



South Avenue Primary School Term 2 Newsletter



Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

As we approach the end of this busy term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on some of the wonderful achievements and experiences we've shared at South Avenue Primary School. It is a truly magical time to be in school and see the excitement and joy on the children's faces as the decorations are made and displayed around the school and rehearsals for the nativities and Carol Concert began in earnest.

Our festive fun started last week with our Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day. Yet again, we thank the team in the kitchen for all their hard work on this day, in making it such a special time.



Our KS1 and EYFS children put on their performance of 'The Jolly Postman', telling us the story of the first Christmas. It was truly heart-warming to see their enthusiasm and talent shine through during these performances. We definitely have some budding stars! A huge well done to all of the children for being truly in the spirit of Christmas and supporting each other and to the staff for making these happen.



KS2 have performed their carol service at a local church. As always, they raised the roof with their singing and the service was enjoyed by all. Some children from Years 5 and 6 attended the annual Trust Carol Service at the local Methodist church. Thank you to all that attended. Watching the children across the schools come together to sing was magical.

We finished the busy week of activities with a Christmas Disco organised by our wonderful PTFA. We thank them for giving the children more opportunity for all this fun and raising funds to help support the children.

I would like to send thanks to all the staff in the school, this is a very busy time of year for us all, but without their dedication the nativities, carol service and fun would never have happened.

I also wish to extend a heartfelt thank you for your continued support. Your involvement and encouragement have been invaluable in making this term a success. As we move into the festive period, I hope you and your families have a joyful and restful Christmas.

Finally, on behalf of everyone at South Avenue, I would like to wish you a very happy and peaceful Christmas and all the very best for the New Year.

We look forward to seeing you all when we return on Monday 6th January 2025.

Happy Christmas,

Miss Cadwallader





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Information for parents, carers and guardians...



Kent School Health Service Coffee Morning

Toileting Support

Come and join us at **South Avenue Primary School**, for an informal coffee morning on **Tuesday 14th January 2025 at 10:00 am** to find out more about how to support a child who is struggling to use the toilet independently. Your child may still be using pull ups, or may be having frequent wetting or soiling accidents throughout the day - we can help to point you in the right direction with some advice, guidance and resources.

Baby and Child First Aid Course

- Date: Wednesday, 15th January
- Time: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
- Location: South Avenue Primary School
- Cost: £25 per person

Click here to book



Please click on the link for the [Swale Family Hub timetable](#)

We are thrilled to share that several classes have achieved an amazing milestone over the last two terms. Through their hard work, teamwork, and dedication, these classes have earned all their shields and were rewarded this week with a well-deserved Christmas Class Party!

Congratulations to the following classes:

- 6M
- 4G
- 3B
- 3D
- 1L
- RS

We are so proud of their efforts and achievements, and this celebration is a fantastic way to recognise their positive attitudes and outstanding behaviour.

While these classes enjoy their Christmas reward, all students will have even more opportunities in the future to earn exciting class rewards. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement of your children's efforts to follow our school values.



Christmas Class Party

SPECIAL REWARD



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Invitation to Join Our Parent-Child English Vocabulary Workshop

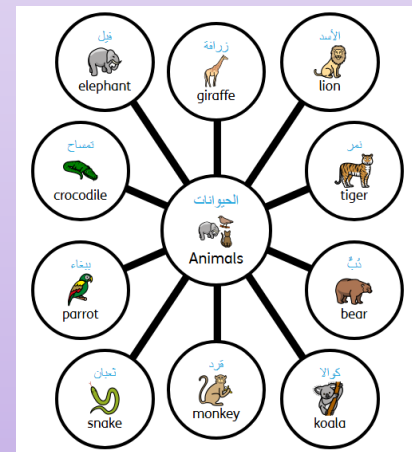
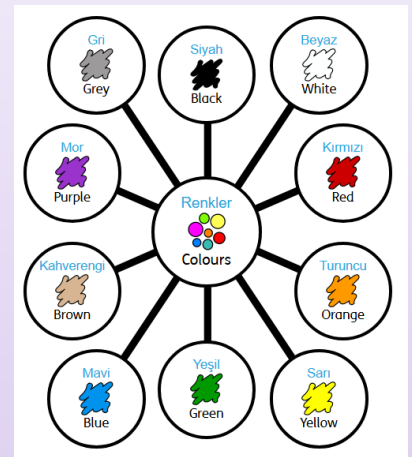
We are excited to invite you to a special 6-week workshop designed to support you and your children in developing essential English vocabulary. This workshop is tailored for parents who are not fluent English speakers or do not speak English at all. To ensure the sessions are helpful, all materials and resources will be provided in both English and your home language.

Workshop Details:

- **When:** Fridays, beginning in January
- **Time:** 2:30 PM to 3:15 PM
- **Where:** South Avenue Primary School - Thrive Mobile
- **Who:** Parents and their children (attend together)

The workshops are interactive and will focus on building the key vocabulary you and your children need for everyday communication in English. You will learn practical phrases and words alongside your children and receive resources to practice at home. At the end of each session, you will have the opportunity to collect your children and head home together.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Connect! Free Activities for Neurodiverse Young People

Connect! is a charity short breaks service, funded by KCC, for neurodiverse young people between the ages of 9 and 18. The service enables young people that struggle to access universal or mainstream services to connect through shared interests, try new fun activities and develop social skills. The aim is to empower young people to build their confidence, resilience, and wellbeing whilst at the same time giving parents and carers the chance to have a break and meet others with shared experiences. As mentioned, we are funded by KCC and there is no cost for families for activities. The service is available for young people with a diagnosis as well as those on the pathway.

We look to organise and facilitate enjoyable and enriching activities in an autism friendly environment which will be supported by our staff members, activity providers and volunteers.

We have a self-referral form which can be completed by parents/carers

<https://www.involvekent.org.uk/how-can-we-help/children-young-people-and-families/connect/>

<https://forms.office.com/e/TgFXTZiSCK> - Referral Form

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Christmas Whole School Writing Week

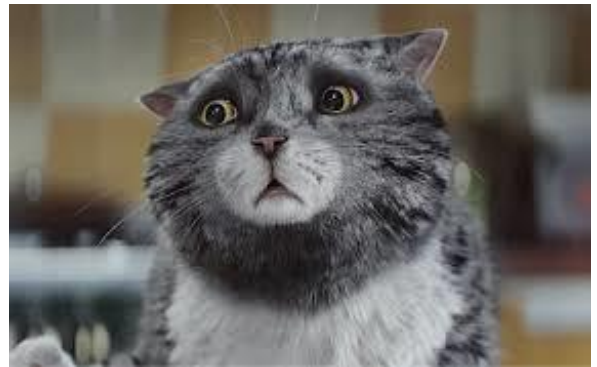
Writing fever swiftly swept through South Avenue Primary School during our fabulous Christmas Writing Week!

Each child in the school, from year R to year 6, enjoyed taking part in writing week- a fun-filled time of writing activities where our children became authors, illustrators and publishers too!

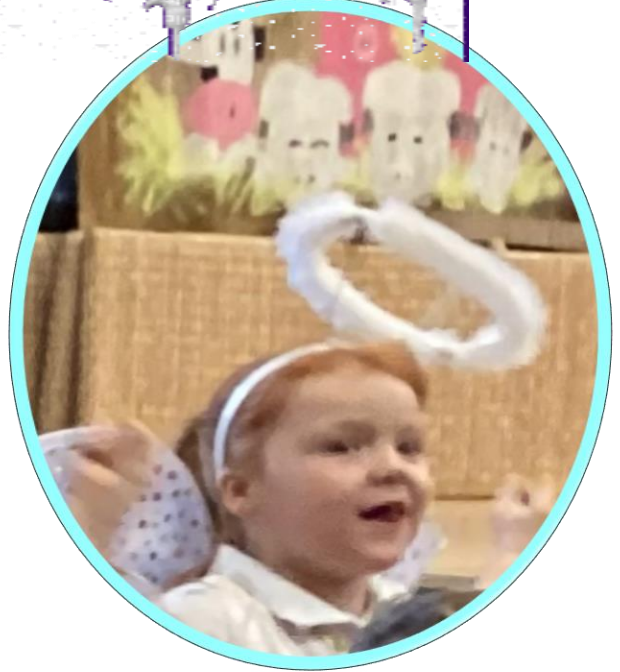
When the children arrived at school on Monday 9th December, they enjoyed a school assembly introducing them to Mog, the very clumsy (naughty) cat and his 'Christmas Calamity'. This short film (originally made by Sainsburys as their 2015 Christmas advert) and based on the book by Judith Kerr, became the inspiration for our children to write their very own 'Christmas Calamity' stories.

By the end of the wonderful week, every child became an author through planning and writing. Children were not only authors, but skilled illustrators and publishers too!

Teachers, and - most importantly - the children had an amazing week.



It's Christmas Time
at South Avenue!



RT, RS, 1L, 1HA, 2B and 2H
proudly present... *The Nativity*





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Welcome to the new School Council.

At the end of last Term, elections took place for the new School Council. A BIG THANK YOU to all the children who wrote and applied to be considered for election. All their names were put forward and classes cast their votes by completing a ballot paper. Votes were counted and announced in assembly.

Please meet our new School Council for 2024/2025. They have already been busy chatting with their classes and recording ideas and views for the next meeting.





WINNING DANCERS!!

Some of our Year 1 and Year 2 children attended the Sittingbourne and Sheppey School Games Dance Festival and Competition last week.

It was a wonderful afternoon of dance, where 5 schools performed for each other and for parents. Our children were great representatives for South Avenue and won the competition. They each received a medal and a certificate and performed their Christmas dance for the whole school in assembly the following day.

Well done children, you were dancing superstars!





Parent Workshop

Aimed at parents of children in primary school

Kent Emotional Wellbeing Teams
Medway Emotional Support Teams

Understanding ADHD in Children

Tuesday 14th January 1 to 3 p.m.

Do you have **questions about ADHD?** Maybe your child has received a **diagnosis**. Would you like to come and **meet with other parents and carers** and learn about ways to **support your child?**

You are invited to a **workshop about understanding symptoms of ADHD**. We also discuss **helpful strategies that you can use at home** to help support your child.

This workshop will be held at South Avenue Primary School.
If you have any questions please speak to Mrs Telford

We look forward to meeting you.



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The Friends of South Avenue would like to say a huge, 'Thank You' for all your support throughout the year! With your unwavering support we have been able to provide some amazing experiences for our children ... there were cookies for everyone to celebrate the amazing SAPS Got Talent show, scientific calculators for our year 6s to take to secondary school with them, dolls houses for Year 1, prizes for our family writing competition to The Light Cinema, play equipment for the Early Years and Key Stage 1 team as well as the unveiling of our main project; the incredible new playground equipment which has been a huge hit with all the school!



We've enjoyed celebrating the festive season with our wonderful Christmas Market, our hot chocolate Wednesday, the Colour Hamper Raffle and the Christmas Disco!



This year the disco was provided by the very talented Sure Sound Entertainment - be sure to look him up on Facebook or www.suresoundentertainment.co.uk .

A fantastic time was had by all.

We'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Christmas break and a very happy new year! We've got lots planned for exciting projects in 2025!

From the PTA Team

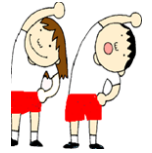


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Lost Property

Please can you ensure that all items coming into school are clearly named, so that any misplaced items can be quickly returned to your child. This includes coats, hats, gloves, lunch boxes, water bottles, etc. as well as school uniform and PE kit.



Breakfast Club and the Platinum After School Clubs resume on Monday, 6th January. Please don't forget to send in booking forms in good time as due to staff/pupil ratios, places cannot always be guaranteed. Booking forms can be found on our school website within the Info section.

The children have been busy preparing for Christmas and Breakfast Club enjoyed a special visit from The Grinch!



On behalf of everyone at Breakfast Club and After School Club we wish you a Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.



Dates for your diary!

Monday 6th January

Start of Term 3

Friday 14th February

LAST DAY OF TERM 3 (School finishes at 3.15pm)

Monday 24th February

Start of Term 4

Staff Development Days for 2024/25 Monday 21st & Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Term 3 PE Days

YR Tuesday

Y3 Thursday

Y1 Wednesday

Y4 Wednesday (Swimming)

Y2 Tuesday

Y5 Thursday

Y6 Monday

Just click on the Think U know link for more information on supporting parents with parental controls on new items that your children might receive from Santa.

