

October 2024

Dear Parents and carers,

As we embrace the autumn term, the darker evenings remind us of the changing seasons.

Our school community continues to thrive, with notable achievements and exciting experiences for our pupils. The girl's football and rugby teams have shown exceptional skill, winning their recent matches. The boy's football team have shown exceptional teamwork too. Our pupils have embarked on enriching educational journeys, with Year 1 visiting Pizza Express, Year 6 exploring Chislehurst Caves, and Year 4 discovering the wonders of the British Museum.

Please note that we have a two-week half term break approaching. Pupils will return to school on Monday, 4th November. This extended break provides an excellent opportunity for rest and family time before we commence the next phase of our academic year. Thank you for your continued support.

Melody Berthoud



### FOS update

Remember to buy tickets for up and coming events - Fireworks is 8th November and Elfridges 6th December.

There will also be a uniform sale on 2nd December 2024 (at the same time as our Christmas jumper sale) and a clothing collection on the 11th December.

Lastly Thank you to staff, parents and children who supported the FOS disco. We made an incredible amazing £1120!

### Farewell to Mrs Brayley

Earlier this week we said goodbye to Mrs Brayley who left us after 3 years in the office. Verity will be greatly missed. She would always go out of her way to be as helpful and as friendly as possible to children and colleagues alike. She leaves us to spend more time with her 2 boys and her new puppy.

### Farewell to Mrs Watkins

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs. Watkins for her efforts and hard-work during her time at Southborough. Since joining us as a Behaviour Learning Mentor, Mrs. Watkins has shown commitment, enthusiasm and nurture for the children of Southborough. Many children will always remember the things she has taught them about how to overcome difficulties and to persevere when things get tough. She has also made Desty a familiar face in Acorn Room, and has supported many children with this. We will all miss Mrs. Watkins' famous laugh, gregarious personality and enthusiasm for her job. We wish her every success in her new school.



## Year 1 Superhero day!

Children in Year 1 dressed as real and fictional superheroes this week to end their learning linked to the topic 'What kind of superhero do I want to be?'. Children dressed as nurses, doctors and spiderman!

The staff dressed as our own site manager superhero Mr Gilbert.



## Daisy Class Trip to Pizza Express

Daisy class had a great trip to Pizza Express. They were given very smart aprons and hats to become little chefs. They were shown how to mould the dough and add their chosen toppings before their pizzas were put in the big pizza oven. They all received a certificate to say they are now official junior Pizzaiolos!

WELL DONE DAISY CLASS!!



## Year 6 trip to Chislehurst Caves

This week the Year 6 children had a lovely time visiting Chislehurst Caves. They learnt how the caves were used during WW2 as a bomb shelter. They asked lots of thoughtful questions about what it would have been like for those staying in the caves and were amazed they the highest number of people staying in one night were 15,000! Well done Year 6 for their impeccable behaviour!

## Year 5 Junior Travel Ambassadors trip to Bromley

Thanks to Mrs Tsang and Mrs Woolvin who took our new Junior Travel Ambassadors (JTA) to Bromley to meet the Bromley Mayor.

They felt very proud to be presented with their badges and certificates for being the new JTA for Southborough Primary School.





# The Mistletoe Times



## MISTLETOE CLASS HAS NEW REPS! 50p

Joseph and Chloë are the new JTAs! After a tense battle for the role Joseph and Chloë's formidable speeches came out on top and they were crowned JTAs. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity and they have won it with their superb efforts. After seeing their joyful celebrations we all knew they were born for this and they will be great representatives for our class. Joseph and Chloë were feeling elated after this and we all enjoyed seeing their smiles. Thank you Chloë and Joseph and good luck!



We have a new school councillor! Well done Joel. His first thought when he stood up to perform his speech was that he couldn't do it but he proved himself wrong by winning the role. As he stood up to speak we were entranced by his euphoric tone and his speech amazed us so much our jaws hit the floor. There was close competition but it was destined in the stars that Joel would win. There were some more amazing speeches by our other competitors so it was so hard for the class to decide. Can we please thank our school councillor from last year, Kaavya, because she did a wonderful job and help revolutionise our school and make it a safe but fun place for us to be. We all wish you good luck Joel and well done!

### Southborough sporting achievements

So far we have gone to 3 sporting events and have made 4 school teams. Read on to find out more.

#### Southborough v Raglan girls football match

After winning the league on goal difference last year against a tough team named Darrick Wood we charged to victory. The opposition hadn't played much as a team yet so we scored many wonder goals with our formidable side!

#### Girls and boys football festival/tournament at Southborough

We entered our boys team, our girls A team and our girls B team into this event and everyone played brilliantly.

Our girls A team won every match and was spectacular, our B team played excellently as a team and made some phenomenal tackles, goals and saves whilst our boys team was fabulous and didn't concede a single goal!

#### Girls tag rugby festival

This was an exciting, nail-biting experience and we scored some great tries, made some awesome tackles and played fantastically as a team. We won every match and conceded only 1 try!

# OUR CURRICULUM

## History, Geography, Art, DT

The Harmony Project aims to transform education to ensure it is fit for purpose in preparing young people to engage with the environmental and social challenges we face.

They work with teachers to develop learning that is based upon a deep understanding of, and connection to, the natural world – learning that will equip students with the skills they need to live more sustainably. Read more on their website here: <https://www.southborough.bromley.sch.uk/page/?title=Curriculum&pid=21>



## Maths

We teach the white rose curriculum from EYFS to Year 6.

Free parent booklets are available here. The children have completed the place value units and are currently working through addition and subtraction <https://whiteroseeducation.com/parent-pupil-resources/maths/free-downloads>

## Modern Foreign Language

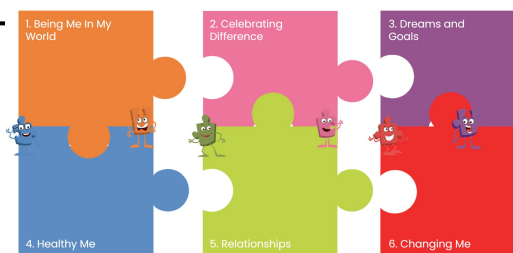
At Southborough the children learn **Spanish** in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 using language angels

<https://www.languageangels.com/schools/>



## Personal Social Health Education

We follow the Jigsaw PSHE curriculum.



## CUSP English

We follow CUSP for reading, writing and spelling. Find out more here

<https://www.southborough.bromley.sch.uk/page/?title=CUSP+English+at+Southborough&pid=108>



## Phonics

We follow the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds programme to learn to blend sounds together to say, read and write new and unfamiliar words with confidence. Please click here to access the parents page of the website:

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

## Religious Education

We follow the Bromley SACRE RE curriculum - using resources from Kapow.

<https://bromleyeducationmatters.uk/Page/15522>

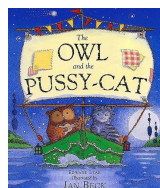
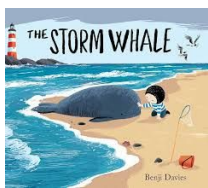
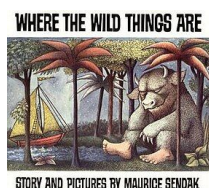


# CUSP Reading books

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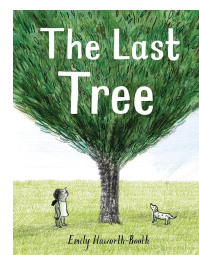
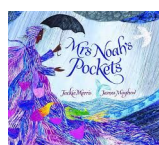
## Year 1

Where the Wild Things Are  
The Storm Whale  
The Owl and the Pussycat Edward Lear



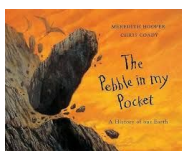
## Year 2

Mrs Noah's Pockets  
The Christmas Pine  
The Last Tree



## Year 3

Pebble in my Pocket  
What a waste



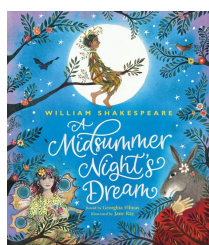
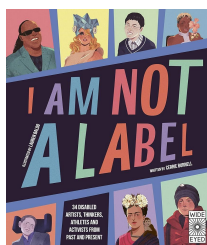
## Year 4

The Queen's Nose



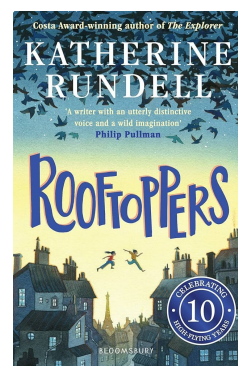
## Year 5

A Midsummer Night's Dream  
I Am Not a Label



## Year 6

Rooftoppers



## Autumn 2 topics

Year R How do people celebrate around the world?  
Year 1 What stories could our toys and games tell?  
Year 2 Why should we change the way we travel?  
Year 3 How can we identify local trees in autumn?  
Year 4 How can we prepare for a Tudor banquet?  
Year 5 How can we ensure our oceans stay amazing?  
Year 6 How can we learn to live in peace?

# Celebrate Autumn

**HARRISON**  
food with thought

**Wednesday 6th November 2024**

*Southborough Primary and Harrison Catering invitation to  
Parents and Carers*

*Come and Join us and Enjoy a Free School Lunch*

Roast Turkey with Gravy

Pasta Neapolitan

Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings

Roast Potatoes

Fresh Broccoli with Glazed Carrots

Selection of Freshly Made Salads

Sultana Sponge served with Custard Sauce

Seasonal Fresh Fruit

Fruit Yoghurt

Harrisons would like to invite parents to enjoy a lunch with us on Wednesday 6th November. Particularly parents of children who currently have a packed lunch.

All children are entitled to receive a free school lunch paid for by the mayor of London.

If you would like to come and eat lunch complete this form:

<https://forms.gle/vjXNdNAe7cJp33KQ7>

## Printing

If you would like this newsletter or any homework printed out please contact your class teacher (homework) or the office (newsletter) so we can arrange this for you.

We are trying to save paper but understand that not everyone has a printer at home.



**There are  
also on Class  
dojo and the  
website**

**IMPORTANT  
DATES**

First day of Autumn 2	Monday 4th November
Parent lunch	Wednesday 6th November
FOS Firework Night	Friday 8th November
Y1 Cowslip to Pizza Express	Tuesday 12th November
Parents evening	Tuesday 12th November
Parents evening	Thursday 14th November
Y6 National Army Museum	Tuesday 26th November
FOS - Elfridges	Friday 6th December
Year EYFS and Y1 Y2 nativity	Tuesday 17th December
Year EYFS and Y1 Y2 nativity	Wednesday 18th December
Class parties	Thursday 19th December
End of term	Friday 20th December
First day of the Spring term	Monday 6th January 2025