



South Avenue Primary School Newsletter Term 5

Dear Parents, Carers & Guardians,

Wow! I can't believe we are already at the end of Term 5 and what a lovely way to end the term with Sports Day on Thursday and our Jubilee celebrations on Friday.

It was so nice to once again welcome families into school for Sports Day and I know the children loved the chance to show their sporting prowess and team spirit to family members. Even the weather was on its best behaviour which made such a difference.

Year 5's trip to London was a great success despite the showers and the children's behaviour was exemplary – they were a real credit to South Avenue.

I would also like to make a special mention and congratulate our Year 6 and Year 2 pupils who have worked incredibly hard this year for their end of Key Stage SATS. You have made your teachers very proud!

Year R and Y1 enjoyed performing their class assemblies to their families this term and Year 1 and Year 3 parents really embraced the after school Reading Rock Stars sessions – the teachers and of course your children really do appreciate your support with these events and all were well attended. If your child's class has not had their class assembly yet look out for the date in Term 6.

As you are passing the roundabout at the bottom of South Avenue/A2, please take a moment to admire the flower bed which has just been planted this week – designed by Alex in Year 4! You will also see crowns made by each Year Group in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee.

The children have greatly enjoyed researching and learning all about Queen Elizabeth II and were very impressed with the length of her reign! They have produced some fantastic work which has been displayed around the school – a small selection included on this page. We really do have some talented budding writers and artists!

We had great fun dressing up on the last day of term – each year group representing a decade of the Queen's reign from the 1950s to present day. They also had the opportunity to share their learning with each other, across the school. The party food kindly donated by parents went down a treat and was enjoyed by all.



Thank you once again for your generous donations for the Ukrainian Appeal – I know sometimes we can feel powerless with global disasters but your efforts with all our fundraising really do make a difference to people's lives and we are very proud of our school community for coming together in support.

Finally, I wish you all a wonderful half term and Jubilee weekend – let's hope we have some good bank holiday barbeque weather!

I look forward to seeing everyone on our return on the 7th June for the start of Term 6.

Miss Cadwallader
Head of School

After School Club made a special card for the Queen and wrote individual messages.

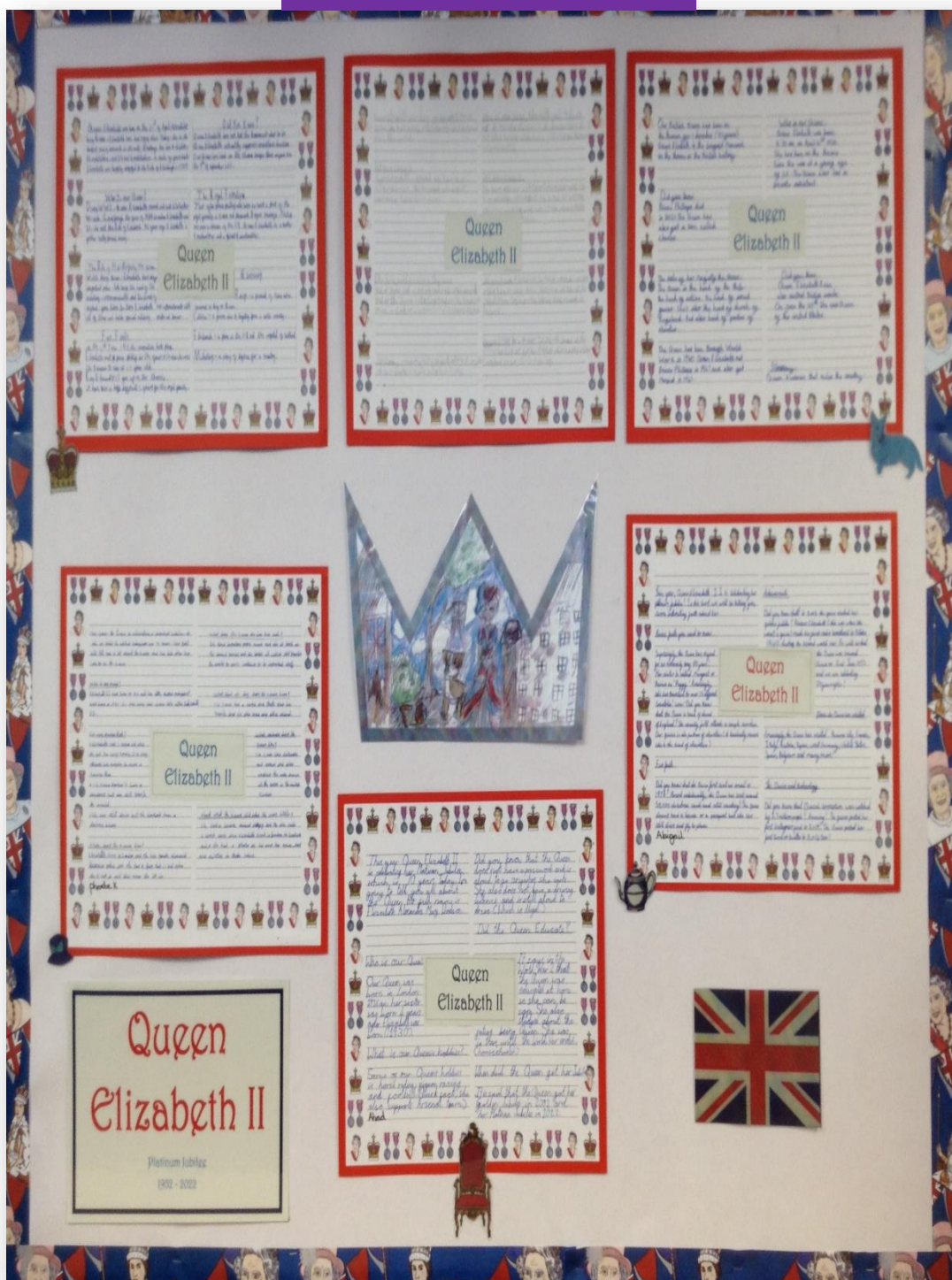


Y6 portraits of the Queen



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Y4 fact file on Queen Elizabeth II



Congratulations to Alex, in Y4 whose winning design for this Year's Royal theme Sittingbourne in Bloom competition has now been planted out.



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The **History Detectives** team worked hard to research, design and build their own local project all about the Sittingbourne and Kemsley Light Railway which we entered in the Anthony Buckingham Memorial Prize, with a focus on 'Uncovering Sittingbourne's History'. Although we did not win the judges were amazed by the effort and pride that had gone into our entry. We are very proud of you all, well done!



Last term we ran an Easter egg decoration competition for Vision For Education. Out of hundreds of entries across Kent schools, **Ben T was the worthy competition winner**. He was presented with his prize by Mr Ghebre who had been very impressed by the standard of entries from all at South Avenue. Each person who entered also got a certificate, congratulating them on their wonderful designs.

I hope Ben enjoys his prize and I look forward to seeing more entrants for future competitions. Well done on all your creativity. Congratulations Ben!



Thank you for the wonderful donations from our local Tesco store, which included bananas and printing paper.

Andrea Borgogna, Store Manager said "It is a pleasure for me and Tesco to be part of a nice community like Sittingbourne".

We are looking forward to working with Tesco to support the community, and working together on future donations and projects.



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Reception classes

'Nature is a tool to get children to experience not just the wider world, but themselves' (Stephen Moss)

This term Peridot class have been extremely fortunate to have 'Forest school' sessions organised by Miss Stevens who is a trained forest school leader. At the beginning of each session the children are reminded of the forest school rules and have shown respect in following them.

It really has been the highlight of the children's week and it has been a delight to see the children confidently explore their environment; asking questions, taking risks and working collaboratively on group projects. The children have made nature bracelets, climbed a tree, searched for minibeasts and worked together to make a bug hotel.



Reception classes cont.

Our topic this term has been Fur, Feathers and Scales. We were very lucky to have a visit from Creepy Claws. Michael, from Creepy Claws, brought along lots of interesting animals including a snake, a bearded dragon, a hedgehog, a guinea pig, a chinchilla, a chick and a tarantula called Rosie. Some of the children were brave enough to hold Rosie and had to be very careful with her as she is very delicate. We learnt lots of interesting facts about the animals and got to feel them too.



We are delighted that we will be having regular visits from 3 feathery friends over the coming terms, with thanks to Mr Savva, our SENDCo.

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In **Year 1**, we have been learning all about plants and how they grow, so we planted some of our own plants and watched them change. We have also been looking at the artist Georgia O'Keeffe and learning how to make artwork in her style. We have really enjoyed using water colours this term.



This term, **Year 2's** topic has been Marvellous Monarchs. We thoroughly enjoyed our 'Royal Day' at the start of term in which we were able to dress up as kings and queens, devour a royal banquet and even had a performance from a jester!



As part of Amber Class' PSHE this term we have been looking at Kindness in the Community and we decided that something we could do for our school community would be to tidy the school. So on Wednesday we undertook a whole school litter pick. Look at how much we collected!



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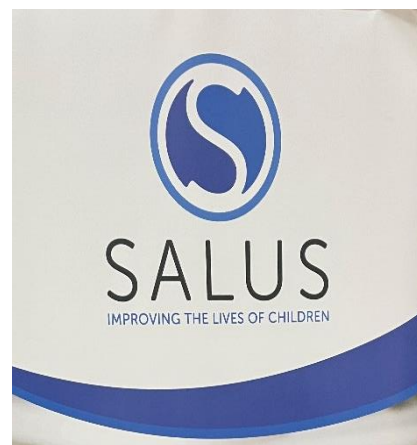
As part of Year 5's London Topic in Term 4 and 5, we took the children to London to sight see and learn about the famous landmarks of our great capital city. The children travelled about London on an open top bus, with headphones (giving them all the facts about the different London landmarks as we passed by). The children also experienced a river tour, looking at London's landmarks from the view of the River Thames. We all had an amazing time. Well done Year 5!



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Year 6 visited Swallows Leisure Centre last week and have been involved in a Salus workshop, with representatives from the police, fire, rail and RNLI. The activities have provided them with ways to stay safe online, water safety, the awareness of knife crime and many more. Each scenario has allowed the children to explore ways to keep safe in a variety of situations.



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Our first Sports Day back after the pandemic was amazing. The children loved every minute and were so happy that their families were able to watch!

The children earned their points by competing in a range of carousel activities and then moved over to the races!

The final results were

1. Dover
2. Leeds
3. Rochester
4. Walmer

Well done to everyone for taking part and thank you to all the families who came to watch and support the children.



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On Friday we celebrated our jubilee day. It was wonderful to see the children and staff in their outfits across the decades. Thank you to everyone for all the effort made in dressing up and learning the dances – they were amazing! Everyone had a fantastic afternoon. What a great way to end our term.



Term 6 Diary Dates!



Wednesday 1 st June	Kent Test (11+) online registration opens (for current Y5 pupils)
Tuesday 7th June	First day of Term 6
Wednesday 8 th June	Tag Rugby tournament
Monday 13 th June	Y5 Kent Test Meeting for parents (2.45-3.15pm)
Tuesday 14 th June	Y6 Swimming (1/6)
	YR Vision and National Child Measurement Programme
	Y1 trip to Belmont House Gardens
	Y6 National Child Measurement Programme
	Borden Grammar Open evening for current Y5
Wednesday, 15 th June	ASD group coffee afternoon
Friday, 17 th June	Borden Grammar Open morning for current Y5
Monday 20 th June	Y6 swimming
Wednesday 22 nd June	YR - Y6 Taekwondo Day (details to follow)
Monday 27 th June	Y6 swimming
	Stepping up into Primary School (1pm-3pm)
Wednesday 29 th June	New intake YR Sept 2022 welcome sessions for parents (9.30am & 6pm)
Thursday 30 th June	Y3 trip to Wingham Wildlife Centre
	Fulston Manor Y6/7 transition day
	Highsted Grammar transition day
Friday 1 st July	Last date to register online for 11+ for current Y5 pupils
	Y6 trip to Chessington
Monday 4 th July	Y6 swimming
Tuesday 5 th July	Y6 Bowling
Wednesday 6 th July	Y6 outdoor pursuits
Thursday 7 th July	Bordon Grammar transition day (Current Y6)
Friday 8 th July	Summer Fayre (tbc)
Monday 11 th July	Y6 swimming
	Family First Aid Course (details to follow)
11 th - 15 th July	Westlands & TSS transition week (Current Y6)
Thursday 14 th July	Whole School -visiting theatre company -The Secret Garden
Monday 18 th July	Y6 swimming
Wednesday 20th July	Last day of Term 6 - (School finishes at 1.30pm)

Please note that due to unforeseen circumstances some dates may be subject to change.
Please check weekly WhatSAP & letters home

Please be advised that Holiday Club will not be running over the Summer holidays.



Polite reminder
No dogs are allowed on site, even if they are being carried.



Don't forget to apply sun cream to your child before school and provide a sunhat and water bottle every day, now that the warmer weather is here.