



# South Avenue Primary School End of Term 4 Newsletter



Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

As we approach the end of term, I would like to take a moment to thank you for your continued support throughout the school year. It has been a wonderful term, and I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved break. We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Tuesday 22nd April 2025**.

This term, we celebrated **Science Week**, and the theme was all about **change**. The children engaged in various experiments and activities across the school, exploring how different things have changed over the years, including a focus on technological advancements. We are proud to share that we have entered some of our work from the week into a national competition, and we are keeping our fingers crossed for a prize this year!

We held a **Maths Puzzle week** across the school in Term 4! Children were presented with a selection of puzzles which required them to work on a range of problem-solving skills. They were encouraged to work systematically, pick out the most important clues first and try to come up with their own recording systems. Finally, and most importantly, they had to self-check to see if their final answers were correct. A celebration assembly was held on Friday where certificates were handed out.

Our **Year 2** students had a fantastic time during their trip to **Kent Life**, where they explored life from the past. They especially enjoyed learning about history in the old house and even had the opportunity to meet **Samuel Pepys**, which was a memorable experience for them.

We also celebrated **World Book Day** with another fantastic event. Our theme in school this year was **Traditional Tales**, and many staff and children dressed up in costumes to bring the stories to life. It was a delight to see the creativity in both costumes and story writing as the children took part in writing their own stories based on traditional tales.

To end the term, we visited the local **Baptist Church** to share our **Easter Celebrations** together. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the church for their support with this event. The children were exceptionally well-behaved and sang beautifully, making it a special occasion for all involved.

Thank you to everyone that booked a parent consultation. We hope that you enjoyed these being face to face once again. It is so lovely to be able to share the children's hard work with you. I hope the discussion was informative, and you found it helpful. Your presence at the parent consultation demonstrates your commitment to your child's education. We are confident that together, we can work towards achieving their goals.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support. We wish you all a restful and enjoyable break, and we look forward to seeing you when we return on the 22nd April.

Warm regards

Miss Cadwallader



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This year the theme of British Science Week was 'Change and Adapt' and children across the school took part in a range of activities exploring these themes. We took part in sustainable farming workshops, built wormeries, made models to simulate the melting of glaciers, investigated how to change the pitch of sounds, created animals that were adapted to different habitats, looked at how coins have changed over the years, considered how to make playground games more inclusive, observed how different types of sugar dissolve and explored the environmental impact of flushing different materials.

Jad 1HA 'I like Science, it's so cool!'

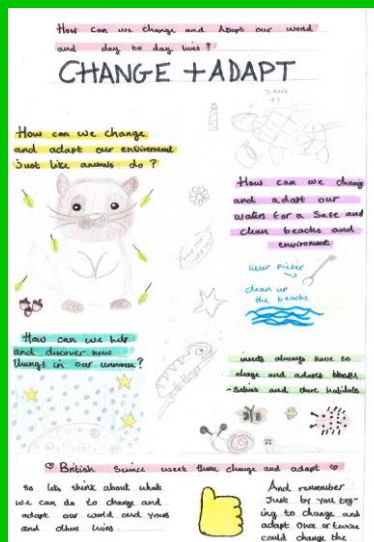
Bairravi 2H 'We used water to make high and low sounds - I love science week!'

Tommy 3D 'I liked learning about life cycles and how things change and evolve.'

Saffron 4G 'I love science actually because you get to learn new things about animals and make things like wormeries.'

Frazier 5B 'It's really fun doing different experiments and activities'

Katrin 6M 'It's fun, like experiments investigating whether to flush different materials.'

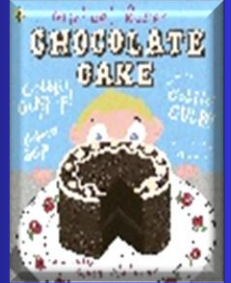


## Whole School Performance Poetry Week 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025

During this whole school writing week, the children had a great time reading, writing and performing poetry.



Monday began with an assembly listening to children and poets performing poetry, and then Class RS burst onto the screen performing Michael Rosen's hilarious 'Chocolate Cake' poem.



Assembly ended with the whole school joining in a performance of 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' - a poem we all knew very well!

Each class chose a poem to rehearse and perform in Friday assembly, showing off their new-found poetry performing skills - the children and the adults all said they'd had a fun week and the performances were amazing!

### Pupil Voice Performance Poetry Week

'I didn't really like poetry... until this week!'

'I really enjoyed the drama, wish we could do more in all subjects!'

It's been great, I really liked that we all worked on our poem together.'



### Teacher Voice Performance Poetry Week



'I've had such a lot of fun this week – and the children have loved it too!'

'It's the most engaged I've known my children to be in English!'

'I think the children have all grown in confidence this week!'

'Didn't realise it was a competition, everyone's gone all out!'



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# Friends of



Last week we celebrated all the special ladies in our lives with a wonderful Mother's Day tea. It was lovely to welcome over 100 Mums and 150 children to enjoy a cup of tea and a slice of cake! We'd like to say a special thank you to all who helped make this possible with an extra special mention to the fabulous Mrs Lofts and Mrs Millen who organised the event.



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*Tea time*



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### Design an Easter Egg Competition

Thank you for all your incredible entries, it was so very difficult to decide on the winners from each year group! Well done to you all and after much deliberation we are pleased to announce the winners as:

- Reception: Thea
- Year 1: Hannah
- Year 2: Millie
- Year 3: Ruby
- Year 4: Warren
- Year 5: Borisa
- Year 6: Sapphire



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Living Eggs in School!

We were once again delighted to invite the Living Eggs Experience into school. Ten eggs were delivered in an incubator and the children were fascinated and excited to watch the eggs hatch one by one into adorable, fluffy chicks - six boys and four girls!



*Collaboration, Commitment, Creativity, Courage, Community & Challenge*

Children from Reception to Year 4 attended an Irish Dance Workshop. Danielle and Jess, from the AMDC Irish Dance School taught the children some fundamental Irish dance steps. It was great to see everyone having so much fun and what amazing dancers we have at South Avenue!!! There are still a few places available at our afterschool Irish Dance Beginners Club, which runs on a Friday, 3.15 - 4.15. Please contact the office if your child would like to attend.



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Year 3 had a great time with our puzzle week as we solved sudokus, logic and reasoning puzzles! Well done to Jessica, Evie, Aaima and Teddy for their silver certificates for amazing puzzle solving skills!

We loved taking part in the Irish Dancing demonstration and were very impressed by the performances given by our experienced dancers!



Our Science Week was all about adaptations and change and we did lots of exciting experiments including learning all about glaciers and the impact of rising global temperatures on them. We made our own table top glaciers and measured how long it took for them to melt. We also built a wormery and monitored how their habitat changes over time and investigated how coins are different depending on how old they are. Did you know not all coins are magnetic?





**SAPS**  
**Spring Disco**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025**

**Tickets available through  
PTA Events website**

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## *Dates for your diary!*

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2023**

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

**Monday 2<sup>th</sup> June**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June

Wednesday 2<sup>th</sup> July

Wednesday 1<sup>th</sup> July

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July**

**Start of Term 5**

Y5 trip to Harry Potter Studios

**SCHOOL CLOSED FOR BANK HOLIDAY**

Class photographs with Julian Austin Photography

KS2 SATS week

Y1 Belmont House trip

Sports Day (to be confirmed)

**Last day of Term 5 – (School finishes at 3.15pm)**

**Start of Term 6**

Non Fiction Book Making Week

Y6 visit to *Clip and Climb* and Sports Hall Activities at Swallows

Y6 Picnic and Games at the Park

Y6 trip Go Ape at Leeds Castle

RT Wingham Trip

Y6 Bowling at the Light, Sittingbourne

RS Wingham Trip

Y6 Water games and Fish & Chip Supper

**Last day of Term 6 (School finishes at 1.30pm)**



**After school clubs will continue to run in Term 5.**

Watch out for an email advising you about the clubs that are finishing this term and the clubs that are continuing next term

Mrs Lofts invited parents in to do a **Cooking on a Budget course**. This was funded and run by Kent Adult Education. Every week the group made a dish together and then took home the ingredients to make for their families. Everyone enjoyed it and decided as a group that they would like to do some more learning and so **Keeping up with English** is running next term. This enables parents to find out how their children are learning things in school.

If anyone would like to join the group please let Mrs Lofts know. It runs from 1pm on a Thursday afternoon.

