



# South Avenue Primary School End of Term 4 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers/Guardians

Wow, what a fantastic and busy term we have had! There have been lots of lovely things happening as the days grow longer and the weather, although pretty wet, is now at least a little warmer.

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.

We have had the delight of seeing the eggs hatching again this year. The 9 eggs that hatched are a sign of new life and possibilities. The children thoroughly enjoyed watching the fluffy chicks starting to grow and flourish as they began to explore the world around them, there was a sense of excitement and wonder. They have now gone back to enjoy their lives on the farm.

Year 2 had a fabulous day at Kent Life this week. The children made us all very proud as they behaved very well and all thoroughly enjoyed their day.

Years 2,3, & 6 have had their class assemblies. Thank you to everyone that attended, we hope you enjoyed watching the great performances. Seeing the children performing with such confidence is wonderful. They work so very hard to produce the assemblies.

Mrs Purves and our Parent Teacher Association helpers created a delicious Mother's Day tea box. Thank you for choosing our gifts to give to the special women in your lives. Your support means the world to us. We hope the tea brought warmth and moments of relaxation to all who enjoyed it.

We would like to congratulate Daisy 4B, Sofiia 5L, Gabriela 5L on reading over 1,000,000 words since starting their AR journey. They received their special red t-shirts last week. I hope to be handing out many more of these in the near future.

This term, we have had lots of mad scientists around the school. Mr Linton worked tirelessly to ensure that all of the children were able to have great fun with the experiments he planned for them in science week. Both the children and adults had an explosive time!

World Book Day saw many of our children and staff make a huge effort to dress up as their favourite story characters. Thank you for supporting your children with this. Without you they would not be able to enjoy this day with so much vigour.

At our Easter assembly this morning we spoke about new beginnings. This means that something may end and with this in mind I would like to thank both Mr Luck and Mrs Millot who are leaving South Avenue for pastures new. We wish them both all the very best in their new ventures.

We welcome back Miss Johnson from her maternity leave, who will be taking over 3L from Mr Luck for the rest of this academic year.

Finally, I would like to wish you a very Happy Easter. I'm looking forward to a warmer and drier Term 5!

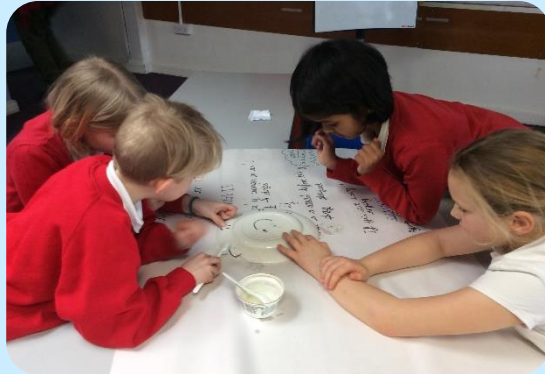
Kind regards

Miss T Cadwallader  
Head of School

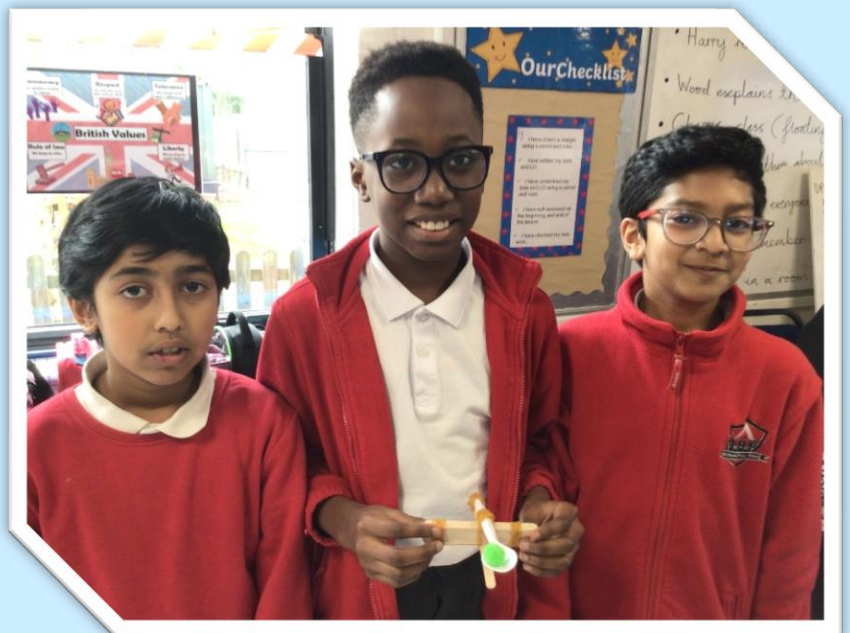
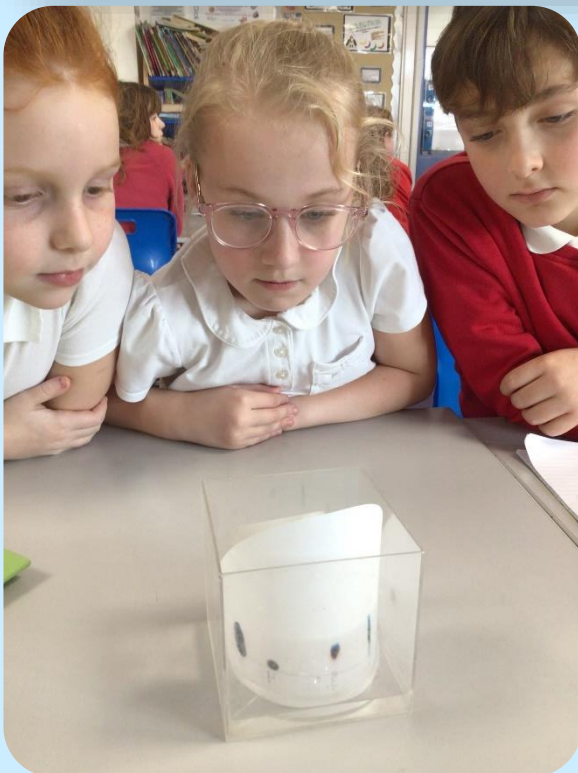


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**South Avenue celebrated British Science Week** by taking part in a variety of challenges and investigations. Children enjoyed taking part in these hands on activities which included investigating mysterious cans, making music, choosing materials to fix buckets, making fossils and forensic techniques such as chromatography and fingerprinting. We also made posters around this year's theme of connections, which have been submitted to a national competition. For more information on British Science Week, visit <https://www.britishscienceweek.org/>



British  
Science  
Week  
2023





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Frankie has continued to enjoy listening to lots of children read. The children have also enjoyed spending time with Frankie and sharing their work as well as their thoughts and feelings.



The children have had a fantastic Term 4 in After School Club, even with the bad weather, they were able to spend time on the playground, which they love!

The children have been busy making clay pottery gifts and delicious cakes to take home for Mother's Day. We love making cakes and biscuits in ASC so this gave us the perfect excuse!

If you would like to book your child into Breakfast Club or After School Club, please use the links below:-

[Breakfast Club](#)

[After School Club](#)





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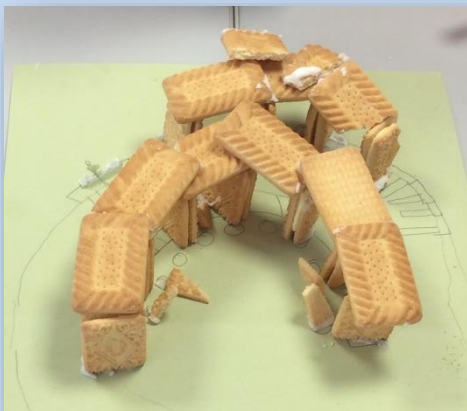
**Reception** have loved learning about different animals this term. They enjoyed a visit from creepy claws, Sam a beekeeper and met Mr Savva's chickens. We have also celebrated World Book Day and made pancakes on pancake day- which were delicious!





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**Year 3** have had a busy term. In history, they have been learning all about Stonehenge. We redesigned this ancient stone circle using biscuits and icing for cement. We think dragging the huge blue stones from Wales to Amesbury would be much harder work than restocking our biscuit barrel!



We learnt all about the Neolithic settlement of Skara Brae. We have studied the artefacts archaeologists have discovered there and what they tell us about life in the Stone Age.

We then used clay to create our own Skara Brae inspired artefacts



3D celebrated pancake day with a pancake flipping race! There were points available for both speed and the condition of the pancake at the end of the race! Lots of fun was had before we enjoyed eating some (fresh) pancakes!

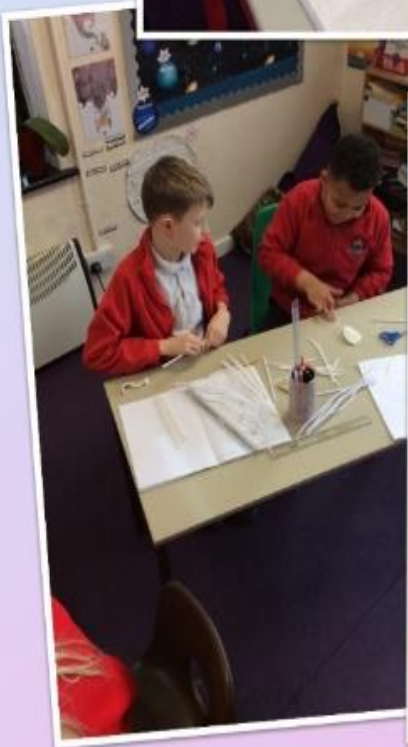




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**As part of Science Week, Year 3** made their own fossils using modelling clay, pipe cleaners and straws. We were exploring strength and stability. We had lots of fun with some fabulous results!

### Fossil Folly



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

## Year 6

This term the children were immersed into a traditional wartime house. Many of the pupils dressed up as evacuees to enhance their experience on how life was as an evacuee child during WWII.

The local Wartime Museum is a fantastic trip that allowed our pupils to study 1940s decor (supporting their knowledge on the Art Deco movement) and most of all how family life was impacted in WWII.

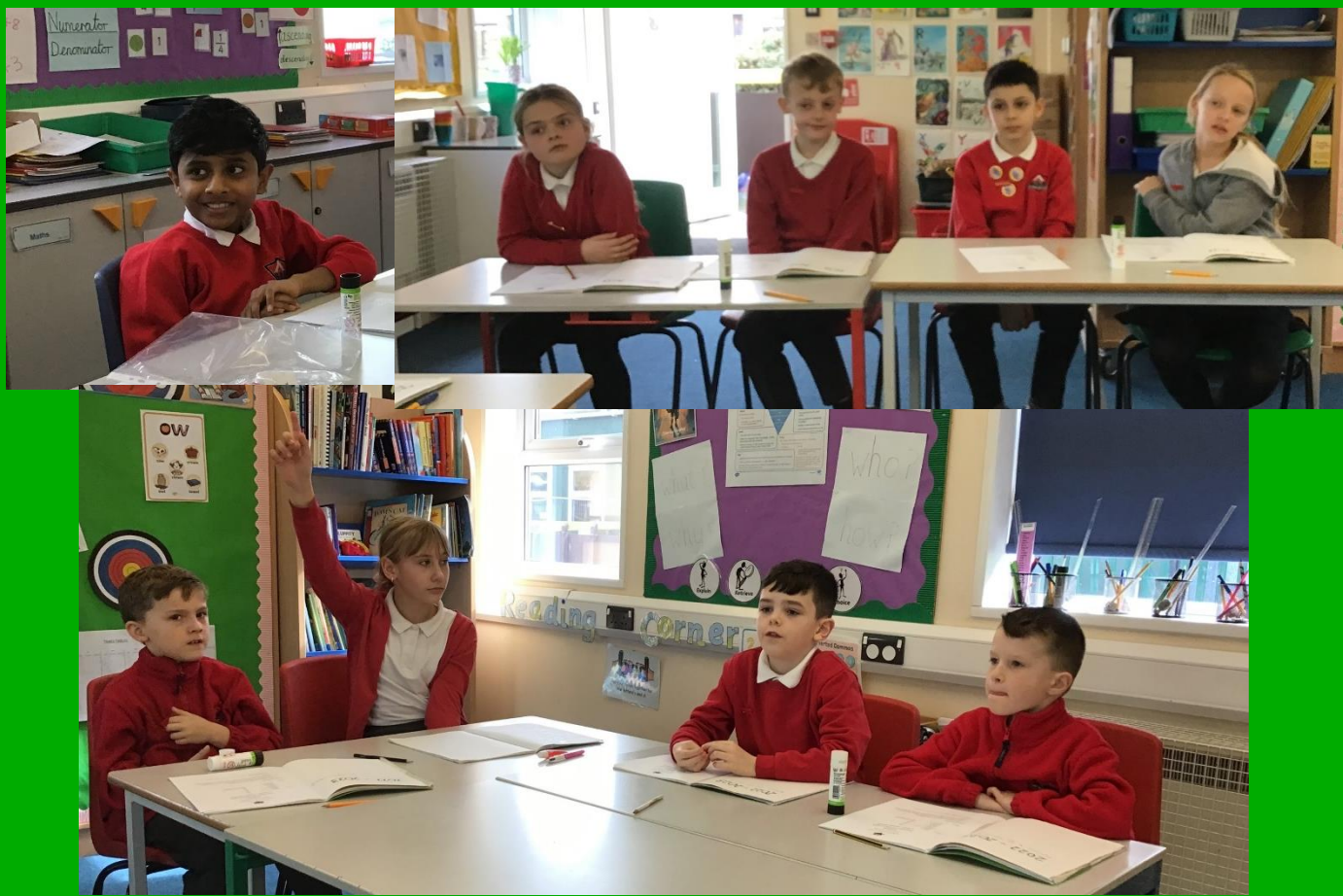
The children observed how rationing for food and clothes was a vital part of day-to-day life and some children couldn't believe how some ingredients had to be shared between many recipes that had to last families a whole week! Additionally, the children learnt about the terrible separation between children and their mothers and how this experience varied dependent on the area or house they were evacuated too (those who were particularly relocated to North Wales). It was superb to see how interested the children were and hear the questions they were keen to ask about their topic.





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The School Council met this term and had a very productive meeting, discussing such things as: ideas for new afterschool clubs, communication between school and home and preparing questions for a visit from Gordon Henderson MP, next term.



We are very proud of the children who entered this year's Swale in Bloom Competition. Rosa P, Carlito W, Loki K, Esme G-G, Emelia E & Chloe G all received Highly Recommended certificates for their fabulous designs during our Friday Celebration Assembly.

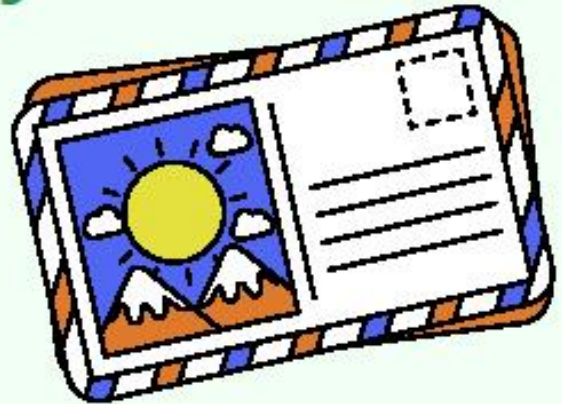




# Are you going on holiday? Will you be going on a day trip?

We would love for you to send us a postcard if you are!

Tell us a little bit about your holiday or day trip and post your postcard to school.



Send your postcards to:  
South Avenue Primary School  
South Avenue, Sittingbourne, Kent,  
ME10 4SU



# *Listen, Encourage, Ambitious, Resilient & Respectful, Nurturing*

## *Dates for your diary!*

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> May

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May

25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> May

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

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

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

**Start of Term 5**

Y6 swimming starts (1/5)

Class photographs with Julian Austin Photography

**SCHOOL CLOSED FOR BANK HOLIDAY**

Y5 trip to Harry Potter Studios

**SCHOOL CLOSED FOR KING'S CORONATION**

KS2 SATS week

Sports Day

YR & Y6 Vision and MCHP

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

**Start of Term 6**

Y6 trip to Chessington World of Adventure

Y5 swimming starts (1/6)

International Music Day

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

Y6 Bowling at the Light, Sittingbourne

Y6 Production

SAPS Got Talent

Y6 Water games and Fish & Chip Supper

**Last day of Term 6 (School finishes at 3.15pm)**



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

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

Fun has been had this Term at STEAM Club  
(STEAM stands for Science, Technology,  
Engineering, Arts and Mathematics).

Here we can see the children making  
a Stop Motion Animation video.



Our Ukulele Club have been busy learning  
chords.

What fun they are having!!!

