



Weekly Newsletter

Summer Term 1

Friday, 8th May 2026



A Message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents,

You will have hopefully read the letter sent out on Wednesday of this week. In case you have not seen it, we will be closing on **Wednesday 13th May** at **12.30** as a mark of respect for Robert and his family. The children will be provided with lunch before dismissal and will have with them a work pack for the afternoon. We ask that you are prompt in collecting on this day and leave the gates as soon as possible.

Book Swap

Today we held our first book swap, well done to everyone who brought in a book and swapped it! We hope you enjoy reading your new books over the weekend. Thanks to Miss Lisa and the school council for organising this event!

Ukulele Festival

This afternoon some of our Year 4 and 5 pupils performed in the Southwark Ukulele concert at the Royal Festival Hall. We were so proud of the way you represented the school with a fantastic musical performance. Well done to you all! Thanks to Mr Tiplady for organising.

PE Kits

Please remember that our PE kit must be brought to school each week for PE lessons. The kit must contain a plain white t-shirt. Blue or black plain bottoms or shorts and be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Reading

Don't forget to grab a ticket for our next PJ reading party which will be held next week on Friday 15th May. Our travelling book fair will also arrive next week so look out for this on Thursday 14th May to grab yourself another new book!

Ice Cream Friday

Please remember to bring small change each Friday for a sweet treat! Ice creams and ice lollies will be shared weekly from 3.30pm – weather permitting! Prices will range from 50p/£1.

Online Safety Tip of the Week

Safe games websites for children

Children (and adults!) enjoy playing computer games – they are fun and entertaining, but we can also practise skills and develop problem solving abilities while we are playing it can be difficult, as parents, knowing which websites are appropriate and safe for children. Some games websites, such as Poki and Friv can include content that some children may get upset by, or parent might think is inappropriate. If your child enjoys playing games online, then Poki do have a site created specifically for younger users, called 'Poki Kids'.

<https://kids.poki.com/>

CBBC games also has a wide variety of fun games:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/games>

Year 6 SATs

Next week is the beginning of SATs for our Year 6 pupils (11th May). Today Year 6 received a special letter just for them. Remember we believe in you and are proud of all you have achieved! Try your best and get here on time! See you for breakfast on Monday at 8am.

Date	Activity
Monday 11 May 2026	English grammar, punctuation and spelling and 2
Tuesday 12 May 2026	English reading
Wednesday 13 May 2026	Mathematics Papers 1 and 2
Thursday 14 May 2026	Mathematics Paper 3

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend, and we will see you all on **Monday 11th May** at 8.50am.

Rebecca



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School Information

Attendance & Punctuality

Summer Term Attendance








School year: Spring Term	Class	%
Attendance KS1 Winner	Mars	98.4%
Attendance KS2 Winner	Aurora	99.3%
KS1 Punctuality Winner	Planet Earth	98.0%
KS2 Punctuality Winner	Sky	97.8%
Rest of School		
Class	Punctuality %	Attendance%
Moon	93.8	96.3
Star	94.4	94.4
Venus	94.1	97.6
Mars	97.9	98.4
Planet Earth	98.0	97.0
Jupiter	96.1	97.9
Galaxy	91.8	99.1
Supernova	96.7	98.3
Neptune	97.3	91.5
Aurora	96.8	99.3
Sky	97.8	98.1
Weekly attendance:		97.5%

Dates for the Diary

Important
DATE!

WB 11/05/26	KS2 SATs - Yr 6
15/05/26	Book Fair
15/05/26	Reading PJ party
18/05/26	National Walk to School Week
18/05/26	KS1 + KS2 Sports Day
20/05/26	No Pens Day
21/05/26	EYFS Sports Day
22/05/26	Class group photos
25/05/26 - 31/05/26	Half Term - School Closed
01/06/26	Children Return
08/06/26	Assessment Week
22/06/26	Poetry Week

House Winners

Neil ARMSTRONG		375
Bernard HARRIS		507
Tim PEAKE		386
Helen SHARMAN		483
Stephanie WILSON		438

Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?

0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned



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Word of the Week

The word of the week this week is "automatic". Please spend some time discussing this word with your child.

Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day: automatic (adjective / adverb)
Word Class
Pronunciation / Syllables (au-to-mat-ic)

Definition:

An automatic action is one that you do without thinking about it.



The fire bell would **automatically** sound the alarm.

Synonym:	Antonym:	Prefix / Suffix:	Rhyme:	Link Word:
automated	manual	-ally	static	alarm
electronic	controlled	semi-	attic	machine

The value of the week this week was "hope". Please take some time over the weekend to discuss this value with your children.

"Hope is the last thing ever lost"



Happy Birthday to You!

Name	Class	Age
David	Neptune	10
Yassin	Aurora	11
Zakariya	Sun (Moon)	4
Hana	Supernova	9
Amelia	Mars	7
Ka'Shaun	Jupiter	8



Makaton Word of the Week

Along with our word of the week, our children will now be learning some sign language. We have many pupils at Grange that are non-verbal and one of the ways in which we communicate with them is to use sign language. We want all our children to be able to communicate with each other so felt that teaching our children to sign would help this. Please help us to learn together by practising this with your child at home.

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Mathletics



Winning Class: **Aurora Class**
 School's total points: **61,350**



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Class Gallery

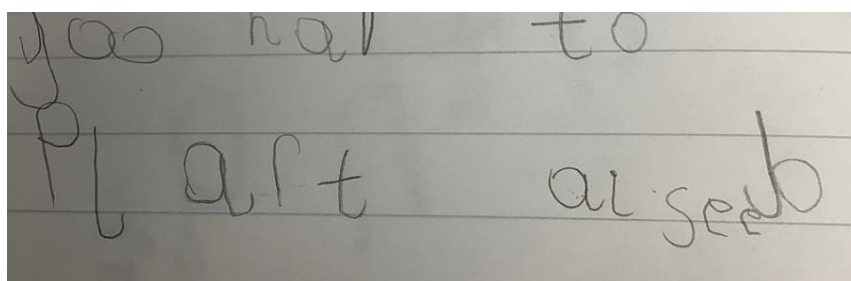
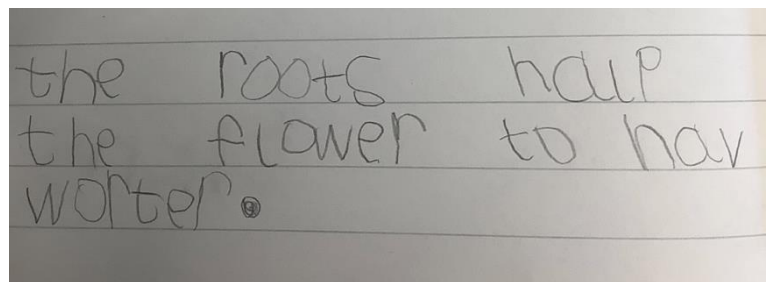
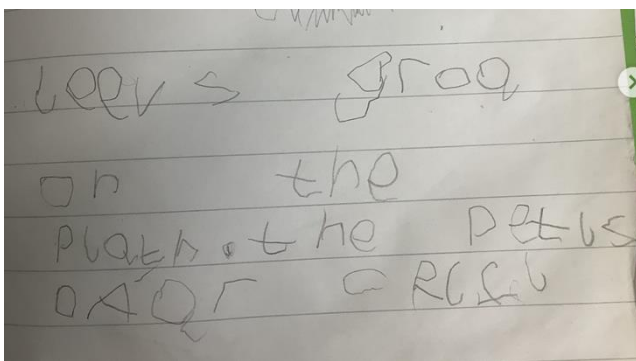
Year 5 – Neptune Class

Year 5 created Maya God graffiti designs in art.



Year R – Moon and Star Class

We are so proud of our Reception children's writing! They have been learning about how plants grow and writing sentences about this. They are applying their knowledge of Phase 3 phonics in their writing.





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Rewards

Years EYFS, 1 & 2

Core Value: **Hope**
Year 1 and Year 2

Class:	VIP of the week	Reason for Award:
VENUS	Juliet	For showing lots love and kindness to Miss Matheson's visitors.
EARTH	Peace	For always showing love to her friends and teachers
MARS	Poyraz	For showing love and friendship towards his friends
Class	Writer of the week:	Reason:
VENUS	Dottie	For always trying super hard with making her sentences better.
EARTH	Mohammed	For an amazing poem with fantastic adjectives
MARS	Bambi	For her fabulous effort in her poems
Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason:
VENUS	Airat	For her understanding of 1 more and 1 less within 50.
EARTH	Fatima A	For a fantastic week exploring fractions independently!
MARS	Amanatu	For her super work on thirds
Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason for Award
VENUS	Halimah	For her continuous effort with her reading
EARTH	Khadijah	For reading every day this week!
MARS	Eloa	For her great start to phonics



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Rewards

Years 3 to 6

Core Value: **Hope**
Years 3 to 6

Class:	VIP of the week	Reason for Award:
JUPITER	Victoria	For her love of being in the school council and sharing updates with such professionalism.
GALAXY	Ainhoa	For always being so caring towards everyone!
SUPERNOVA	Woomy	For being a great team member during our PE lesson this week!
NEPTUNE	Isabelle	For being a very helpful, caring member of the class.
AURORA	Alice	For being a caring and helpful member of the class
SKY	Saihaan	For his love in maths. Always willing to support his friends when they need help.
Class	Writer of the week	Reason
JUPITER	Ammar	For his fantastic story retelling.
SUPERNOVA	Royce	For writing a descriptive menu for the Iron man!
GALAXY	Sherlyn	For a great menu for the Iron man
NEPTUNE	George	For trying hard to use relative clauses.
AURORA	Zeemah	For using split speech accurately
SKY	Ayaat	Great results n her punctuation spag
Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason
JUPITER	Alice	For her improved progress in maths.
GALAXY	Enzo	For great work on decimals!
SUPERNOVA	Ubaydah	For working hard on decimals this week.
NEPTUNE	Muhammed	For trying hard to convert decimals and fractions.
AURORA	Jorge	For his excellent work this week
SKY	Deonnah	Great results in her arithmetic paper
Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason
JUPITER	Ibrahim	For his brilliant answers in guided reading.
GALAXY	Suleman	For always reading at home!
SUPERNOVA	Safura	For confident reading with great volume and expression!
NEPTUNE	Sophia	For signing her reading record regularly.
AURORA	Aurora	For answering questions with great accuracy
SKY	Amadou	Great effort in his reading paper.



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Parent/ Carer Information and Support

To encourage healthy eating in packed lunch boxes and snacks after school we will be publishing a healthy recipe each week.

This week we thought you would enjoy;

Healthy baked Falafel

Prepare

less than 30 mins

Cook

30 mins – 1 hour

Serve

Makes 18



Method

1. Preheat the oven to 230C/210C Fan/Gas 8 and line a baking tray with baking parchment.
2. Heat the olive oil in small frying pan over a medium heat. Add the onions and cook for about 10 minutes, or until softened and starting to brown (add a splash of water if they start to stick). Remove from the heat and leave to cool.
3. Put the onions, chickpeas, garlic, spices, salt, chopped herbs, flour and some pepper in a food processor. Pulse until the mixture is fairly smooth, stopping every so often to scrape down the sides with a spatula. You want to retain some texture but the paste should be able to hold together.
4. Divide the mixture into 18 equal pieces and shape into patties. Place on the prepared baking tray and spray the patties with 10 sprays of oil. Cook on the top shelf of the oven for 20–25 minutes, or until golden-brown.
5. For the tzatziki, put the yoghurt into a small bowl. Squeeze the grated cucumber to remove excess liquid, then add to the yoghurt with the garlic, mint, salt and sweetener. Mix well.
6. Lower the oven setting to 200C/180C Fan/Gas 6 and move the tray of falafel to the bottom shelf of the oven. Bake for a further 20–25 minutes, or until cooked through. Sprinkle with a little salt and serve with the tzatziki.

Ingredients

- 1 tsp **olive oil**
- 2 small **onions** (200g/7oz in total), finely chopped
- 2 x 400g tins **chickpeas**, rinsed and drained
- 4 **garlic** cloves, grated
- 3 tsp ground **cumin**
- 2 tsp ground **coriander**
- 2 tsp **sea salt** flakes
- 30g/1oz **coriander** leaves, roughly chopped
- 30g/1oz flatleaf **parsley** leaves, roughly chopped
- 40g/1½oz **plain flour**
- freshly ground **black pepper**
- **olive oil** spray

For the tzatziki

- 200ml/7oz 0% fat plain **yoghurt**
- 140g/5oz piece **cucumber**, grated
- 1 small **garlic** clove, finely grated
- 2 tbsp finely chopped **mint** leaves
- pinch **sea salt**
- pinch granulated sweetener (optional)

Family Learning at the Thomas Calton
Centre

Southwark
Council

FREE activities for families – May 2026 Half Term

Theme: Bloom, Buzz and Grow

- Maths through stories
- Paper flowers
- Seed bombs
- Stuffed creatures
- Painting
- Sports/Games
- Storytime/Stay & Play

Dates: Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th May 2026

Time: 1pm – 3.30pm

@ Thomas Calton Centre

Alpha St London SE15 4NX

Book a place now

call 020 7358 2100

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