

Southmead Primary School

Newsletter 17th January 2025

Upcoming dates...

Tuesday 21st January

Cherry Class trip to
Southfields Library

Wednesday 22nd Jan

Reception Height & Weight
checks

Y5 Maple Class trip to Southfields
Library

Maths Club—a Message from Mrs Plunkett

Wow! Our first session was rather busy! To start, we had to work out which child was the tallest. We loved exploring with the Numicon to make bonds to

10 and we also represented doubles! Finally, some calm colouring, using our knowledge of the 2x tables with a Lego figure!



Thank You!

We would like to truly thank all the parents and carers who offer their time and donate items to Southmead in order to support the school's success.

We are always grateful to have parents/carers accompany classes on trips and we appreciate your donations of food, toys and stationery. On Monday we will be sending you information on how to further support the school by becoming a Parent Governor. Please look out for that Parent Mail.



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Science Club– a message from Mrs Beazley

Science Club started on Monday with a bridge challenge and learning about:



EMILY ROEBLING

What is she most famous for?

She is most famous for her contribution to the construction of the Brooklyn Bridge in New York.

Why is this important?

- She was the first woman field engineer.
- She undertook most of the work of the Chief Engineer and project-managed the completion of the Brooklyn Bridge when her husband was taken ill.
- The bridge is one of the most famous in the world.

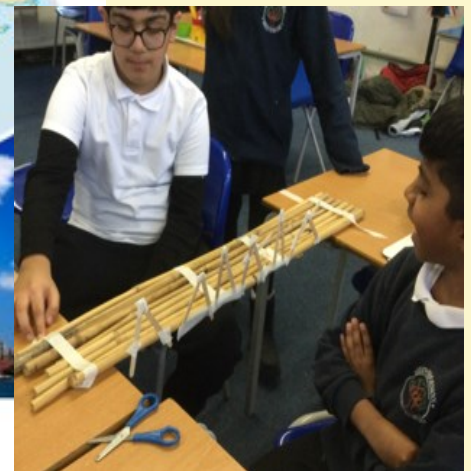
KEY FACTS

Born	September 23, 1843 New York, United States
Died	February 28, 1903 (aged 59) New Jersey, United States
Nationality	American

New York,
United States



The Brooklyn Bridge



Year 5 were learning about blubber for their writing on Emperor Penguins in English.

They felt what icy water was like and then, using a glove, put their hand in a plastic bag with lard in and then put their covered hand back in icy water . They could feel that the lard/blubber was protecting their hand from the cold.

“We learnt that blubber is a layer of fat below the penguins’ fur to help keep them insulated from the cold.”



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**ATTENDANCE
MATTERS.
ALL DAY, EVERY DAY**



Our attendance target for this year is 95.0%

Regular attendance gives children the best chance to succeed in the future. Our attendance figures by class for the week 13th-17th of Jan 2025 are:

Acorn—94%

Palm -95%

Birch—98.2%

Pine—96%

Beech – 98.6%

Cedar—97.4%

Laurel—92.1%

Maple—95.7%

Willow—97.5%

Holly—100%

Sycamore –100%

Cherry Tree— 96.1%

Our overall
attendance for the
week was:

97.1%



Well done,
Sycamore and Holly
100%

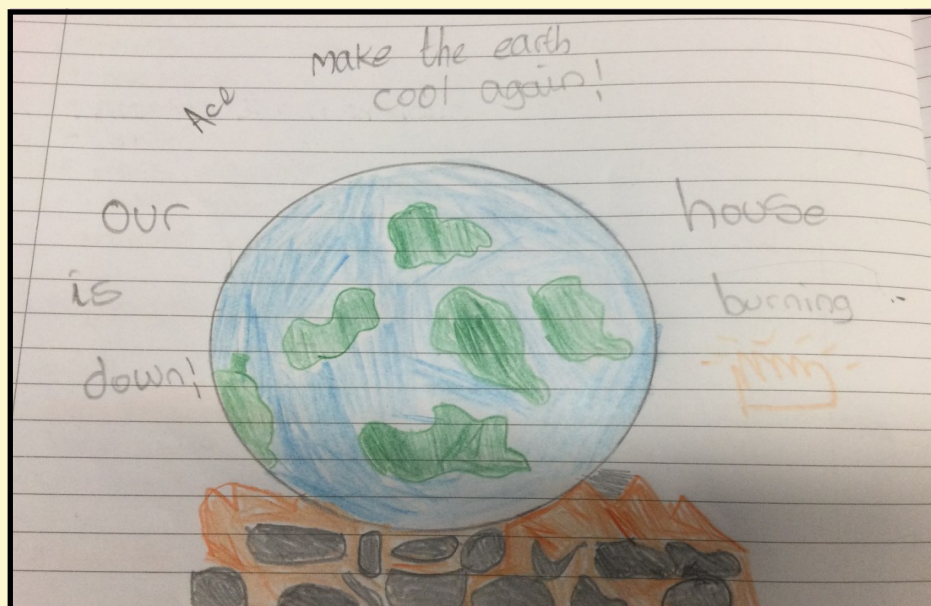
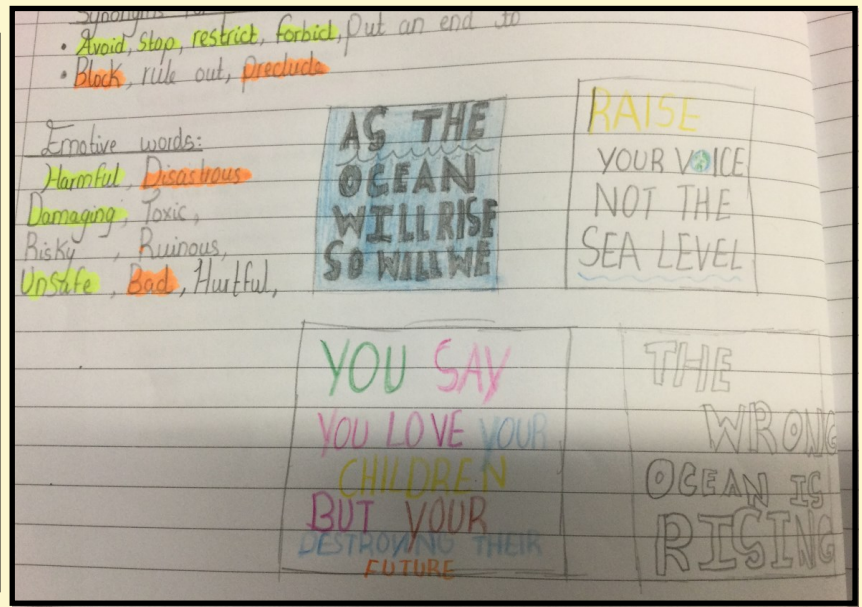
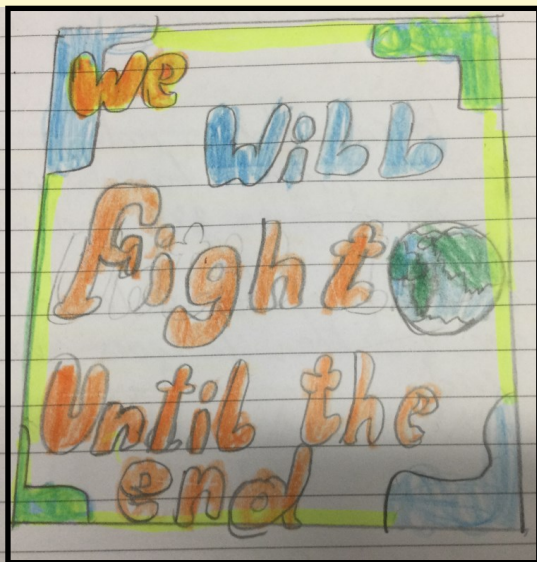


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Year 6 learning—A Message from Ms Martin

The Y6 pupils have been looking closely at the influence of Greta Thunberg on the fight against global warming. We designed placards similar to the ones seen on her demonstrations when she coined the slogan Fridays for Future, which gained worldwide attention, and inspired school students across the globe to take part in student strikes. School strikes were organised around the world, inspired by Thunberg. This activity has also supported our writing of a persuasive speech.

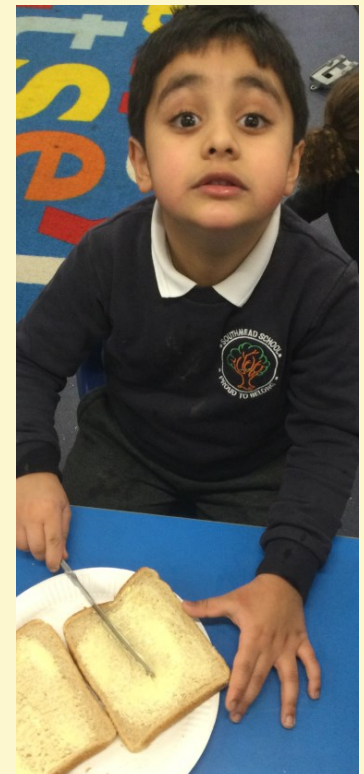


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Reception Class news

This week in Palm class, we have been making jam and butter sandwiches. The children really enjoyed spreading the jam and butter on their bread and making the sandwiches just the way they liked. It was a fun activity that helped them practice their skills and they were very excited to eat the sandwiches.



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MEET PROFESSOR ANJALI GOSWAMI



Author of 'Dig, Dig, Dinosaur', President of the Linnean Society of London and Palaeontologist and Researcher at the Natural History Museum, London

All parents with children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to a special coffee morning and assembly with their children to meet Professor Anjali Goswami and find out about her book and her job.

When: Friday 24th January

9am - 9:30am Coffee morning

9:30-10:15am Assembly with children



Where: Southmead Primary School Hall

Professor Goswami will be signing copies of her book after the assembly. If you would like to buy a book to get signed, there will be copies available to purchase on the day. Cards payments only.

learn to
love to
read



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PE Kits—a message from Ms Joseph

All children have the right to develop physically (UNCRC Article# 27) and to be healthy (UNCRC Article# 24). As part of this, all children take part in weekly PE lessons at school. PE provides opportunities for pupils to be creative, competitive and face different challenges as individuals, in groups and in teams. It promotes positive attitudes to active and healthy lifestyles.

All children **must** wear Southmead PE kit. This is:

- Blue shorts or leggings
- White t-shirt with the school logo
- Blue tracksuit bottoms in the winter



A reminder that children should wear their normal uniform including school shoes, to school, and then change into their PE kit for their lesson.

Our Multi-Faith Prayer Room

Many thanks to Ms Laguna and the School Councillors for working so hard to provide Southmead with this beautiful, quiet space to pray or have a think. It is open to pupils and staff of all faiths and for those of none. To ensure privacy, we are keeping it for use by 2 people at a time. We look forward to reporting how the pupils feel it impacts their well-being.



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Education
Wellbeing
Service

NHS
South West London and
St George's Mental Health
NHS Trust

Parent Webinars

Spring Term Schedule 2025

Scan the QR code or follow the links to sign up to any of these free local NHS parent webinars

16TH January 12.00-1.30pm

This workshop talks through the difference between picky eaters, problem feeders and ARFID

Understanding and supporting ARFID

For all primary school parents & carers

Scan the QR code or [click here](#)



28th January 1.00-2.00pm



Scan the QR code or [click here](#)

28TH & 29TH January

Understanding And Supporting Your Child's Sleep

For KS2 parents & carers

29th January 7.00-8.00pm

Scan the QR code or [click here](#)



25th February 7.30-8.30pm



Scan the QR code or [click here](#)

25TH & 27TH February

Supporting Common Child Anxieties and Worries - Including Around Exams

For Year 6 parents & carers

27th February 12.30-1.30pm

Scan the QR code or [click here](#)



17th March 7.30-8.30pm



Scan the QR code or [click here](#)

17TH & 19TH March

Promoting Sibling Harmony

For all primary school parents & carers

19th March 1.00-2.00pm

Scan the QR code or [click here](#)



We also provide free 1:1 early support for parents of primary aged children to support their child's common worries and anxieties, or support children's everyday challenging behaviours. Speak to your school to find out more.

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