



Dear South Norwood Primary School Community,

As we find ourselves in the midst of a bustling Autumn term, I am pleased to share some noteworthy developments and upcoming events at our school.

We have recently welcomed prospective parents for our new reception tours, and I am delighted to report that the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

For those with children due to start reception in September 2025, I urge you to submit your application via the Croydon Council website before the 31st of January deadline. It is worth noting that siblings of current pupils are given priority at South Norwood.



One of the most poignant events of this term was our Remembrance Day service at our War Memorial. Nine schools from across the trust participated, with their head pupils in attendance. The occasion was marked by a respectful two-minute silence, reflective readings, and thoughtful poems. Subsequently, our visitors joined our Year 6 classes to deepen their understanding of Remembrance Day.

As we approach the festive season, I would like to draw your attention to several important dates. On Wednesday, 4th December at 5:30pm, we will be hosting our Family Festive Meal. The following day, Thursday 5th December, will see our pupils enjoying their Festive meal in school, coinciding with Christmas Jumper Day.

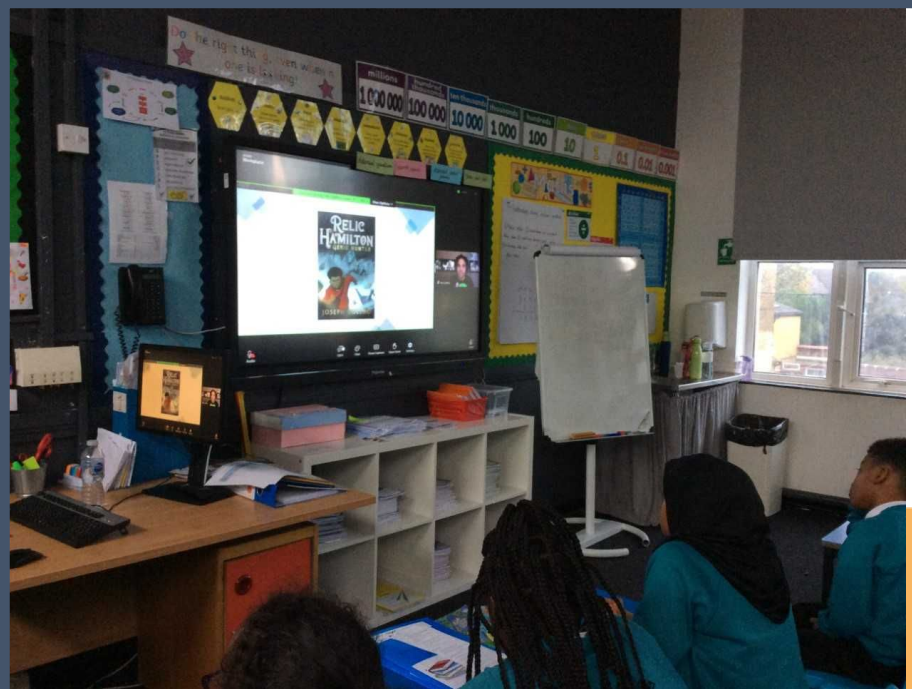
Our EYFS Nativity performances are scheduled for Tuesday 17th December at 9:15am and Wednesday 18th December at 2:45pm. Years 1 and 2 will present their Nativity on Thursday 19th December at 9:30am and 2:00pm. For our older pupils in Years 3 to 6, a Carol Concert will be held at St Mark's Church on Wednesday 18th from 1:30pm until 3pm. Parents are welcome to join us at the church.

Finally, please be reminded that the term concludes on 20th December.

As we navigate through this busy period, I extend my gratitude for your continued support and engagement with our school community.

James Looker
Head of School

Years 4, 5, and 6 had an exciting live Zoom session with author Joseph Coelho. He shared his journey to becoming an author and discussed his latest book, *Relic Hamilton: Genie Hunter*. The students were inspired by his insights into writing and creativity.

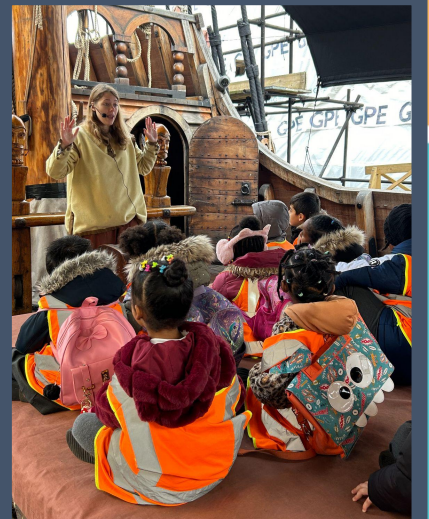


Year 1 Pirate day

Ahoy mateys! Year 1 had a fun-filled Pirate Day to start their **Treasure Island** topic. They made up pirate names, created treasure maps, and played "Captain's Command." It was an exciting day full of pirate adventures!

Year 1 trip to Golden Hinde

Year 1 had a blast on their trip to the Golden Hinde! From spotting the anchor at the entrance to learning about pirates and checking out the mighty cannon, it was an adventure on the high seas!



Year 2 trip to the VUE cinema

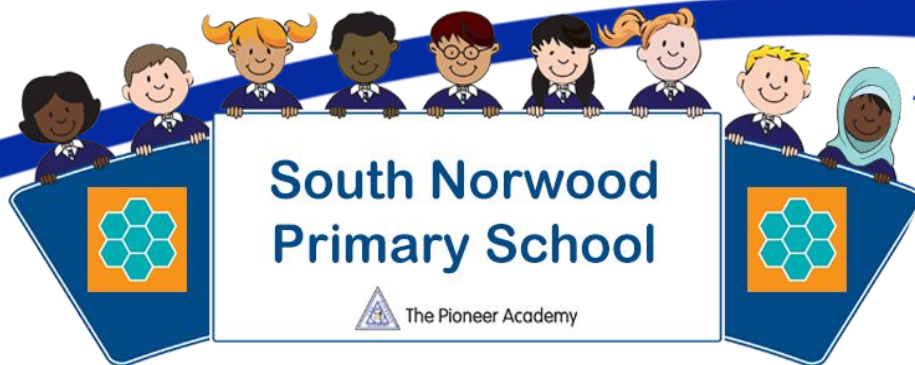
Year 2 loved watching *Despicable Me 4* and had a great time travelling on the train and tram. For some students, it was their first time watching a film.

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Remembrance Day Service





ELP Garden

The children in our Enhanced Learning Provision have been enjoying their new and improved ELP Garden.

In the summer term last year, we were very lucky and grateful to have a Grandparent from the ELP arrange a volunteering project which transformed our garden. The children now have access to a spacious area which they can use to explore and mark make, as well as care for plants in our new sensory garden.

South Norwood Primary school would like to thank Christian Allwood, the team at Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL) and Provender Nurseries for all of their hard work, and effort.

