

# Friars, Robert Browning, Snowsfields and Tower Bridge Primary Schools

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## Newsletter 23rd September 2022

Dear Parents,

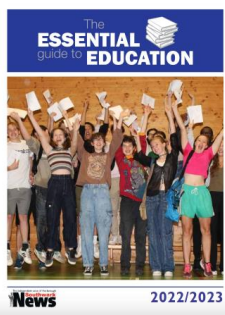
At Robert Browning, Tower Bridge and Snowsfields we are very excited for some of our pupils who are embarking on their year 6 residential next week. Parents please follow your school and class twitter for updates.

Year 6 parents, Southwark News have created this booklet, the essential guide to education with information about Secondary School open days and evenings. A digital copy can be found in the link here:

[Southwark News The Essential Education Guide 22-23.](#)

Please support your child to come to school everyday on time, children who achieve this will receive a red wristband at the end of the half term.

Have a lovely weekend and see you on Monday. Gates open at 8:45am.



## Dates For Your Diary

### Tower Bridge

17th-21st October- International Week

18th October- International Evening

9th November - Parent and Pupil Review Meetings- school closed

### Robert Browning

17th-21st October- International Week

9th November - Parent and Pupil Review Meetings- school closed

### Snowsfields

11th October 9am - Parent workshop - Y6 to Y7 secondary applications.

17th-21st October- International Week

18th October - International Week Performance at 3:30pm

9th November - Parent and Pupil Review Meetings- school closed

### Friars

17th-21st October- International Week

9th November - Parent and Pupil Review Meetings- school closed

## Term Dates - 2022 - 2023

### **Autumn term**

Monday 5 September 2022 - Friday 21 October 2022

Half Term Monday 24 October 2022 - Friday 28 October 2022

Monday 31 October 2022 - Friday 16 December 2022

### **Spring term**

Wednesday 4 January 2023 - Friday 10 February 2023

Half Term Monday 13 February 2023 - Friday 17 February 2023

Monday 20 February 2023 - Friday 31 March 2023

### **Summer term**

Tuesday 18 April 2023 - Friday 26 May 2023

Half Term Monday 29 May 2023 - Friday 2 June 2023

Monday 5 June 2023 - Friday 21 July 2023

Parents, please add the 2022-2023 term dates to your diaries. Term time holidays will not be authorised.

### SCHOLARPACK APP

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 we will only be using the App to communicate with parents, we will no longer be sending texts. When you set this up or update your phone, you will need to contact the school office for a new access code.



# Tower Bridge Primary School



Sports Leaders are an integral part of our school as they support fun and games in the playground as well as the skills within class lessons.

## Sports Leaders

Hi, my name is Ishmael and I am Head Boy. I think I am a good Head Boy because I will help you when you struggle with something and never speak over you. I hope that you guys will appreciate me as a good Head Boy; please get to know me and ask me anything. I will always support you. Lola and I will always be there for each of you guys. If someone upsets you, we will try to cheer you up and make you smile.



Digital Leaders are part of our school STEM team and support the learning of technology. They are problem solvers, eager to find a solution.

## Digital Leaders



Science Leaders are part of our school STEM team and can be found helping in the garden as well as supporting younger pupils with investigating in class.

## Science Leaders

Hi my name is Lola, I'm Head Girl and I'm in Year 6. I think I will be good at being Head Girl because, if you have fallen down at playtime, I will help you and I will make sure you're ok. When you talk, I won't talk over you. This year I hope to be a perfect role model for everybody. I will support other children by giving good advice if you have a problem. I will also support you by making sure you are having a good day. This year I hope to listen to your ideas about improving the school and try to make them happen. I think everyone should get the opportunity to go to a sports event.



Introducing our new school leaders...

## School Council



Congratulations to our newly-elected School Council and our school leaders (also including Long Y6 on the Digital Leader team and Logan Y3 on the Science Leader team). Well done to all of the children that submitted application forms for a leader role. There were so many fantastic efforts.

## Sports Leaders



## Digital Leaders



## Science Leaders







## Meet our School Leaders

### School Councillors



### Sports Leaders



### Digital Leaders



### Science Leaders



### Eco Councillors



## Children's Book Project 2022-2023 Discovery Programme



### Pop Up Book Hut

We were successful to become one of the schools to take part in the Discovery Children's Book Project. Therefore, during the Autumn term at Snowsfields, we have the use of the **Pop Up Book Hut** where children can select any book they would like to take to read. The children can either keep that book or return it then choose another book to add to their library of books. In total, each child can select two books to read (not both at once). The Book Hut will be open to families from Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30pm.

### Secondary Transfer Application

We are looking forward to seeing our Purple class/year 6 parents at the secondary transfer workshop on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 9am. If you need any support with completing the online application form before this time please make an appointment to see Maureen. Please remember that the deadline for submitting the application is 31<sup>st</sup> October.

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>





# Friars Primary School



The Eco leaders took part in some cooking sessions led by the Borough Market Young Marketeers team. They learnt about seasonality and how to follow a recipe!

We had a great time with Sharon from Borough Market! I have learnt how to make a panzanella salad. It is delicious!



Look at our wonderful self-portraits!



Year 6



Nursery and Reception



Children's  
**Book**  
Project

We are excited to announce that a large delivery of books from the book project arrived this week. You may have already seen the big green shed they will be kept in around school! Children will soon be able to choose books from the shed to take home, or to read during their break times. The books will be theirs to keep, should they wish to.



Year 2



Year 3

Year 5



Year 4



Year 1







O - Overcoming Challenges



Reading Raffle Winners



Our Value this week is: Independence

Reading Raffle Winners



N - Nurturing!

Reading Raffle Winners!



Our value this week is creativity.

Reading Raffle Winners





	Absence	Lates	Total Points
Year 1	4	18	50
Year 2	3	18	50
Year 3	4 ½	6	100
Year 4	3	12	150
Year 5	2 ½	2	350
Year 6	3	9	125

**Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 12/09/2022: 96.45%**

**1st Place Attendance: Y5  
1st Place Punctuality: Y5**



**Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 12/09/2022: 93.87%**

**1st Place Attendance: Y3  
1st Place Punctuality: Y6**

	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	16	3	94.67%
Year 2	15	6	91.2%
Year 3	5	6	98.15%
Year 4	28	6	88.8%
Year 5	14	3	93.64%
Year 6	14	2	95.17%



	Absence	Lates	Total Points
Year 1	31	4	75
Year 2	43	12	50
Year 3	14	1	275
Year 4	20	9	50
Year 5	30	4	125
Year 6	16	1	175

**Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 12/09/2022: 88.79%**

**1st Place Attendance: Yellow Class  
1st Place Punctuality: Yellow Class  
and Purple Class**



**Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 12/09/2022: 96.16%**

**1st Place Attendance: Y1  
1st Place Punctuality: Y5 & Y6**

	Absence	Lates	Total Points
Year 1	1	7	125
Year 2	18	5	0
Year 3	9	10	50
Year 4	18	5	50
Year 5	6	2	125
Year 6	4	2	125



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# REDDIT

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R/TRENDING

AGE RATING

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## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Reddit describes itself as a social news website where users connect and share stories, opinions and support; debate issues; ask questions; and chat to people with similar interests. Discussion topics are organised into communities (known as subreddits) that are created, run and populated by users, who remain anonymous throughout. Free speech is encouraged, and users – or 'redditors' – can vote posts 'up' or 'down' so they get more (or less) attention. Reddit is free to join, although signing up to Reddit Premium unlocks an advert-free version of the platform.

## MINIMAL MODERATION

As sharing opinions on Reddit is easy (and anonymous), offensive or age-inappropriate content is frequently posted. Moderation by admins and bots does occur, but can't cover every community – so Reddit relies on users voluntarily moderating these spaces. Subreddits marked NSFW ('not safe for work') can contain anything from profanity to pornography, so are not suitable for under 18s.

## HARASSMENT AND TROLLING

If someone on Reddit doesn't agree with your child's opinion, they may feel compelled to say so – in no uncertain terms. This could lead to a public bombardment of hurtful messages. Likewise, Reddit users are highly likely to encounter trolling (where someone posts a deliberately inflammatory comment to provoke a reaction) on the platform, which can be distressing.

## FAKE NEWS

Absolutely anyone can post a story on Reddit, so sub-reddits are occasionally prone to bias, misinformation and opinions being repeated as if they are facts. Fake news articles often grab users' attention with catchy or controversial headlines, and Reddit is no exception. It's important that young people are able to identify fake news – and disregard it rather than sharing it.

## GIFTING AND SPENDING

Users can gift awards to the authors of posts that they like (thereby encouraging their favourite redditors to keep contributing) by spending Reddit Coins. This virtual currency can be bought on demand (with real money) or received as part of the paid-for premium package. Users sending a gift can also leave an anonymous private message, a feature which has been abused by groomers.

## 'SUPPORTIVE' STRANGERS

By definition, Reddit users interact with strangers in public through their community – but also have the option to do so privately. Groomers could repeatedly up-vote a child's comments or respond encouragingly to their posts to win their trust. Once they've built a rapport, the predator then begins messaging the child in private to obtain personal details or try to lure them into meeting in person.

## NEVER-ENDING NOTIFICATIONS

Reddit's default is for all notifications to be on. There are a total of 26 types of notification on the platform, ranging from chat messages and comments to updates and mentions of username. This would lead to a child's device being pinged almost constantly with alerts, frequently causing them to be distracted by incoming notifications rather than being present in the moment.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### SORT THE SETTINGS

Reddit's user settings can help ensure that minors don't view adult material. Under the 'Feed Settings' tab, switch the Adult Content toggle to 'off', and enable Safe Browsing Mode (this blurs out any explicit images). Also in settings, you can turn off all unnecessary notifications, to prevent your child being distracted by every post or comment on Reddit, allowing them some tech-free time.

### ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING

It can often be difficult to tell if something online is real or fake – particularly for young people. It's important to encourage your child to double-check with reputable sources if what they've read is genuine. Remind them to consider what motives might be in the message – and to watch out for scams. Chatting about this regularly helps to develop critical thinking skills and good online habits.

### RISE ABOVE IT

If a person says something critical or offensive to your child on Reddit, it's natural that they'll want to respond. Explain to them, however, that is exactly the reaction that trolls look for. Don't give them the satisfaction: Instead, report the comment to Reddit Support for investigation. Blocking a user stops them from messaging or following your child on the platform.

### AVOID PRIVATE MESSAGING

Through their Reddit profile, young people can control who's able to message them privately – with options including 'no-one' and 'accounts older than 30 days'. These controls help ensure potential groomers can't talk to your child in private, and that Reddit's admins and other users will be able to moderate and report anything they spot which causes them concern.

## Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant at BCyberAware. She has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety workshops and policies for schools in Australia and the UK. Claire has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviours of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



Sources: <https://www.redditinc.com/policies/content-moderation> (september-12-2021) EEA | <https://www.redditinc.com/policies/privacy-policy>



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