lunch are welcome to change for this celebration lunch – just let the office know

Food Tasting Session with Juniper, our new Catering Providers 20.11.26 3:15pm Save the date!

SCHOOL CLOSES AT 3:15pm THIS FRIDAY FOR THE HALF TERM HOLIDAY

THE CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER – there is a Staff INSET on 2nd November

REMEMBER NO CLUBS (EXCEPT WRAP) THIS THURSDAY EVENING DUE TO PARENTS EVENING

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With my very best wishes

J.Maltwood.

Julie Maltwood
Headteacher



SOUTH GROVE LEARNING GALLERY

THIS WEEK: EARLY YEARS AND THE NEST

The Nest

In The Nest, we have been practising our mathematical skills using a variety of resources to support us. We had a go taking away two single digit numbers using blocks and enjoyed matching bears to the correct colour!





Nursery

We have had an exciting few weeks in Nursery! The children have been learning routines and settling in. The children showed off their artistic skills as they created amazing self-portraits! We have also been reading the story Titch to explore differences in sizes.







Reception

Last week was an exciting week in Reception, focussed on the Owl Babies story, complete with learning the story by heart using Talk 4 Writing. Learning the story by heart is important, as it helps support; language development, ordering of a story, recall and confidence in performing as well as a joy of storytelling. Hopefully the children have been coming home and retelling the story to you at home!



It was also exciting as we took part in our first 'formal' science experiment – formal as we are already testing out our ideas about how the world works in our learning through play, with ramps, different materials, weather and exploring the environment!

In our experiment we made 'I think and I wonder...' statements about different milk containers noticing the size and the amount of air inside them. We then saw if we could help our 'mouse' escape from the owl by forcing the air out of the container, which in turn, moved the mouse.

We then culminated in a spectacular experience which was our feathery friends the owls coming to visit. We were all very brave, and filled with awe and wonder while we learned about the different kinds of owls that were flying and even perching on our shoulder for a photo opportunity!



Here are some of our photos from the week!

















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OCTOBER MULTI ACTIVITY CHILDREN'S DAY CAMP







St. Aubyn's School,
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26th - 30th October

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Ages 5-12:
8:30-5:30pm

Drop 8:30-9:30 / Pick up 4:30-5:30

Extended day 8-6pm £5/d

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