

A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing this week's message with a huge smile on my face after an absolutely fantastic evening at this year's Maidstone Light Festival. I was incredibly lucky to join our Performing Arts Club, who proudly represented South Borough in the festival parade. It was a joy to witness 25 of our amazing young people holding their lanterns high and parading the length of the High Street with such pride and enthusiasm.

The atmosphere was electric, featuring a spectacular light-up dragon, live music, and brilliant drummers. A huge thank you to Mrs. Samways, Miss Samways, Mr. Macfie, and all the parents who joined us to make the evening so special.

This rounded off a wonderful week full of events, including NSPCC Number Day on Friday. It was brilliant to see such creative mathematical outfits and the children engaging with activities based on the book '365 Penguins.' Curiously, there seemed to be an overriding theme of the numbers '6-7' with many of the costumes... I'm still not quite sure what that was all about, can anyone enlighten me?!

Thank you for your ongoing support in making these community events possible. Have a wonderful weekend!

Mathew Currie
Headteacher

Staff shout out!



Mrs Fuller

We also want to take a moment to celebrate Mrs. Fuller, one of our fantastic Teaching Assistants who truly wears many hats at South Borough. Not only does she provide dedicated support to our children in Year 3, but she also coordinates our Breakfast Club with expert precision and unwavering reliability. Whether she is teaching a phonics group with her characteristic expertise, stepping in to lead a class, or covering an extra duty at a moment's notice, Mrs. Fuller does so with a kind, compassionate, and thoughtful nature that is truly one of a kind. We are so lucky to have you on our team, Mrs. Fuller—thank you for everything you do!

Celebration corner... Bliss – a future Chelsea champion and lioness!

Bliss wanted to share with you all that she went up to Stamford Bridge on Saturday to see Chelsea women's team play against Arsenal. Her dream is to play for Chelsea one day and be a Lioness.

The match was one of her Christmas presents, which was delayed until 2026. When her mum told her where she was going, Bliss cried 😭!

She absolutely loved every moment, even though Chelsea lost which she was upset about!



Talking to staff

Please remember to speak to staff with kindness and respect. We understand that sometimes you may be unhappy or you may disagree with a decision that has been made. However, this is no excuse to shout or speak to staff in an aggressive way. Please remember that our 'expected behaviours' are there for parents to follow too.



This coming week, we will be marking Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is 'THIS IS MY PLACE' and centres around the importance of BELONGING.

Children will take part in a special assembly on Monday and explore what it means to belong and how we can support others to belong, join in and feel part of our team or community.

Celebration corner... Violet the Victorious!



We are so proud to share with you Violet's amazing achievement this week. Last Sunday, Violet's rugby team, in Bromley, won all three of their matches. They played against three very difficult teams and were victorious! What an incredible trophy and an outcome to be truly proud of. Well done to Violet and her team!



A huge congratulations to the pupils who entered the NSPCC ROCKS TTRS competition. Out of 4011 schools (Primary and Secondary) South Borough placed 251st!

The school finished in the top 0.7% of schools in the country!

Celebration corner...

Henry & Ronnie - Martial Art champions



Introducing to you the very talented Henry (Y6) and Ronnie (Y3). Two brothers who have simultaneously achieved their Yellow belt in Martial Art. They have been working really hard for over a year and we couldn't be prouder of them. It just goes to show what you can achieve with relentless practice and focus. Well done boys!



FOCUS ON FOOTIE...

Huge congratulations to our youngest football players who put in a great performance last week.

The Year 1/2 football team performed amazingly with limited numbers away at Snodland earning a 4-4 draw last Friday. Well done guys!

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 Ayla M	
Reception A Jack D	Reception B Poppy H
Class 1A Izaak S	Class 1B Bogdan T
Class 2A Oliver Di	Class 2B Leona R
Class 3A Cece H	Class 3B Riley C & Aria W
Class 4A Leela C	Class 4B Jannah A
Class 5A Bethany K	Class 5B Veer B
Class 6A Mahdi M	Class 6B Naomi A
Staff n/a	

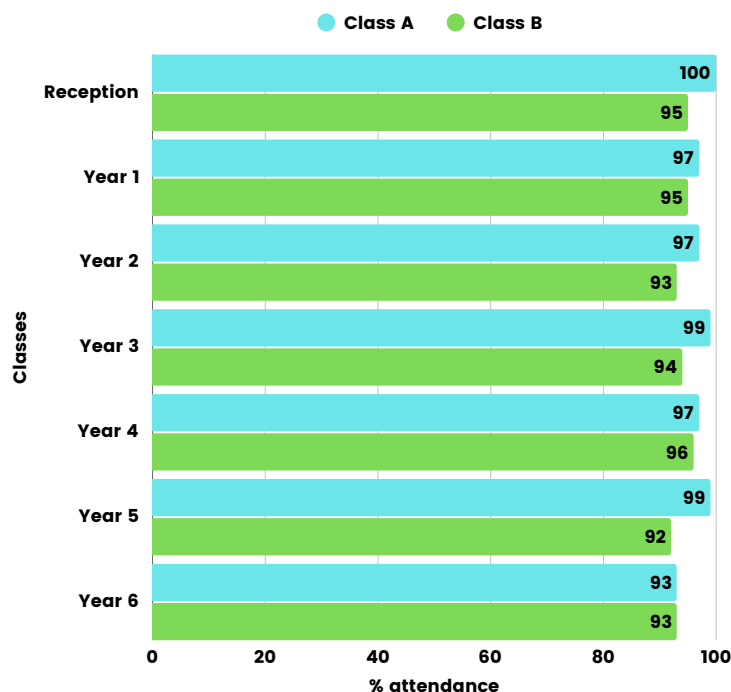
SONDER

This word mean:
the realisation that every one you pass is living a life as complex as yours. A great link to Children's Mental Health 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, 3A, 4A 4B** and **5A** this week!



Whole school attendance down to 95.8% last week from 96%... remember every learning minute counts!

SUCCESS SHOWCASE!

Great work everyone! So far in 2026, we have managed to celebrate 16 successes that children have achieved outside of those school gates. We can't stop there, if we are going to reach or exceed our goal of 100. We know there are loads more gems just waiting to be celebrated.

Keep sending them in. A photo and brief message to Mr Currie on Class Dojo is all it takes!