

Great Oaks Weekly

Friday 20th March 2026 



Taskmaster Challenges

This week, we marked Red Nose Day with a focus on the power of laughter and positive connections. Classes took part in fun Taskmaster-style challenges, sharing photos and videos throughout the week. On Friday, pupils wore red and enjoyed a final whole-school challenge, bringing everyone together.



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Pin the nose on Mrs Lindsay in Pathway 1 assembly!

Rare Grackle

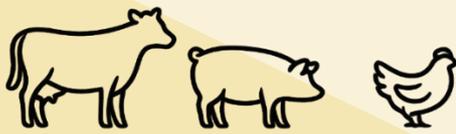
A rare bird has been spotted at the front of West Site, attracting lots of interest from staff and pupils. The bird, identified as a Grackle, is a North American species and was first recorded in the UK at Calshot Spit in November 2025. On Thursday it was seen sitting in the tree outside reception. While some students and staff were very excited, others were less bothered!



Display Corner

A PSHE display exploring things students say they can't live without, including family, singing, and even mashed potato and slime! A celebration of individuality and what matters most to each learner.





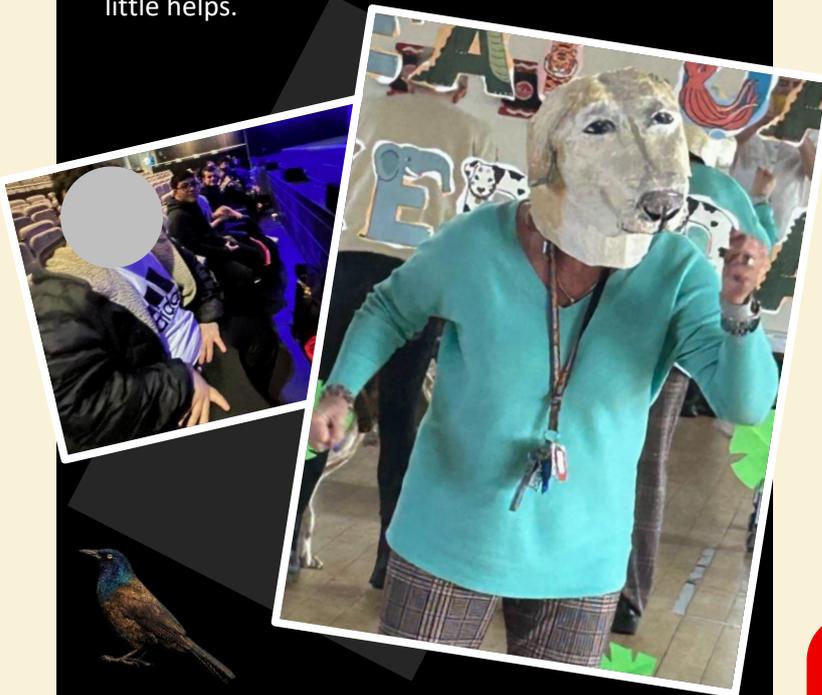
South Site News

By our regular columnist **Mike Bull**

A stage play of *The Boy In The Back Of The Class* was enjoyed by A16 students on a trip to Mayflower Studios. The students, who have been reading the book this term, also met the cast. The story tells the journey of Ahmet, a boy who flees his home country to live in England.

A powerful Connections assembly was led by Pathways 1 Manager Tracey Quitak. All students and staff ended up touching elbows as Tracey demonstrated the strength people have when they join together.

College students have been gaining experience in the community with shopping trips to Tesco. Every little helps.



Tracey led a powerful Connections assembly (she wasn't wearing her dog mask but this was the only picture of her we could find.)

Why should you knock before opening a fridge?

There might be a salad dressing

Dan Maund (Site Team)

**HAHA
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HOHOYO**



How many Rare North American Grackles can you spot in this newsletter?



SaLT at South

There has been lots happening with Speech and Language at South Site. Ryan worked on speech sounds with NHS therapist Izzy and Post-16 students are developing narrative communication skills.



Pathway 2 and 3 students enjoyed a visit to The MAST, taking part in a cultural experience that supported their learning beyond the classroom.



MAXimum Attendance



We're building momentum towards our Big Easter Attendance Raffle next week.

We are hoping for egg-cellent attendance for the remainder of the term so keep cracking away at the attendance challenge.

Every day matters. **Woof!**

