

South Borough News



30th January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

A message from the Headteacher

What a momentous week it has been for our school community! I am incredibly proud to share that South Borough Primary School has received a personal letter of congratulations from Bridget Phillipson, the Secretary of State for Education.

The letter formally recognises South Borough as one of the top-performing schools in the country for the achievement of disadvantaged pupils. It specifically highlighted the extraordinary progress our children make from the moment they join us until they leave in Year 6. Because of this success, the Government has invited us to become a flagship school, supporting others across the country to ensure all children, regardless of their background, can achieve their full potential.

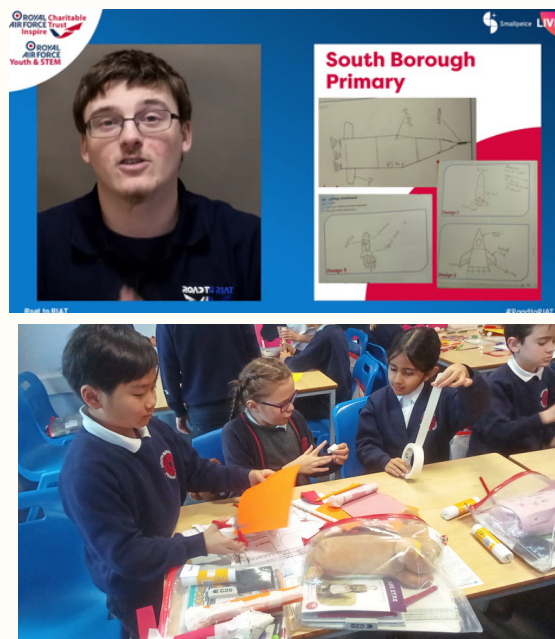
This achievement is a testament to the relentless hard work of our staff, the determination of our children, and the unwavering support of you, our parents. I see this dedication every single day in our classrooms, where barriers are broken down and every child is supported to flourish. Thank you for being such a vital part of this success. I hope you feel as proud of our school as I do. Have the best weekend!

Warm regards

Mathew Currie
Headteacher

Year 5 STEM Success

Last Friday, our Year 5 students rose to the challenge for the Royal International Air Tattoo (RIAT) STEM event. Taking on the roles of future engineers, the children worked collaboratively to create a rocket and design a sustainable aircraft for a greener future.



Celebration corner... Etta is Cheerleader of the Week



Etta has earned "Cheerleader of the week" twice this month, and before Christmas she came home with 11 skills badges. She only started cheerleading in September and is very proud of the skills she has learnt - she loves it!

School Uniform

Please check out this [section of our website](#) to see school uniform requirements.



YEAR 4 BURNS DAY

Year 4 had a “braw” day celebrating the National Bard of Scotland “Robert Burns”. They danced to traditional music, created their own tartans, learnt some Scots language and even had the pleasure of hearing bagpipes live!



Celebration corner... Robin the future Olympic gymnast!!



This week Robin in Reception wants to share that he has received ‘Star of the week’ at his Ninja Gymnastics. This is for some spectacular dive rolls and side vaults. He is very pleased with himself and we are equally as proud of you, Robin. Well done!



If your child is off school for any reason, please ensure that you have contacted the school office to let them know the reason.

Parents should not use Class Dojo to report their child absent.

Celebration corner...

Frankie's epic swimming award



This is Frankie (from Year 2) who is proud as punch to share her 50 metre swimming badge and certificate with you all.

Frankie has worked relentlessly to achieve this, going from strength to strength in her lessons. Well done!

Staff shout out!



Mrs Salawa-Adam

We are delighted to announce that this week's Staff Shout Out goes to the wonderful Mrs. Salawa-Adam, one of our dedicated Play Leaders. Mrs. Salawa-Adam works tirelessly with Miss Overy to set up our OPAL provision, ensuring that every child has access to the very best play opportunities during the lunch period. She is a true champion for our pupils, always taking the time to celebrate their individual successes with a genuine and heart-warming enthusiasm. Her approach is consistently practical and positive, making her an invaluable pillar of support within the lunchtime team. Thanks for being a great part of our team!

Power of Purple Awards

We are so proud to let parents know children across the school who have been awarded one of our Power of Purple Awards.

Nursery Lyra B	
Reception A Irie-Anne W	Reception B Zachary A
Class 1A Anton F & Dennis F	Class 1B Amy R
Class 2A Mipson G	Class 2B Christian C & Keziah A
Class 3A Zara R	Class 3B Theodore K
Class 4A Alexandra D & Arya A	Class 4B Sadie C
Class 5A Tasfia U	Class 5B Emaan S
Class 6A Joey M	Class 6B Alise A
Staff n/a	

BRUMATION

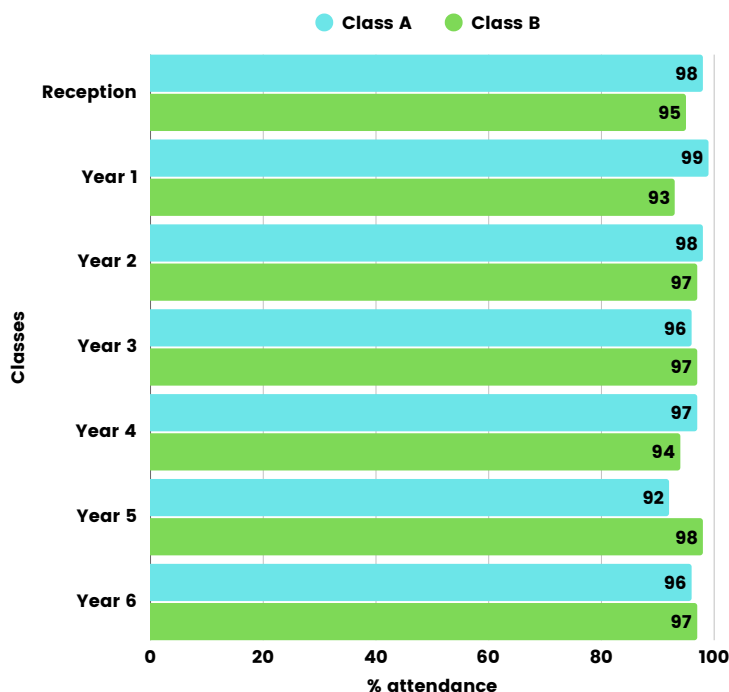
This word mean:
a state of sluggishness or inactivity experienced by animals in the winter months. *The way I have been feeling this week!*



ATTENDANCE

Take a look at last week's class attendance figures. Classes who achieve 96% or above attendance get to roll the dice in our Classopoly game in assembly.

Congratulations to **RA, 1A, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, 4A, 5B, 6A** and **6B** this week!



Whole school attendance up to 96.1% last week...
keep up the good work!

Celebration corner...

Charlie, the gym superstar!



This is Charlie and our value of 'determination' is his middle name. He has shown bucket loads of determination in his Gymfinity classes and as a result has earned this amazing certificate. He looks so proud of all of his efforts as he absolutely should. Well done, Charlie!