

Dear South Norwood Primary School Community,

As we approach the end of this remarkable half term, I would like to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for the warm welcome I have received as your new head of school. It has been a privilege to lead this vibrant educational community, and I am deeply appreciative of the support and enthusiasm demonstrated by our children, staff, and parents alike.

This festive season has brought forth a plethora of exceptional performances that have truly showcased the talent and dedication of our children. The Christmas Carol Concert was nothing short of spectacular, with our Year 6 children delivering a captivating Nativity performance. Their efforts were admirably complemented by the contributions of children from Years 3 to 5, creating a harmonious and memorable event. I extend my heartfelt thanks to the parents who attended and to St Mark's Church for providing an excellent venue for this cherished tradition.

Equally impressive were the Nativity performances presented by our Reception and Years 1 and 2 children. Their enthusiasm, creativity, and hard work were evident in every aspect of their presentations. It is with great pride that we celebrate these young performers and their remarkable achievements.

As we look ahead to the new year, I would like to inform you of an important staffing update. Mrs Kinsley will continue her role as interim head of school at Chatsworth Infant School in Bexley and, consequently, will not be returning to South Norwood Primary. We extend our best wishes to Mrs Kinsley in her ongoing endeavours.

Finally, I would like to remind all parents and guardians that children are expected to return to school on Monday, 6th January, at 8:45am. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for what promises to be an exciting and productive term ahead.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement in our school community. I wish you all a restful and enjoyable holiday season.

James Looker
Headteacher



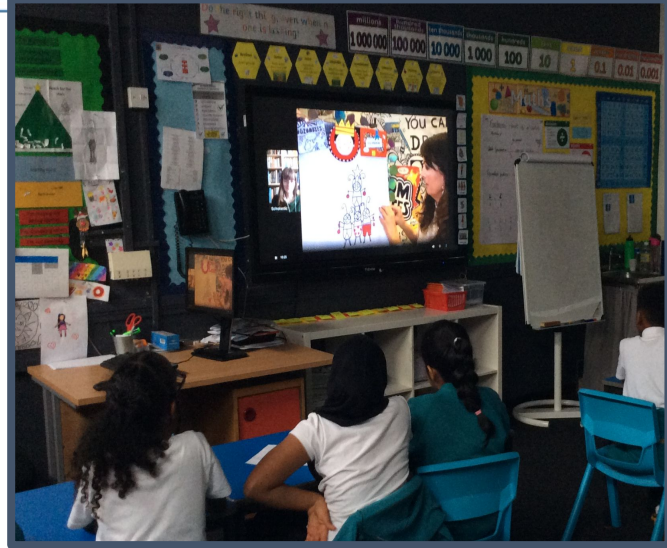


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Year 1 and 2 put on an absolutely fantastic Nativity performance yesterday! After weeks of hard work, practicing their lines and songs, the children took to the stage with confidence and big smiles. Their performances were full of energy, joy, and a sprinkle of holiday magic! Parents, family, and friends were all thrilled by the show, applauding their brilliant efforts. From the catchy songs to the adorable costumes, it was a heartwarming and memorable event that everyone will treasure. Well done, Year 1 and 2—you truly brought the Nativity to life!



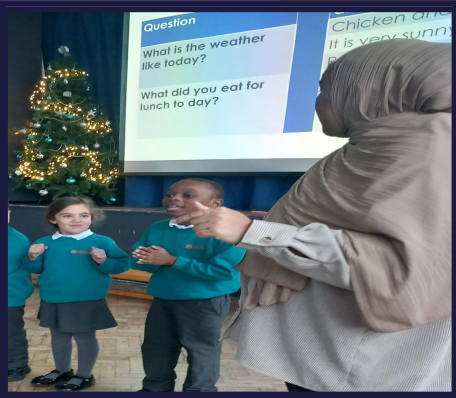


Year 5 visiting the Science museum as part of the IPC topic Space Scientists.

Year 5 had an exciting live Zoom session with Liz Pichon, illustrator of Tom Gates. The students were thrilled to interact with Liz and follow her step-by-step illustration guide, sparking their creativity and excitement.



Year 4 had a zoom with a previous SN teacher and her class from Egypt. We learnt how coptic Christians celebrate Christmas in Egypt and told them about our winter festivals.



Years 1-5 celebrated our music learning this half term with a celebration assembly. We had some live and video performances where we showcased our final pieces.

