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Happy New Year.

The holidays seem a long time ago and we are almost at half term! We have had a busy month with many trips already taking place.

See the next page to read all about it.

This half term the topics are:

Reception: Dinosaurs

Year 1: A day in the life

Year 2: Buildings

Year 3: Shake it

Year 4: Land Sea and Sky

Year 5: Great, Bold and Brave (Ancient Greeks and Romans)

Year 6: 900CE (Ancient Mayans)

Read more about these on the year group pages on our website:

<https://www.southnorwood.croydon.sch.uk/>

Remember to look at the calendar on class dojo for important up and coming event for the whole school and your year group.

### Attendance

**RN - 97.2%**

**RS - 97.4%**

1K - 91.1%

1R - 94.5%

2W - 94.5%

2K - 92.4%

3M - 92.1%

**3W - 95.3%**

4S - 94.1%

4Y - 94.2%

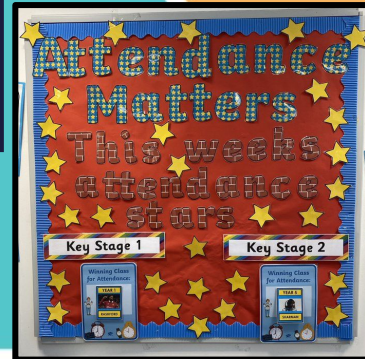
5E - 93.1%

5S - 90.7%

**6S - 95.3%**

6B - 90.9%

Well done to **RN and RS**



On Wednesday 24th January we remembered a beloved member of staff who passed before christmas with an own clothes day.

Thank you to everyone who has so generously donated money to the Royal Marsden Charity in Miss Cheryll's memory.

At moment of typing our fundraiser is £706. We have a memorial book which you are welcome to add to with your own memories. Email them to me

[head@southnorwood.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:head@southnorwood.croydon.sch.uk) send via class dojo or you can come and hand write your own comment in the book.



### Attendance

Attendance of under 90% is classed as persistent absence – whatever the reason – and will be referred to the Educational Welfare Officer.

Holidays during term time are not authorised and you could be issued with a penalty.

### Reception trip to Crystal Palace Park



Reception headed out on the 197 bus to see the dinosaurs at Crystal Palace Park. We were really lucky that the sun shone even tho it was cold. We were all amazed at how big the dinosaurs we have been learning about were, but even more surprised that they look like animals we can still see! "That one looks like a crocodile!" "That one is a pig/dog!"

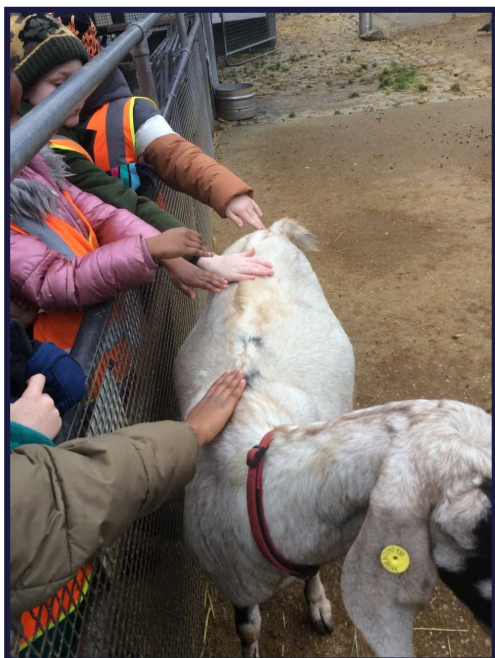
### Year 4 trip to Matilda

We had an amazing trip to see Matilda in the West End. The children loved the experience of the theatre and enjoyed the familiarity of the songs as well as the humour throughout the performance. The singing and acting were amazing and the set was incredible - have a look for yourselves! What an experience for Year 4.



### Year 3 trip to Surrey Docks Farm

As part of our IPC topic we went to Surrey docks farm to learn how to make milk and butter. We also got to feed the animals and try goat cheese.



### Art trip to National Portrait Gallery.

A selection of talented artists from the juniors recently visited The National Portrait Gallery to look around and take part in a workshop. They visited many different galleries and worked with a professional artist on their portrait drawing skills. They had a marvellous time and produced some excellent art work for Mrs Rogers.

