### **Kindness: Thinking of others**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another busy week at South Borough with lots going on! This week was Anti-Bullying Week. In our themed assembly on Monday, we spoke thoughtfully about what bullying is, focusing on this year's theme: The Power of Good. We discussed how children can use their own power to put an end to bullying and prejudice. It was wonderful to see so many children wear very bright odd socks to mark the day, with some even designing their own unique pairs!

It has also been lovely hearing the beautiful sound of children singing as Christmas carol rehearsals get underway, including Year 4 singing "Ging Gang Gooli" in their music lesson and our Young Voices choir rehearsing their repertoire ready for their trip to the O2 in January. We have finished the week seeing many children dressed up today for Children in Need—an important charity that supports young people across the country.

Looking forward to seeing many of you in person next week at parent consultations. Have the best weekend - here's hoping that the downpours don't get too severe!

Mathew Currie Headteacher



# Staff shout out!



**Miss Nott** 

Shout out to Miss Nott! She's a kind, friendly member of staff who consistently goes the extra mile. As a Year 6 TA and Breakfast Club member, she builds great relationships by showing a genuine interest in children's lives.

You'll always find her smiling, encouraging pupils at lunchtime, and tackling everything with an infectious excitement that makes spending time with her entertaining and fun!

# Celebration corner... Thomas in Y6 acing weightlifting

We are thrilled to share news of Thomas' amazing athletic achievement!

On November 1st, Thomas won the gold medal in his age group at a weightlifting competition held at the Crystal Palace in London. We are incredibly proud of his dedication; he has been developing his skills in this sport for nearly two years. This is his second medal won in this type of competition!





## Remembrance Day Parade





On Sunday, November 9th, the South Borough Performing Arts Club proudly represented the school at the annual Remembrance Parade in Maidstone. Dressed smartly in uniform, students carried the school standard, marching to honour those who served. They walked in silence alongside prestigious groups, including the Royal Engineers, Gurkha Engineers, ex-service personnel, and local schools. As the parade moved to the War Memorial, crowds offered heartfelt applause, acknowledging the students' respectful contribution to the community. At the memorial, students stood respectfully during the service, which included the Last Post and the powerful Two Minute Silence.

The most poignant moment for South Borough was laying the wreaths. Two students from the club stepped forward to place the school's wreath. With great maturity, they bowed their heads, offering silent thanks and reflection to those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. The event was a deeply moving and educational experience, allowing students to demonstrate respect, duty, and community spirit. The club's participation ensures the memory of those who served remains central to the new generation.

#### **Parent Consultations**

19th/20<sup>th</sup> November from 3:30pm on each day. Remember to arrive early to view your child's books.

#### Term Dates 26/27

We have now published <u>term dates</u> <u>for 26/27</u>. You will notice that these dates include a 2 week October break.

#### **Final school tours**

25<sup>th</sup> November will mark our final school tours for new Year R parents. Don't forget to book on if you wish to tour.

### Reminder



Please remember that dogs are not allowed on the school site at any time.
This rule applies even if the dog is being held by an adult.
The only exception is for registered assistance dogs.



Has your child achieved something outside of school? Have they got something they wish to share with the school community? We would love to celebrate these achievements in future editions of South Borough News. Please Dojo your message and any photos directly to Mr Currie!



## Christmas 2025 - Save the dates

Christmas bells are ringing and Santa's on his way...

**Nursery Nativity Songs** 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1pm and 4<sup>th</sup> December 9:15am

**Reception Nativity & Songs** 5<sup>th</sup> December - RA at 9:30am; RB at 2pm

**FOSB Christmas Fete and Years 1 - 6 Christmas Carols** - 16<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Jumper, Dinner and Party Day - 17<sup>th</sup> December