Dear South Norwood Primary School Community,

As we embark on this new academic year, I am delighted to report an exceptional start to the school term. Our pupils have demonstrated remarkable adaptability, settling into their routines with enthusiasm and dedication. It is particularly gratifying to witness the seamless integration of our new pupils, who have already become valued members of our school family.



I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new pupils and their families. Your presence enriches our diverse and vibrant community, and we look forward to supporting your educational journey at South Norwood Primary.

Our Year 6 pupils recently had the privilege of visiting Sky Studios, an experience that provided them with invaluable insights into the intricacies of video production for television. This hands-on learning opportunity not only broadened their horizons but also fostered creativity and technical skills that will undoubtedly serve them well in the future.

We were honoured to welcome back Kwadwo Baah, a former pupil of South Norwood Primary and now a rising star at Watford FC. Kwadwo's visit to our senior boys' football team was inspirational, demonstrating the heights our pupils can reach with dedication and perseverance.

Our commitment to environmental stewardship remains steadfast, as evidenced by the commendable efforts of our Eco-Council. These conscientious pupils have been diligently weeding and tidying the school's garden beds, ensuring our grounds remain pristine and ecologically sound following the summer break. (cont. over)

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It gives me great pleasure to announce the election of our new head pupils. Congratulations to Nathan, Zoe, Mickey, and Edwina on their well-deserved appointments. We have every confidence that they will excel in their roles and contribute significantly to our school's continued success.

I would like to bring to your attention that there are still spaces available in our Cheerleading club. This extracurricular activity offers an excellent opportunity for physical exercise, teamwork, and personal growth. If your child is interested in participating, please visit

https://portal.iclasspro.com/aquaelitecheer/class-details/8?philtres=%7B%7 <u>D</u> to secure a place.

As we progress through this academic year, I am filled with optimism about the myriad opportunities and achievements that lie ahead for our pupils. The dedication of our staff, the support of our parents, and the enthusiasm of our pupils create an environment where excellence thrives.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement with South Norwood Primary School. Together, we are nurturing the leaders, innovators, and citizens of tomorrow.

James Looker Head of School









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and the main thing is learning."







CRISP PACKETS STILL REQUIRED TO REFRESH OUR CLOCKTOWER.

Please bring them in and give them to Mrs Rogers.



On Tuesday, ex South Norwood pupil Kwadwo Baah played against Man City for Watford in the League Cup. The next day he visited South Norwood Primary School to surprise the senior boys football team at their after school training session. Needless to say the kids were over the moon and in awe of their hero. This was an incredibly kind gesture from Kwadwo to come and coach and give advice to the next generation of players. Thank you and best of luck with your first full season at Watford. Once a Bee always a Bee 🐝 💛 💛 💛

On the 26th of September 2024, 6S went on an exciting trip to Sky Studios, where they got a unique behind-the-scenes experience. They had the opportunity to create their very own movie trailer in a bespoke XR studio and meet Sky employees, giving them a glimpse into the world of creative industries. Amirah shared her thoughts of the day: "It was amazing! I never thought I'd get to make a movie trailer – I want to work in a studio one day!" The other Year 6 class will have their chance to visit Sky Studios on the 7th of November 2024.





This year, as part of our Harvest Festival Celebrations, we will be collecting tinned and dried food for the Norwood and Brixton Foodbank. Please send food into school with your child from Monday 30th September. We will be accepting donations until just before half term. Any questions please contact Miss Anderson via the school office.



I am pleased to share our recent attendance figures, which reflect our collective commitment to education. Several classes have demonstrated exemplary attendance, with RD achieving an impressive 97% and 6S and 6B both reaching 95.9%. It is encouraging to see many classes maintaining attendance above 95%, highlighting the dedication of our pupils and their families.

However, we recognise that some classes have room for improvement. As we strive for excellence in all aspects of school life, I urge everyone to prioritise regular attendance. Every day at school is an opportunity for growth and learning.

Let us continue to work together to ensure our pupils receive the full benefits of their education.