



# South Avenue Primary School Newsletter Term 1



Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

Wow! What a busy and exciting term this has been. We have welcomed our new Year R children and they have transitioned beautifully in to school life. It has been lovely to watch their independence grow as they settle in to the routines of the school day. We are also delighted to have pupils and their families join us across the Primary phase and we are now full in every year group. We have also welcomed new staff to the South Avenue family, including our own in-house catering team and I am pleased to say that take up and feedback on the school lunches has been very positive.

After an unprecedented and at times challenging 18 months since the COVID pandemic and the lock downs that followed, it has been wonderful to see the school 'alive' again with our before and after school provision in full swing – after school activity clubs starting up again, with even more, twelve in fact, running at lunchtimes and after school in Term 2. Sadly, as you will be aware we have seen cases in the last fortnight; however, in line with our COVID risk assessment and Public Health England advice in place, these have been restricted to Upper School and we are hopeful for a smooth start to Term 2.

It has been a pleasure to welcome visitors into school again and at the start of term we were all inspired by our visiting author, Steve Clifford, who spent 4 days in school with the children in Years 1-6.

We are also appreciative of our volunteers, Mr Till and Mr Boorman who come into school and support the children with their reading.



Our PTFA is back up and running and we are grateful to parents for both volunteering their time to help with future events and everyone that has supported their child(ren) with their Luna Competition entries and Christmas Design orders.

There has been a real buzz around the school as the children engage in their learning. Year 3 took part in a live lesson with the National Farmers Union, when they enjoyed a virtual tour of the country, visiting an arable farm, dairy farm and a cheesemaker! Year 5 reached for the stars with a giant astrodome in the hall and were treated to the sights and sounds of space and Year 6 had an explosive time when they worked together in small groups to make their own erupting volcanoes!

This term, we held Meet the Teacher sessions for parents, which were very well attended and next term, we will be holding Parent Consultations via telephone, at the beginning of November, which will give parents the opportunity to talk to their child's class teacher. If you have not already returned your preferences slip, please don't forget to do so.

On Monday, we held a special Harvest Festival via Teams, when we gave thanks for the gift of food. It was wonderful to hear each class present their chosen song or poem to the school through the medium of digital technology! Thank you on behalf of the Sittingbourne Foodbank for all your donations of food and other items, which will greatly benefit those in need, within our local community.



Term 2 will be another busy term with the run up to all the magic of Christmas! We understand that this time of year can also bring additional pressures for families – Mrs Loftis, our Family Liaison Officer is available to talk to for help with services and agencies who may be able to offer additional support.

Our congratulations go to Miss Edwards, who gave birth this term to a beautiful baby girl.

Finally, I would like to wish all our pupils and families a restful half term – I think we will all be grateful for the chance to recharge our batteries. For those that will be celebrating Halloween, enjoy and stay safe.

I look forward to seeing you all on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Kind regards

Miss Cadwallader  
Head of School

We are delighted to be welcoming Jo Clarke, Author and TV Presenter to South Avenue



On Tuesday, 2nd November, Year 6 will be having a workshop from Jo Clarke: presenter of CITV's Wild World and children's author. Jo has kindly sent us a discount code for her latest book 'Spellboda'. If you would like to purchase a copy, please use the link and code in the below flyer. Children can then bring their copy in on 2nd November for Jo to sign at break time.

## TRUST, BELIEF and a little MAGIC... then maybe they could both FLY FREE

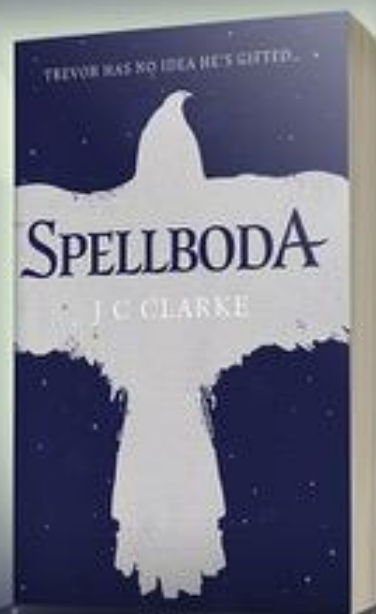
Since Trevor's mum died his dad can barely look at him without yelling. Home is awful, school is worse. People just let you down, and Trevor only talks to Mrs. Bingo-Wings, his mum's cat.

But then he meets Midge, a peregrine falcon in danger, and finds out he has a gift that could change his life forever.

Buy Spellboda at  
[www.bookguild.co.uk/bookshop](http://www.bookguild.co.uk/bookshop)

Enter SPELLBODASCHOOL for 30%  
discount

Jo will sign copies brought into school  
on our visit day **Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November**





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

## **Year R**

This term has been a busy one in Reception and the children have fully engrossed themselves in our topic 'Our Super Selves' whilst settling into their new classes. It has been lovely to see how the children have made new friends and have had fun learning together.

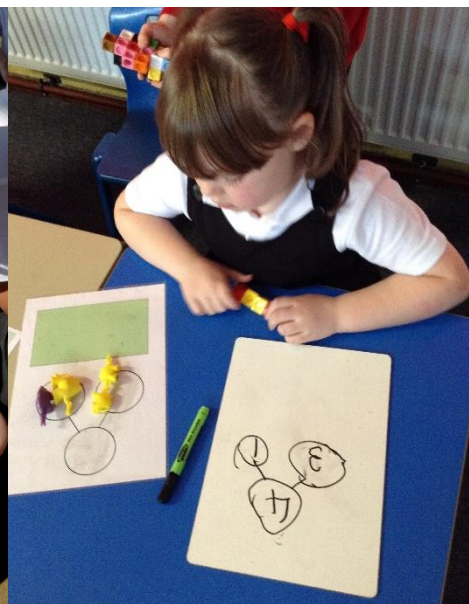
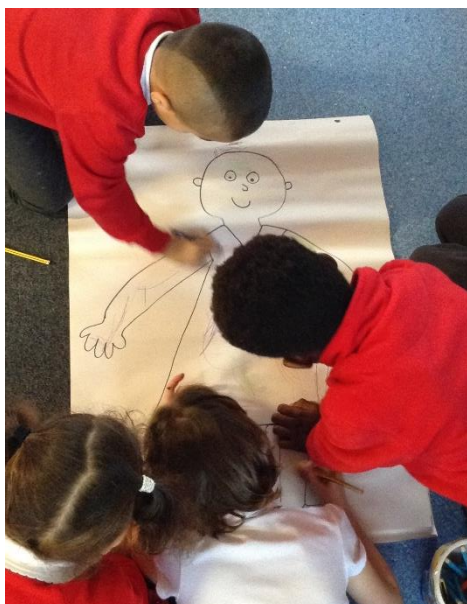
The outside area has proven to be very popular; especially digging in the mud pit and making cakes in our mud kitchen!



During our topic the children have had the opportunity to talk about themselves and create self-portraits using lots of different materials. They enjoyed telling their new friends and teachers about their home and family.

We pretended to be superheroes and thought about what our super hero powers would be. We all agreed we'd like to be able to fly but Lilly-Ann told us 'I will be a super helper!' What a great idea!

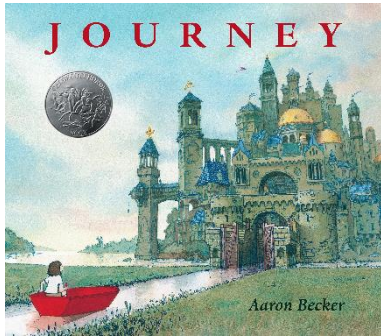
**Year 1** have really settled well into their class routine. We have enjoyed learning 'about our bodies', using Google maps to research the area around our school and developing our Maths and Phonics knowledge and skills. We are so proud of how hard the children have been working! Keep it up Year 1, you are amazing!





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'Year 2 had lots of fun taking part in art work inspired by a picture book called 'The Journey'. The children created their own setting that they might find behind 'the magical red door.'



This term, **Year 3's** topic was '**Over the Bridge, Under the Bridge**'. We have learnt that not all bridges are built the same and there are many different structures to suit what the bridge is used for.

The children had great fun, working in groups, planning and creating their own bridge models. The structures had to be strong enough to support a toy car travelling along them!





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This term, Year 4 have been learning all about the Romans. They have learnt how to make their very own shields and helmets. We have also enjoyed learning about the invasion of the Romans in England and how the Romans became more and more powerful. Year 4 were also taught, in art, the method of making their own mosaics. Within the topic of the Romans we have discussed famous figures such as Julius Caesar and Boudicca. Boudicca has been linked to our English lessons and we have written a fact file all about her. The children have really enjoyed this topic and we will continue learning more about the Romans in Term 2



## ASTRODOME

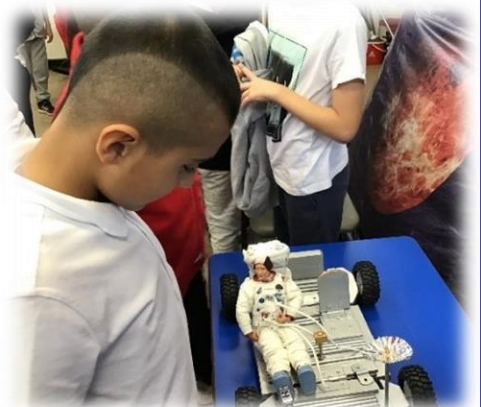
No. 1 MOBILE SCHOOL PLANETARIUM

This term, Year 5 went on a journey through our solar system in the Astrodome.

We learnt all about the different planets that make up our solar system, and even saw some shooting stars!



The children in Year 5 were able to listen and experience the sights and sounds of Space in a large astrodome. They learned all about the constellations, facts and information about the planets in our solar system and amazing Space travel facts as well. This fascinating workshop really brought to life how large and infinite the universe is.





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In Year 6, this term, the children have been looking at natural disasters. They created their own volcanoes from a cardboard structure, then paper mâché before painting the designs. The children loved completing an exciting experiment of creating lava that flowed out of the tops of the volcanoes.

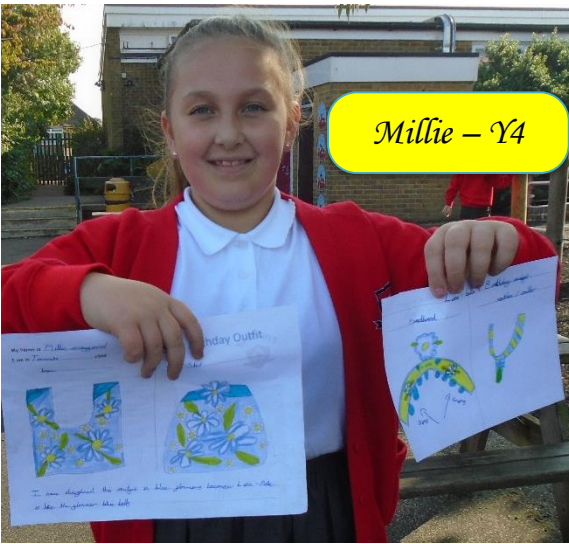


*Introducing our Prefects – Kim S, Kara B, Ruby Rose G & Ethan K*

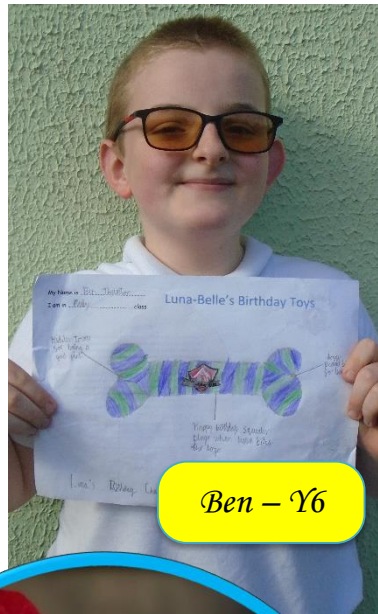


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Millie – Y4



Ben – Y6



Annie – Y1

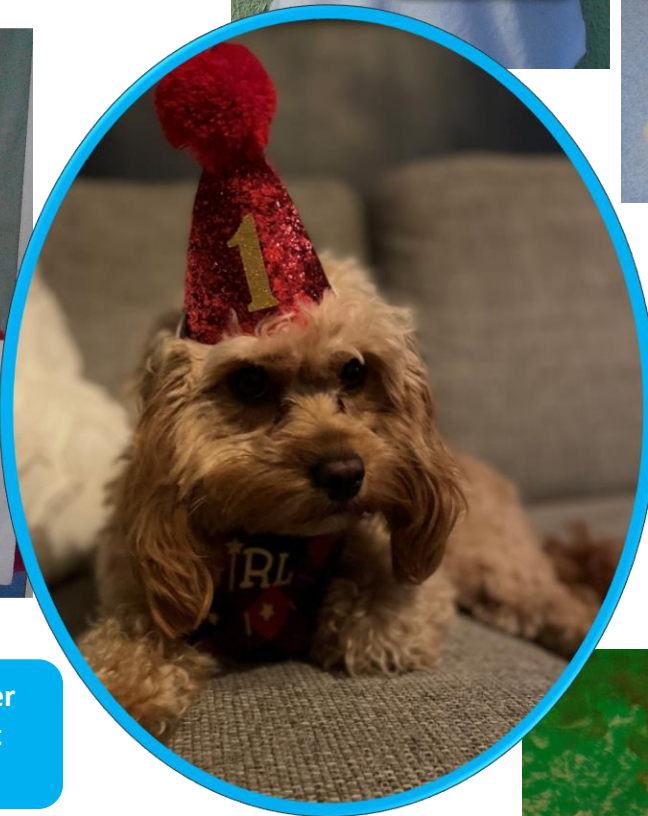


Congratulations to the winners of our Luna Birthday Competition

Katrin – Y3



Well done too, to Amber Class who had the most entries submitted!



Patryk – Y5



Felicity – Y2



FREE EVENT  
HEAD OVER TO MILTON CREEK  
COUNTRY PARK, SITTINGBOURNE  
THIS HALF TERM FOR A

# Spooky Halloween Door Hunt!



25TH - 31ST OCTOBER 2021

Download your trail sheet at  
[www.roleplayrascals.com](http://www.roleplayrascals.com)

This is a free event by Role Play Rascals  
Faversham and Milton Creek Country Park



MILTON CREEK  
COUNTRY PARK



# Collaboration, Commitment, Community & Challenge

## Dates for your diary!



### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November

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Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

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**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

W/E 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

### Start of Term 2

Deadline for secondary school applications

Y6 workshop with visiting Author, Jo Clarke

Braiswick Photographers in school for individual pupil photographs

Parent Consultations via telephone (3.30-5pm)

Parent Consultations via telephone (4-7pm)

Remembrance Day

Y2 visit to the Light Cinema, Sittingbourne to watch Abominable (a.m.)

Whole School – Sports Activity workshops

Whole School – YR-Y6 Flu immunisation – nasal spray

Open day for new Reception pupils (Sept 2022) by appointment only

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**Staff Development Day –SCHOOL CLOSED**

Y6 visit to The Sittingbourne School to see Matilda performance (p.m)

Christmas Design orders due into school

KS2 Carol Concert at St Michael's Church

Christmas Fair (2.30-4.30pm)

Whole school Christmas Dinner

Whole school Sleeping Beauty Panto – (Swallows Leisure Centre)

**LAST DAY OF TERM 2 (School finishes at 1.30pm)**

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

**Start of Term 3**

**Remaining Staff Development Day for 2021/22 – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022**



### PE Kit

Please can we ask that you check that all your child is coming to school in the correct PE kit on their PE days. Plain white T-shirt and red shorts. (Current pupils may continue to wear black or navy shorts, but when they are replaced this should be with red shorts).

Children should also have plain tracksuit bottoms and long-sleeved top. Plimsolls or trainers for outdoor P.E. Football/rugby tops/shorts are not acceptable as P.E. kit.

Thank you for your co-operation.

### Road safety and parking outside school

Please can we ask for your continued support to park carefully and considerately at the busy pick up and drop off times. Please do not park on verges or footpaths and please take care that you are not blocking driveways.

