



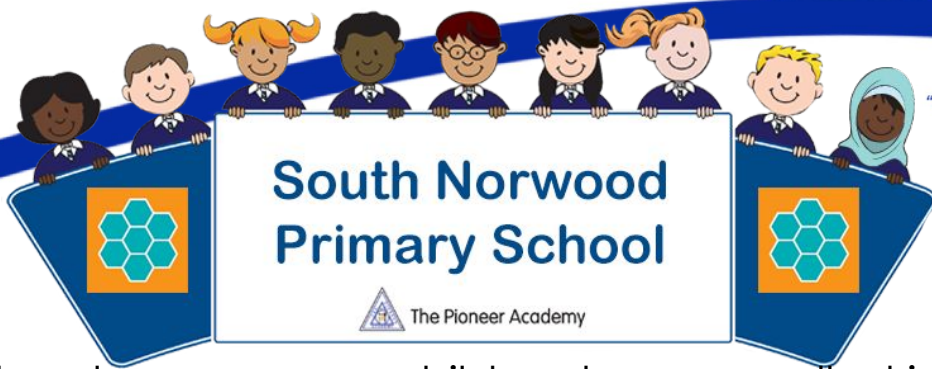
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Another successful year has drawn to a close at South Norwood Primary School. It is with considerable pride that I reflect on what our community has achieved together and the progress our children have made across all areas of school life.



The support of our parents throughout this academic year has been instrumental in enabling our children to flourish in their educational journey. Your commitment to partnership working with the school, combined with your encouragement at home, has created an environment in which every child can thrive. We are genuinely grateful for the trust you place in us and for the active role you play in supporting your child's learning and development.

This year has delivered some truly exceptional results that reflect the hard work and dedication of our staff and children. Our phonics data represents the best performance we have achieved in many years, demonstrating the effectiveness of our systematic approach to early reading instruction. Similarly, our Good Level of Development data has reached its highest point, indicating that our youngest learners are making outstanding progress across all areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. We have also seen considerable improvement in our Multiplication Check scores, which speaks to the quality of our mathematics teaching and the resilience of our children in mastering this key skill.



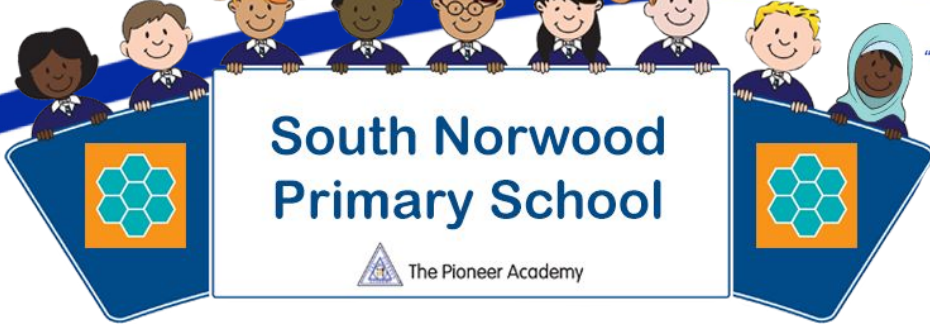
Beyond the classroom, our children have excelled in sporting pursuits. Both our boys and girls football teams have enjoyed highly successful seasons, showcasing not only their athletic ability but also their teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship. Our netball team has similarly achieved considerable success, with children demonstrating exceptional skill and commitment throughout the year.

As we move into the summer break, we bid farewell to colleagues who are embarking on new chapters in their lives. We extend our warmest wishes to **Mrs Gretton**, **Mrs Blewett**, and **Mrs Gleig** as they retire. We also extend our warmest wishes to **Miss Ellis** and **Mr Anastasiadis** as they move on to new experiences in their teaching careers and to **Miss Aden** as she begins an exciting new chapter teaching in Dubai. Their contributions to South Norwood Primary School have been significant, and they will be greatly missed by staff, children, and families alike. We wish them well and thank them sincerely for their service to our school community.

School will reopen on Tuesday 1st September at 8:45am. We look forward to welcoming children back and continuing the positive momentum we have established. I trust you and your family will have a restful and enjoyable summer break.

James Looker

Headteacher



Reception.

Children had a wonderful time celebrating the many cultures that make our community so special. They proudly wore traditional clothing representing their heritage and enjoyed tasting a variety of delicious foods from around the world.

It was a day filled with learning, sharing, and celebrating diversity. Thank you to everyone who helped make this memorable experience possible! 🌍💚

"It was the best day because I tried new food" Adam

"It was fun because we could wear clothes from our own country." Aliya



EVERY DAY COUNTS!

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Year 1

What a fantastic way to end an incredible year! We are so proud of all of our Year 1 children, who absolutely **smashed their Phonics Screening Check**. Their hard work, determination and enthusiasm have truly paid off, and they should all be very proud of themselves.

This term has been packed with exciting experiences. We had a wonderful trip to the **Horniman Museum**, where we explored the fascinating *Voyage of the Deep* exhibition and enjoyed discovering all about life beneath the ocean. It was a fun and memorable day for everyone!

We also celebrated **Culture Day**, which gave us the opportunity to learn about and appreciate the many wonderful cultures that make our community so special. The children showed great curiosity, respect and enthusiasm throughout the day.

One of our favourite moments this term was creating a **Compliment Web**, where every child shared kind, thoughtful compliments with their classmates. It was heartwarming to see the kindness, encouragement and friendship that shines through our Year 1 family.

Miss Samako and I are incredibly proud of every single child and all that they have achieved this year. They have grown in confidence, resilience and independence, and we know they will continue to flourish and succeed in Year 2.

Thank you to all of our wonderful children and families for making this such a fun, exciting and memorable year. We wish everyone a happy, safe and relaxing summer holiday and we can't wait to hear about all of your adventures!



Thank you to all our parents and carers for your wonderful support. We had a fantastic year and created lots of special memories!

Year 2

We had a visitor who took us back in time! We were transported to the Victorian Era, where children began a large amount of their time working. No longer were we children in 2026, we were now servants in training!

We learned how to keep a house clean and laundry in order, then as a treat for all of our hard work we got to explore some old-fashioned toys!

"Why do boys get paid more if they work less? That's not fair!"

"A yo-yo? My grandad has one of those!"





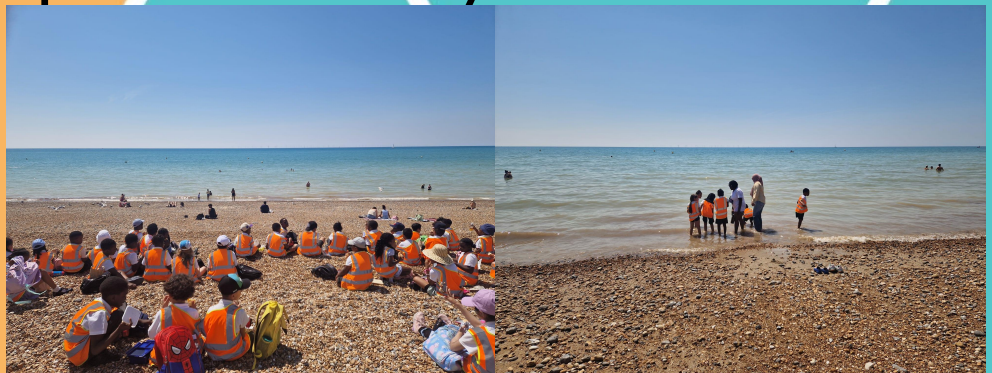
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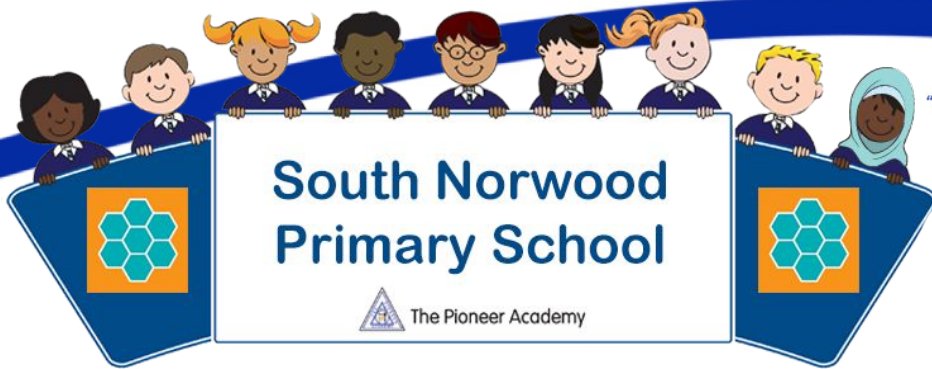
Year 3

Year 3 had a fantastic trip to Brighton Beach as part of the Pioneer Passport scheme, which is designed to provide children with memorable experiences that help define their childhood.

The children enjoyed a wonderful day by the seaside, making the most of the warm summer weather. They spent time exploring the beach, playing on the pebbles and taking in the sights and sounds of the coast. A highlight of the day was sharing a picnic together, giving everyone the chance to relax and enjoy lunch in the fresh sea air.

To round off an unforgettable visit, the children had the opportunity to experience the sea by standing in the cool water and feeling the waves gently wash over their feet. For many, it was a memorable first experience of the seaside, creating lasting memories with their friends. The trip was filled with laughter, excitement and plenty of smiles, making it a truly special experience for everyone involved.





Year 4 Cricket Adventures

Year 4 had an unforgettable opportunity to experience live cricket at The Oval. Although the rain delayed play beyond lunchtime the children showed great resilience and enthusiasm as they waited patiently. They were rewarded with the chance to see a brief moment of play and watch their Surrey Cricket coaches in action.

The excitement continued as the children put everything they had learned through the Platform Cricket Foundation into practice during the competition. Their teamwork determination and skill earned them an outstanding second-place finish behind one of London's top-performing schools.

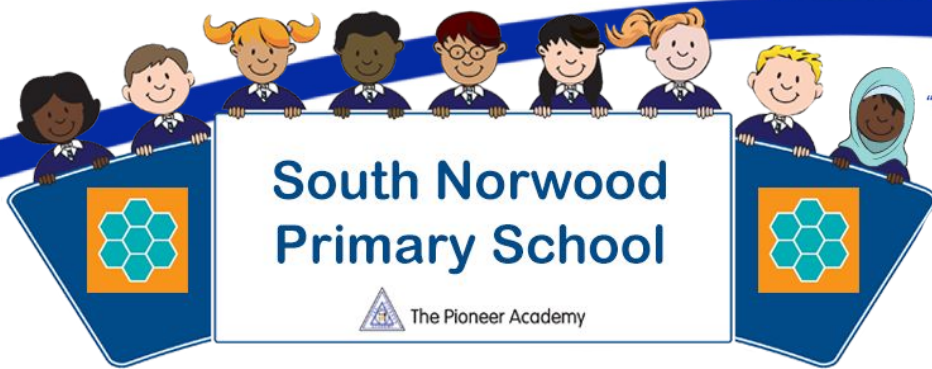
It has been a fantastic achievement and a memorable sporting experience for Year 4. As they move into Year 5 we hope this passion for cricket and love of sport continues to grow.

Year 4 Voices

"Watching live cricket at The Oval was the best day out ever. I can't wait to play more cricket!"

"Winning a medal made me feel so proud. Our team worked really hard and it was amazing."

"I loved every minute of the trip and now I want to keep playing cricket in Year 5!"



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Year 5 have had a busy year! We have been fortunate enough to go on many school trips this year as well as receive internal visits, including the Oval Cricket Grounds and Soap Making from the science teachers from Norbury High School for Girls. In addition, we celebrated Culture Day, participated in Dance for Rights and received a visit from London Fire Brigade on Fire Safety!

We are proud of Year 5's accomplishments and wish them all the best for Year 6 where the knowledge they have learnt will be built on. Keep practising your times tables!

"I didn't like maths before - now I do!"





Year 6

Our amazing children have been working incredibly hard to prepare for their end-of-year production. They've been learning lines, practising songs, perfecting dance moves, and somehow remembering where to stand on stage—all while convincing us they definitely weren't the ones chatting five minutes ago!

Their enthusiasm, determination, and growing confidence have been wonderful to see, and although there have been a few forgotten words, the occasional backward entrance, they have truly risen to the challenge. We couldn't be prouder of all their hard work, and we can't wait to see them shine on performance day!





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We have had some incredible opportunities for performing this term. We've celebrated our music learning, we've had our Rocksteady concert and our Talent Show. It has been amazing to see all of the wonderful performances and we are so proud of all the pupils who took part.



Well done to all the children who took part in our 'South Norwood's Got Talent' show on Monday 20th July 2026. We were treated to a wonderful variety of performances, including singing, dancing, gymnastics and more! Every child shone on stage and we are incredibly proud of their confidence, creativity and teamwork.

What a brilliant way to end the year!

Mrs Bashir



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Won a £5 Smyths voucher each

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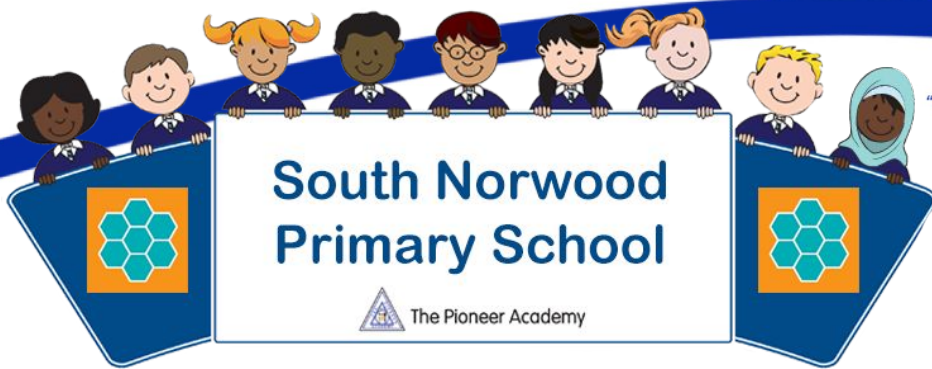


Won a £3 Smyths voucher each

3rd



Won a £2 Smyths voucher each



As another successful school year comes to a close, we would like to thank the children and parents for making this year such a rewarding experience. Together, we have celebrated growth, perseverance, and achievement across our curriculum and meeting targets.

We had a wonderful day celebrating diversity and culture within the ELP this term. The children are proud of their culture and we are extremely proud of them.

Have a restful summer and enjoy every moment!



I Love my Country

The ELP

I love Egypt because it is fun and the transport is exciting.

I love Sri Lanka because I can have chicken biryani.

I love Pakistan because there are nice bags.

I love England, the Tower of London is Beautiful.

I love Greece because I have tasty food.

I love my country – Uganda – because my family are from there.

I love Eritrea because it is nice and is a big country.

I love Italy because I can swim at peace.

I love Jamaica because of the food.

I love Jamaica because of the music.

I love Jamaica because of the parties.



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