



South Avenue Primary School

Newsletter

End of Term 3



Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

We can hardly believe that we are already halfway through the academic year! It has been a fantastic term, filled with exciting activities and experiences that have enriched our pupils' learning journey.

Our Year 3 pupils had the chance to explore the fascinating world of dinosaurs through a special visit from a local dinosaur expert. Additionally, Year 6 took a trip back in time to experience life during World War II, bringing history to life in a way that was both educational and engaging.

We were proud to welcome Steve Brown on Monday 10th February! This was to recognise Children's Mental Health Week 2025 and to highlight some personal challenges people can face in life.

In relation to Steve's own personal experiences (including participating in London 2012 Paralympics), Steve discussed his own emotional strength and the importance of asking for help when needed and how building your own resilience is vital.

He outlined a series of challenges in his own life that demonstrated strategies that were used that can inspire children in understanding 'anything is possible!'



We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the PTFA for organising the wonderful hot chocolate and doughnuts treat. It was a much-loved moment of joy at the end of this busy term!

As we look ahead to next term, we are excited about the learning opportunities to come. Year 2 will be heading on a trip to Kent Life, where they will immerse themselves in history and learn more about the past. We will also be dedicating special weeks to deepening our understanding in various subjects, with Science Week being a key highlight.

Finally, we would like to kindly remind all parents to ensure their children have the correct PE kit for their lessons. It is important that all pupils are fully prepared for their physical activities. This includes the removal of earrings and hair to be tied back.

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to another term full of learning, growth, and exciting adventures!

Warm regards,

Miss Cadwallader
Head of School

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We're delighted to invite you to our **Baby and Child First Aid Course** delivered by Katie McCandless (Mini First Aid Midkent). This is an opportunity to learn essential skills while supporting a wonderful cause for our school community.

 **Date: Friday, 7th March**

 **Time: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

 **Location: South Avenue Primary School**

 **Cost: £25 per person**

This CPD-accredited, hands-on course is designed for parents, carers, grandparents, babysitters—anyone who looks after children. You'll learn how to handle emergencies involving children from birth to 18 years in a relaxed and easy-to-follow format. Everyone attending will receive a booklet for note-taking and future reference.

What will you learn?

- How to get help for a poorly child
- Primary survey and dealing with an unconscious child
- Recovery position and CPR
- Burns, head bumps, and bleeding
- Shock, febrile seizures, meningitis, and sepsis awareness
- Broken bones

Why join us?

Your participation will directly support our school's efforts to empower our KS2 pupils. All profits will go towards organising a first aid training session for a group of children, enabling them to become young first aiders. These pupils will assist at our first aid station during OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning), helping create a safer environment for everyone.

Reserve your spot today!

There are 16 places available, so book early by completing this form to secure your place:

<https://forms.office.com/e/sHa132716>



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The team at Kent Life magazine, in partnership with Eclipse HR, is giving the county's children the chance to have their poem published in our spring issue of the magazine.

We are inviting Kent youngsters to send us in a poem celebrating their mum - or the person who is like a mother to them.



Suggested entry titles include: Why I love my mum; Why you are so important to me; and Why I'm thankful for you this Mother's Day.

Each entry must include the young poet's first name, age and school and should be sent as a word doc or PDF.



The Prize!

Our favourite entry will win a Buyagift Family Fun Gift Experiences Voucher, worth £49.99. The voucher offers a wide range of experiences, from solving escape room clues to bouncing at trampolining parks. A selection of entries will appear in our Mother's Day edition of Kent Life magazine.



Entries should be sent to: KentLifePoet@newsquest.co.uk no later than Friday, February 21.



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Reception have loved their Fairy tale topic this term and enjoyed dressing up for a Fairy tale Day. They have been doing a lot of retelling and acting this term, being very brave and performing in their classes.

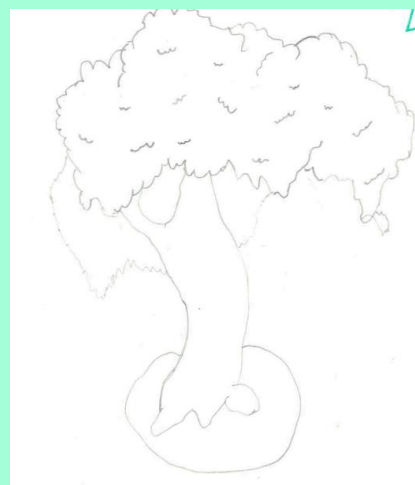
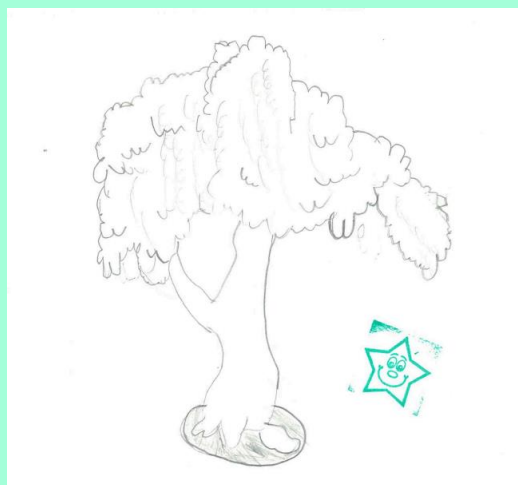


This term, our **Year 2 children** have been learning all about China!

They have built their own versions of the Great Wall, created beautiful drawings of willow trees, and discovered what school life is like for children in China. It has been a fantastic journey of creativity and learning!



Ronnie and Beryl's beautiful artwork.

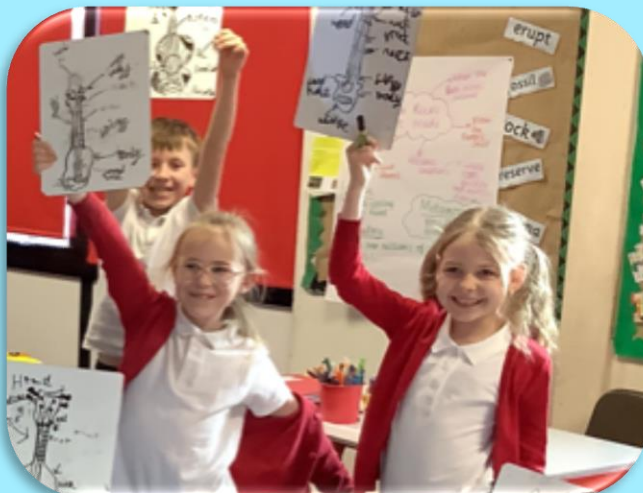


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Year 3 had a special visit from Jurassic George for a fantastic dinosaur adventure. We learnt lots of facts, saw real life fossils, carried out some excavation and of course met the dinosaurs! We had a brilliant time.



Year 3 have had an amazing time with Mr Parry as he teaches us not only how to play the Ukulele but also all about the Ukulele. We can now play two chords, are learning to read the music and are learning to play our own songs! It's lots of fun!



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The **Year 4 Government Times Tables Test** is coming up soon! Please ensure your child is regularly accessing **TT Rockstars** at home to support their practice. 🎸 ✖

If you are experiencing any issues with accessing TT Rockstars, please speak to your child's class teacher.



This term, **Year 5** have travelled back in time to explore the wonders of Ancient Greece! With the help of our very own Greek man, Mr. Savva, the children learnt the Greek language and discovered the rivalry between Sparta and Athens—training as both stealthy thieves and disciplined soldiers. They also delved into fascinating Greek myths, even creating their own powerful gods. The term ended with a fantastic Greek Day, where we dressed up, enjoyed a Greek BBQ, and tasted a variety of traditional foods. It's been an exciting and immersive experience for all!



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Year 6 had a very exciting visit from the London Rainbow Theatre company and thoroughly enjoyed the morning.



The show started outside the hall with an introduction from an Air Raid Warden, George Atkinson. He explained that the children were going back to September 1939 where war had been declared. The children then filed into a school assembly with their headmistress who informed them that they would be evacuated by train to the countryside. They learnt how to use their gas masks and then boarded the train. The children were then divided into three groups and worked with an actor to create scenes.

The show started up again at Mrs Copper's cottage, where the evacuees experienced home life during the war. Miss Harper, the headmistress, visited to see how her pupils were getting on.

The action then moved to Mr Copper's shop where Year 6 learnt about food and clothing rations.

A mother from London visited and takes her children back to the city. Back in London, they discovered what it was like to live through the Blitz and watched George Atkinson on blackout duty. An air raid siren went off and once everyone was safe in the underground shelter they all sang "We'll Meet Again". George Atkinson and some of his fire watchers (staff) then entertained everyone with a comedy routine. War was then declared as over and everyone sang and danced the Lambeth Walk.



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A huge thank you to **Total Sports Coaching** for giving our Key Stage 1 children the fantastic opportunity to enjoy the inflatables! The children had an amazing time testing their skills in the speed cage and having a go at kick darts – so many smiles and plenty of fun all around!



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MULTI FAMILY

Here at South Avenue, the Wellbeing team have been working closely with families coming together, making friends and gaining individual strength as a community. We have been meeting at regular times to help our children become more confident. Meeting other parents with the same values, talking in a forum that is safe and supported. We were able to put together weekly plans recognising the challenges around transitioning from home to the school, day to day, to helping their children develop more independence, confidence and self-awareness. Multi Families has been a great success and we intend to continue supporting our families to have regular check in termly for the parents and children.



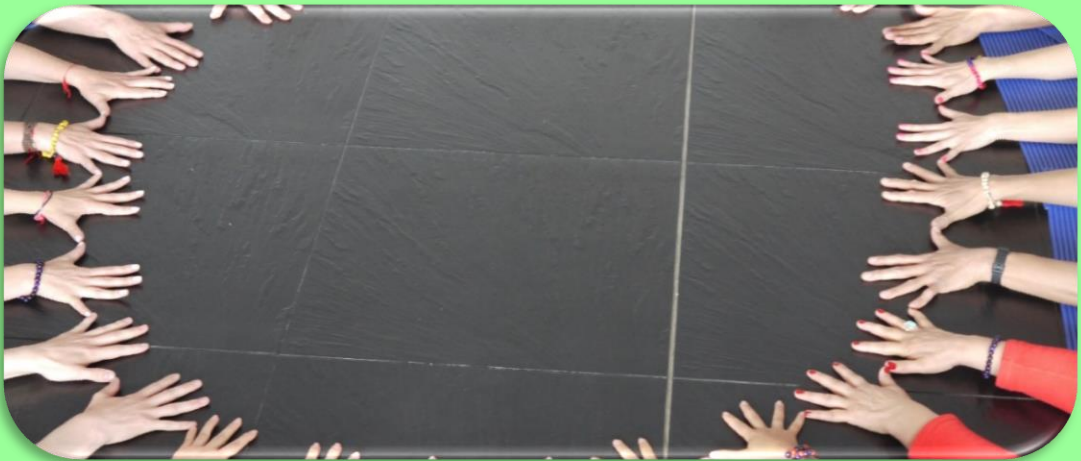
Wellbeing After School Club

We have been working this term on team building and working together, gaining friendships and confidence. We were challenged to build a bridge out of dry spaghetti in teams to work together building the biggest and strongest bridge. This was challenging but was so much fun.

The Wellbeing Ambassadors have been busy learning YOGO to be able to lead YOGO in our club/ classrooms

NEXT TERM WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOME NEW AMBASSADORS to JOIN our growing club.

We have already had support and presentations from staff Wellbeing Ambassadors wearing our green badge with pride... Miss Cadwallader, Mrs Telford, Miss Milner, Miss Green and not forgetting Frankie the Therapy Dog.



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Our School Council met this term to discuss ideas for sports that can be played, during PE lessons, for lunchtime OPAL activities and for After School Clubs. They had discussed the matter with their classes and brought this information to the meeting.

New equipment has been purchased for the school and we should start to see it being used during lessons, lunchtime and afterschool.



Five members of our Intermediate Irish Dance Club took part in a competition in Enfield, on Sunday 2nd February.

They had a very early start to the day as their competition class began at 8.00am. This competition involved many children from different Irish Dance Schools.

A big well done to Olivia A, Karina, Borisa, Olivia D and Bianca, for showing such dedication.

We are all very proud of you.



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On **Tuesday 11th February** we supported Safer Internet Day. This year the theme was "Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online." Each class received an email from Miss Sills asking them to complete a challenge, but this turned out to be a scam. We then had some important discussions about what information to share online, clicking on links and things not always being true online. Should you wish to find out more about how to support your child to be safe online, please take a look at the links below:



<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre

Tips, advice, guides and resources to help keep your child safe online
saferinternet.org.uk

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

Parents and carers | CEOP Education

Access information and resources for parents and carers on keeping your child safer online including conversation starters and video guides.

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/>

Parents & carers | Childnet

Advice for parents and carers to help support children and young people in their safe and responsible use of the internet.

www.childnet.com



<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

Talking to your child about online safety

Sometimes you might be worried about what your child's doing online or who they're speaking to, but not know how to talk to them about it. We've got advice to help.

www.nspcc.org.uk



Is WhatsApp safe for my child?

Tips to help keep your child safe on WhatsApp if you choose to ignore the 13+ age rating

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/2023-01-12-is-whatsapp-safe-for-my-child/>

World Book Day

Thursday 6th

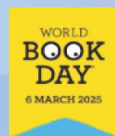
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Children are invited to dress up as a character from a book for the day. They can also bring in a book that they would love to share with their class. This can be anything, any language or book type. They will enjoy a day full of activities all around books and the love of reading!

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Scholastic books will also be on site to buy books from 07.03.25 - 14.03.25 - more information to follow soon!



Book Selfies! World Book Day Challenge



Have some fun and create your own!
There will be prizes for the most creative entries!

Google 'Book Face Friday' for more inspiration!

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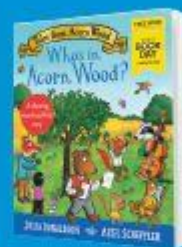
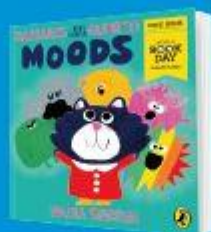
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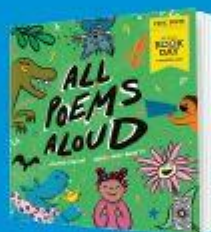
BEGINNING READERS



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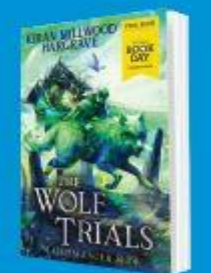
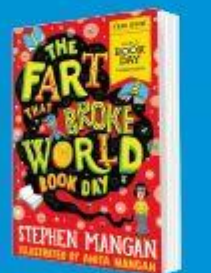
EARLY READERS



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Dates for your diary!



Monday 24th February 2025

Start of Term 4

Monday 3rd March

Y2 visit to Kent Life
Y6 secondary school offers day – Sept 25

Thursday 6th March

World Book Day

Monday 10th March

Science Week

Wednesday 12th March

Phonics Parent Workshop

Monday 24th March

Poetry Week

Tuesday 25th – 4th April

Living eggs in school for a fortnight (Infant site)

Monday 27th March

Puzzle Maths Week

Tuesday 1st April

Parent Consultations

Wednesday 2nd April

Y1 Class Assembly

Thursday 3rd April

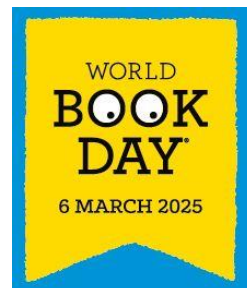
Parent Consultations

Friday 4th April

Last day of Term 4 – (School finishes at 3.15pm)

Tuesday 22nd April

Start of Term 5



Activity Clubs

An email will have been sent out to say if your child's club has finished or is continuing in Term 4.

