South Grove Primary School

NEWSLETTER 8 2026-2027

2nd November 2026

Dear parents and carers

STARS OF THE WEEK W/C 2.11.26

N- AM	AMELIE	3G	SAFFIYA
N - PM	SHAAVEZ	3SH	ZAKI
RR	MADELEINE	4P	ARAS
RW	MARLOW	4Y	SAIFAN
1L	ABEEHA	5A	XINTING
1S	AMAYAH	5F	ZEESHAN
2DM	LYRA	6M	RADHIA
2H	AZLAN	6PB	AARON

THE NEST - KARNELL

MUSIC STARS: KHADIJAH Y4 & UMME RUMAN Y5

SPORTS STAR: MARYAM Y4

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY W/C 19.10.26

Best Attendance ☺	6PB 100 %
Best Punctuality ☺	1L
Class that needs to improve their attendance	2H 87%
Class that needs to improve their punctuality	6M

Overall School Attendance this year = 95.4%

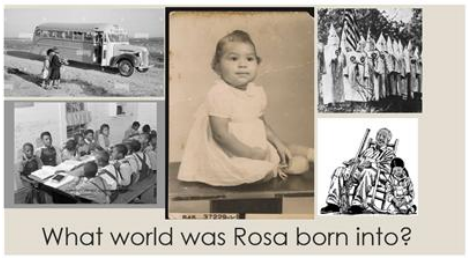


Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. It is hard to believe we are working our way towards the winter break! I trust that you had a restful break with your children and had an opportunity to catch up with them. The weather seemed kind to us too but it certainly feels like the winter months are beginning to be upon us now!

ROSA PARKS ASSEMBLY

On the last Friday before half-term, our KS2 children took part in an assembly exploring the life and legacy of Rosa Parks, one of the most influential figures in the American Civil Rights Movement.

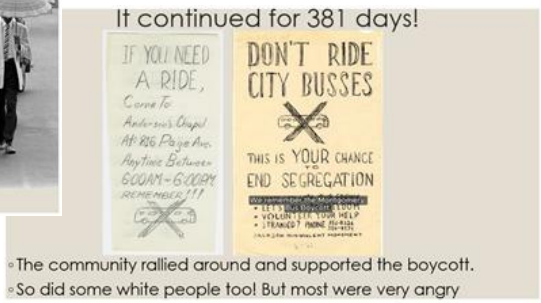
We began by learning about Rosa's childhood and what life was like growing up in Alabama, where racial segregation meant that Black people were treated unfairly and denied many of the same rights as white people. We also discovered the influential role her grandfather played in her upbringing and giving her the strength to stand up to persecution.


What world was Rosa born into?

We then explored her important role in the Montgomery Bus Boycott, discovering how her refusal to give up her seat on a bus became a defining moment in the fight for equality. We looked at how the boycott was carefully organised and how thousands of ordinary people came together, refusing to use the buses for over a year in protest against segregation. We also considered the personal impact this had on Rosa, including losing her job and facing threats against her and her family - both during and after the boycott. Although the protest helped bring about significant change, Rosa's journey was far from easy.

Rosa's story reminds us that one person's courage can inspire thousands of others, that standing up for what is right is not always easy and that positive change often happens when people work together.









Miss Maltwood will conduct tours of the building after the children have left so she can answer any questions you may have.
Closing date for applications is 15th January 2027 on the WF Admissions website

Reception class

Admissions

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

Parents Consultation Evening Feedback

I hope that most parents managed to see their children's teacher in the week before the holidays. It was an important opportunity to meet with the class teacher and one of the reasons to hold it so early in the academic year is that it gives parents the opportunity to understand the areas that their children are doing very well in and areas for their next steps in learning. We know that the support of parents is vital and valuable in helping their children develop in all areas of learning.



I trust that parents did find these meetings valuable and feel able to support their children's learning. If parents did not manage to arrange an appointment please do so with the class teacher. It really will help to support your child.

Please use this QR code to give your feedback on the evening – we would be grateful if all parents or carers who attended could do this



Poppies and other items for Remembrance

Poppies are sold in preparation for Remembrance Day which is a time to remember those who died or were wounded in World War One and Two and in every war since. They will be available from this week and next week to purchase in school.

This year we have been sent a limited number of wristbands, friendship bracelets, reflectors and ruler slapbands. The suggested minimum donation for these is £1.00; there are also the traditional red poppies for a suggested minimum donation of 50p but we hope you will be generous and give more.



All money raised will go towards providing much needed support for the Armed Forces and their families.





If you wish to give an additional donation via a card you can use the QR code (we will not be able to see this so we will not be able to give the poppies etc to your child if you donate this way unless you do this at the office)



Save the Date:
Reception and KS1 Nativity

This will be on:

Thursday 10th December at 2.30pm
and
Friday 11th December at 9.15am



Both performances are the same so we ask that you please just come to one so the most people can enjoy it!

School Trips and Workshops

We really do appreciate the fact that parents pay for these to happen. They bring a subject alive for the children and help enormously with their learning.

These couldn't go ahead though without your contributions so THANK YOU VERY MUCH!



Coming up this Half Term (info to follow)
4th November: Year 1 to Young V&A
1st December: 3G to William Morris Gallery
2nd December: 3SH to William Morris Gallery
3rd December Year 5 to V&A Storehouse
16th December: Year 2 to Revel Puck Circus

CLOSING DATE THIS FRIDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

Click here: https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words for full information.

You have until 9pm this Friday 9th November to submit your entries for this year's 500 Words story writing competition – 'Write a story you would love to read'.

Why not give it a go and if you are a bronze, silver or gold winner you could end up with a framed illustration of your story, inclusion in a book of all the winning stories, a book voucher and tea with Her Majesty The Queen!!

School Nurse Drop-in

Do you have any concerns about your child that you would like discuss with our school nurse? Or just want some advice?

Just let the office know if you would like to see her or just drop-in on the day.

Monday 9th November 9:30am – 10:30am

Wednesday 2nd December 9:30am – 10:30am

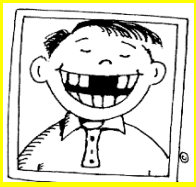
BBC Bitesize Parenting

BBC Bitesize Parenting is a place for mums, dads, carers, and the whole parenting community to find stories, expert advice and fun activities that will help you support your child in a changing world.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/parents

Photo Orders

Make sure you have your orders in by this Thursday or you may have to pay a late fee.







Year 6 only

We hope you all applied for a secondary school before the 31st October but if not you need to do so IMMEDIATELY!

NEXT MEETING:
FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER
8:50AM
COME TO THE OFFICE AFTER DROP OFF
AS ALWAYS – NEW MEMBERS ARE VERY WELCOME – COME ALONG AND HELP US PLAN THE SCHOOL DISCO!

Friends of South Grove



IMPORTANT!

Please do complete this quick form to give your permissions for how your child's photo is used at school either by clicking this link:
https://forms.gle/w8rKfMjkbP5xFgpX7
or by scanning the QR code.

January Nursery Places

If your child will be 3 by 31st December this year we still have some spaces available for a January start. Just ask at the office to apply as soon as possible.



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With my very best wishes

J.Maltwood.

Julie Maltwood
Headteacher

Remember - we are a NUT & SESAME FREE SCHOOL due to severe allergies



This Thursday's celebration menu – anyone who is usually packed lunch can change for this

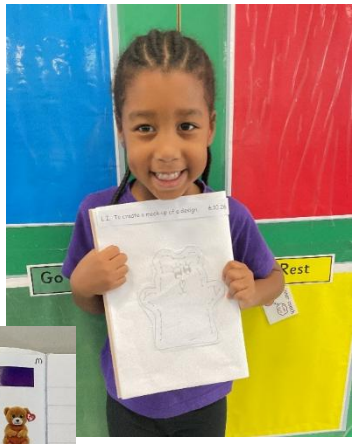


SOUTH GROVE LEARNING GALLERY

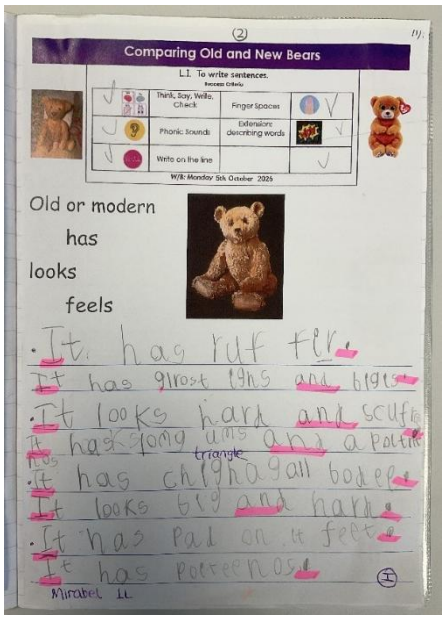
THIS WEEK: YEAR 1 & YEAR 2

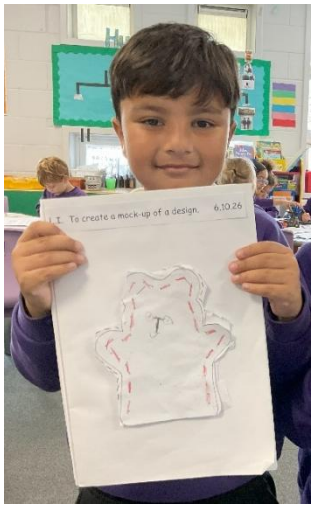
Year 1

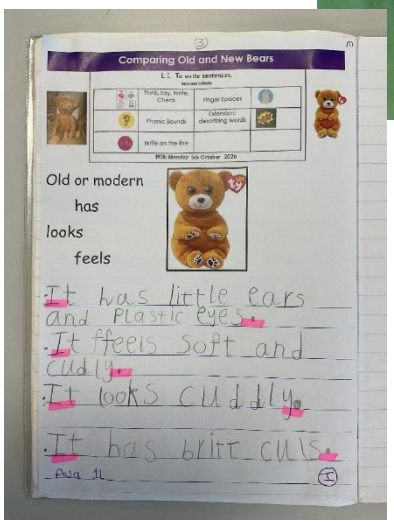
Last half term we were very busy in Year 1 exploring different materials and their properties. We also continued designing our puppets in DT and learnt how to used different words to compare toys from the past and the present.



Here is some of their lovely work!

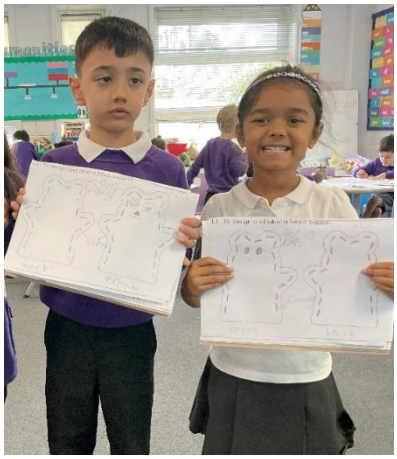






We have also been exploring one more in maths and counting on from any number. We also continued our learning about 'Old Bear' and sequenced the story using time connectives. In science, we explored different materials that things were made out of and created a design in art for a teddy bear puppet.







Year 2

Year 2 have been busy putting their artistic skills to the test! The children have been creating portraits of two very important historical figures, Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. They began by experimenting with line and tone to create their own portraits, thinking carefully about how to use different lines and shading to add detail. They then learnt a new technique called the grid method, which helped them to look closely at their chosen images and recreate them with greater accuracy. By breaking the pictures down into smaller sections, they could focus on getting the size, shape and position of each feature just right. We were so impressed with the children's patience, concentration and creativity. They should be very proud of their fantastic finished portraits.



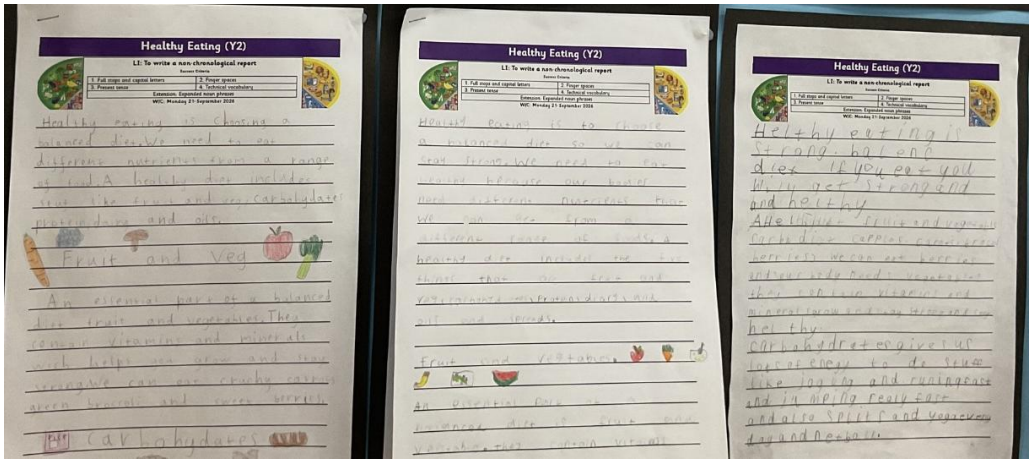
In English, Year 2 have been busy putting all their learning together to complete their non-chronological reports on healthy eating. The children did a fantastic job of organising their writing into paragraphs, using subheadings to introduce the different food groups and sharing lots of interesting facts. They drew on everything they had learnt in Science and PSHE to explain why different foods are important for keeping our bodies healthy. We were so impressed with the fantastic work they produced!

The children also had the opportunity to share their healthy eating homework projects with the class. It was lovely to see them presenting their work with such confidence and pride, explaining all the effort and creativity that had gone into their projects. Well done, Year 2 – you should all be very proud of yourselves!









Also, in PE we have been practising individual skipping and paired skipping. In Art and Science we designed healthy plates and included some of the food groups.









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Waltham Forest Feel Good Centre
170 Chingford Road, London, E17 5AA

Scan the QR code or search Better Swim School to join and find out more.

BETTER

WINTER WATER SAFETY

ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY UK

Here are some useful tips to keep safe this winter:

1. STOP AND THINK

Keep back from slippery banks and wear footwear with a good grip.

Stick to well-lit areas - the reduction in daylight in the winter adds to risks around water.

Plan your walks in daylight or along well-lit paths.

Ice can be extremely vulnerable even during periods of prolonged cold. **Never go onto the ice.**

Scan to access **free** RLSS UK resources to educate your family

3. CALL 999

Call 999 – do not enter cold water or ice to rescue.

Try and reach them from the bank using a rope, pole, tree branch, clothing tied together or anything else which can extend your reach.

2. STAY TOGETHER

Keep **children within reach** and teach children **not to go onto ice.**

Keep dogs on a lead near ice and slippery banks.

If out enjoying a winter walk, **walk with friends.**

Discover more at **rlss.org.uk**

4. FLOAT

Fall in or become tired - **stay calm, float on your back and call for help**. Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.

If you cannot climb out, wait for help and keep as still as possible. **Preserve heat** by pressing your arms by your side and keep your legs together. **Keep your head clear of the water**.

Make sure the **whole family knows basic water safety** and what to do if they find themselves in the water unexpectedly.

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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

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