

Dear Parents/Carers, **A message from the Headteacher**

As we reach the midpoint of Term 5, I am delighted to reflect on what has been a fantastic start to the summer season. Our new timetabling model is proving to be a great success; moving our assemblies to 9:00 am has ensured a much "slicker" start to the morning, allowing children to settle into their learning with focus and clarity.

It has been a privilege to conduct learning walks alongside Mr. Clarke over the past few weeks. We have been incredibly impressed by the high levels of engagement across all year groups. It is wonderful to see our teachers using such carefully considered strategies to check understanding and adapt their teaching "in the moment" to meet the children's needs.

A huge thank you must go to the Friends of South Borough (FOSB). It was a pleasure to join their AGM recently and hear about the staggering amount of money raised this year. We are immensely grateful to the committee for the personal time they volunteer to make these events happen. The most visible result of this hard work is the OPAL Field development currently underway at the bottom of the field. This project is being entirely funded by FOSB, and it is your support that is making this transformation possible!

Looking ahead to next week, I want to wish our amazing Year 6 pupils the very best of luck as they begin their SATs. At the start of term, we spoke in assembly about the importance of preparation, and I can confidently say these children could not be more ready. A special thank you to the staff for facilitating the breakfast booster sessions; we look forward to welcoming Year 6 for a fully cooked breakfast next week to ensure they are fuelled and ready to shine.

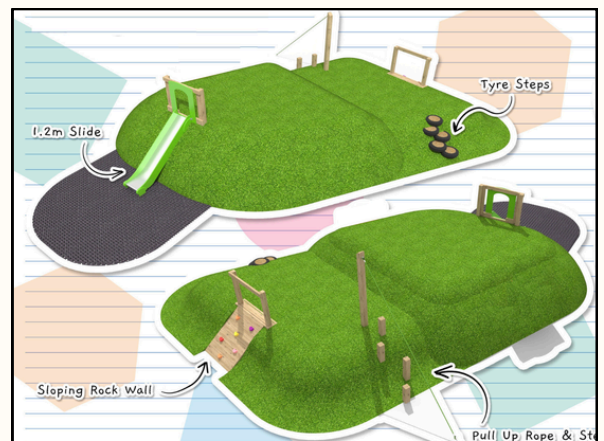
Finally, the school is buzzing with healthy competition as children take on the TTRS staff challenge! It is lovely to see so many staff members signed up and the children working so hard to beat their scores. Don't forget, we have a busy end of term ahead with Sports Day on May 19th and our first-ever Power of Purple Disco on the final afternoon.

Have a wonderful, restful weekend, and I look forward to seeing many of you on the gate next week.

Mathew Currie
Headteacher

FOSB Field Development Project

Work has started on our FOSB Field Development Project which is finally going to turn the mound of dirt at the bottom of the field into something amazing for children to make use of at lunch time. As you can see from the design below, there will be a rock wall, tyre steps, pull up rope and slide for children to enjoy. Your donations to FOSB have made this happen. You can support this project via one Friends of South Borough's passive fundraisers: <https://linktr.ee/fosb>

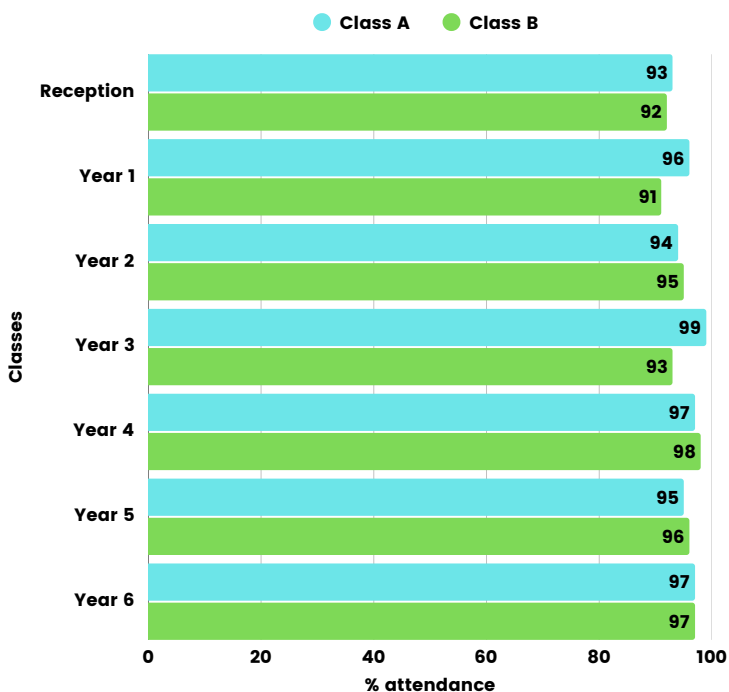




11-17 May 2026 is Mental Health Awareness Week. To support this on **Friday 15th May we as a school are encouraging everyone to wear something green** to support the Mental Health Foundation. If you would like more information on the charity please click on this link <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk>

ATTENDANCE

Attendance so far this term is looking great and currently stands at 95.6%. Keep up the great work everybody!



Staff shout out!



Mrs Chester

A massive shout-out to the fabulous Mrs. Chester! A cornerstone of our Nursery team, she brings a radiant smile and unmatched compassion to our youngest learners every single day. Whether she's designing creative, fun activities or going the extra mile to support learning both inside and out of the classroom, her dedication is second to none. Mrs. Chester always finds the time to offer a helping hand to families and a warm welcome to the children, making our Nursery a truly joyful place to grow. Thank you! 🌟🌈

SPORTS SUCCESS...

It has been a great term so far for sport at South Borough.

Last week, the Year 3 and 4 girls' football team played two matches. The first was away at Greenfields and ended with a 2-3 win to South Borough. The second was at home to Madginford that also ended in a win of 4-2. We are incredibly proud of the girls!

The upper KS2 girls secured a place in next term's Stones in the Community Cup final with an impressive 3-0 win over St. Johns in the semi finals.

The netball team finished the season on a high note with a double-victory last week. They secured a 6-1 win over St John's before a fantastic 17-0 win against Sandling. Miss Collins and Miss Newman are immensely proud of the resilience and tireless effort the team has shown all year!



CELEBRATION CORNER



Freya's Big Signing!



We have some massive news to share about Freya in Year 6! Freya has officially signed for the Charlton Athletic U12's Academy! This is an incredible achievement. Freya has put in countless hours of hard work between the posts, evolving into a fearless and commanding Goalkeeper. Her confidence on the pitch has skyrocketed, and her pure passion for the game shines through every time she puts on her gloves. Freya, we are bursting with pride at your success.

Staff Level 3 success!



A huge shout-out and a massive "well done" to Mrs Brum, Miss Nott, Mrs Matthews, Mrs Janman, and Miss Overy for successfully completing their Level 3 SEND TA course! Over the past few months, these dedicated members of staff have shown incredible commitment, balancing their studies and home lives while never wavering in the amazing support they provide to our children and the entire school community. Your hard work and dedication to professional growth are truly inspiring—you are all amazing, and South Borough is incredibly lucky to have you!

Austin - a star footie performance!

Huge congratulations to Austin for a standout performance on Sunday, April 19th!



Playing for the Langley Lions FC, Austin delivered what was arguably his best game since joining the team. He netted two fantastic goals, but his impact went far beyond the scoreboard. His relentless aggression and non-stop running made him a constant thorn in Roseacre's side from start to finish. In recognition of his incredible work rate, Austin swept the awards this week, taking home both the Manager's Player of the Match and the Parents' Player of the Match!

The Lions secured a thrilling 4-3 victory, punching their ticket to the Cup Final which they won on penalties. Austin, your family is incredibly proud of you—we can't wait to cheer you on in the final! 🏆

