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Newsletter 18th November 2022

Dear Parents,

A huge thank you, to all of you who joined your children in school for maths cafes this week. The children were thrilled to learn with you. We look forward to welcoming more of you into school for the maths cafes taking place next week.

Please continue to support your child to arrive at school on time every day, this sets them up for success at school. Children are marked as late if they do not arrive at school by 9am.

See you all on Monday, the gates are open from 8:45-9am.

NURSERY PARENTS

If your child was born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 they are due to start in Reception class in September 2023. You must complete the online application process by midnight on Sunday 15th January 2023. Please speak to a member of the leadership team if you require any support with this. Here is the link to the [eadmissions website](https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/)

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

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

Dates For Your Diary

Tower Bridge

Maths Cafes starting at 9am in the Art Room

Tuesday 22nd Nov - Year 3 Wednesday 23rd Nov - Year 4

Friday 25th Nov - Year 5 Thursday 24th Nov - Year 6

7th Dec - Lantern Parade - Blue Class and Choir (after school)

9th Dec - KS1 Show (2pm)

13th Dec - EYFS Show (9.30am) Class Parties

14th Dec - Christmas Dinner, KS2 Talent Show

16th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day - break up at 1pm

Robert Browning

Maths Cafes:

Y3: Thurs 17th Nov, Y4: Tues 22nd Nov,

Y5: Thurs 24th Nov, Y6: Weds 23rd Nov,

7th Dec - Lantern Parade - Blue Class and Choir (after school)

Snowsfields

Maths Cafes 9-9:30am Year 5: 23rd November

Year 6: 24th November Year 4: 25th November

7th December - Lantern Parade - Blue class and The Choir (after school)

9th December - Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Concert 2pm

12th December - Nursery and Reception Winter Concert 2pm

13th December - Class parties - wear your own clothes

16th December - Wear a Christmas Jumper Day - 1pm Finish

Friars

Maths Cafes - 9:00 - 9:30 Year 5 - 22nd November

Year 6 - 23rd November - Year 4 - 24th November

Year 3 - 25th November

9th December Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

13th December at 9:30 Winter Performance EYFS & KS1

14th December at 2:00 pm KS2 Winter Performance

15th December Class parties pm

SCHOLARPACK APP

From 1st 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

Year 5 took part in Lantern making this week in preparation for the Lantern Parade on 7th December with the Choir. Thank you to Helen, the artist for teaching the children these skills, they had a wonderful time and we hope as many of you as possible will join us on that evening.



Year 6 had a brilliant time at the Imperial War Museum this week learning more about the Second World War. The children particularly enjoyed the shelter replicas and were surprised to learn about Queen Elizabeth II's involvement in the war.



MATHS CAFE

Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to attend KS1 Maths Cafes this week. The children had so much fun!



RED CLASS YEAR 1



ORANGE CLASS YEAR 2



Maths Cafes:

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended this week! Next week, come and join your child for a fun maths session from 9-9.30am

Y4: Tues 22nd Nov,

Y5: Thurs 24th Nov,

Y6: Weds 23rd Nov,



The children in Butterfly class had a Science week- they carried out lots of investigations!



We have enjoyed some dance sessions with LPESSN teachers over the last few weeks



Yellow Class had a great time in Burgess Park, taking part in a PE multiskills event



Green Class took a trip to the cinema to watch some 'Horrible Histories'!



Classes made poppies and took part in a two minute silence on Remembrance Day





Snowsfields Primary School



Maths Cafes

Parents you are invited to take part in fun maths cafes with your child. These will take place in school from 9-9:30am on the dates shown below:

Year 4 - 25th November

Year 5 - 23rd November

Year 6 - 24th November



We received a certificate this week in Nursery!



Maths Cafes



Orange Class 🍊 @SNSOrange2 · 6h

We loved playing our addition and subtraction board games in our maths cafe this morning. Thank you for joining us!



Red Class 🍷 @SNSRed1 · Nov 16

We had a fantastic time at Maths café yesterday, the children were so pleased to show their adults but we've been learning. Thank you so much to all the parents who came! @SNSPrimary



Yellow Class 🌟 @SNSYellow_3 · Nov 16

We loved having parents join our maths cafe this morning!



Purple class at the Imperial War Museum



Remembrance Day

Green class, Blue class and Purple class attended the Annual Remembrance Service at Guy's Hospital last Friday.

The whole school contributed to our Poppy display.





Friars Primary School



Congratulations to our Year 5 class who won the PESSN Year 5/6 Sports- Hall Athletics competition with a massive 192 points lead!



As part of kindness week, year 3 have been helping to set up the dinner hall for the younger classes. Well done Year 3!



This week, Year 4 went to the British Museum to further develop their knowledge of the Anglo-Saxons.



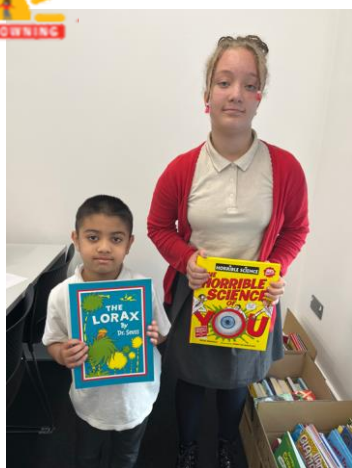
The year 3 children took part in a geography workshop where they learnt about the importance of the river Thames both on a local and global scale.



D - Diversity is celebrated



Reading Raffle Winners



Our Value this week is:
Resilience

Reading Raffle Winners



L - Determined to achieve

Reading Raffle Winners!



Our value this week is
responsibility.



Reading Raffle Winners





	Absence	Lates	Total Points
Year 1	7	21	175
Year 2	12	14	75
Year 3	8	22	425
Year 4	4	10	775
Year 5	1 ½	13	1100
Year 6	6 ½	14	700

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 7/11/2022: 91.79%

1st Place Attendance: Y5

1st Place Punctuality: Y4



Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 7/11/2022: 97.42%

1st Place Attendance: Y5

1st Place Punctuality: Y1

	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	13	2	95.67%
Year 2	12	11	93.33%
Year 3	3	7	98.93%
Year 4	2	11	99.09%
Year 5	2	3	99.26%
Year 6	8	8	97.33%

	Absence	Lates	Total Points
Year 1	4	6	550
Year 2	19	9	125
Year 3	7	4	975
Year 4	12	6	475
Year 5	14	8	475
Year 6	12	4	875



Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 7/11/2022: 95.31%

1st Place Attendance: Y1

1st Place Punctuality: Y3 and Y6



Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 07/11/2022 93.83%

1st Place Attendance: Y5

1st Place Punctuality: Y6

	Absence	Lates	Total Points
Year 1	38	19	175
Year 2	12	7	125
Year 3	6	14	50
Year 4	17	11	125
Year 5	4	7	475
Year 6	10	4	425



Southwark Council is here to help you during the cost of living crisis. Our [new cost of living webpages detail lots of support and help](#) available now.

[Find out what support you might be eligible for and where to get help.](#)

Check what money you're entitled to

About 30,000 low-income Southwark households got support in August and September 2022 from our £5m Cost of Living Fund. We will announce more support through our Cost of Living Fund soon.

1. Check if you could get a Council Tax reduction

You could get Council Tax reduction if you're on a low income or claim benefits. Your bill could be reduced by up to 100%, depending on your circumstances.

>> [See if you're eligible for a Council Tax reduction](#)

2. Check what benefits you're entitled to

Answer a few quick questions about your personal circumstances and check you're getting all the benefits and other financial support you're eligible for.

>> [Check you're getting all the benefits you're entitled to](#)

If you're housebound or have a vulnerable person in your home, [we can check you are getting all the welfare benefits you can](#) and help you make a claim.

3. Get help in an emergency or crisis

We run an emergency support scheme if you're facing a crisis, and a hardship fund if you're in debt with bills. There is also support available from local charities.

>> [See what support is available if you need help urgently](#)

[Get more help to find out what money you're entitled to](#)

Help with energy bills

More than 100,000 eligible Southwark residents have now received their £150 Council Tax rebate to help with energy bills. More help is detailed below.

1. Which home appliances waste the most energy?

The Energy Saving Trust has information about which appliances in your home use the most electricity and tips on how to use them as efficiently as possible.

>> [Check which home appliances use the most energy](#)

2. Get a home improvement grant to help reduce your winter fuel bills

You could get a grant of up to £25,000 to improve your home and save money on your energy bills, through the Mayor of London's Warmer Homes scheme.

>> [See if you're eligible for a home improvement grant](#)

3. Get energy saving advice and free gadgets

If you are vulnerable or on a low income, Groundwork's Green Doctors can help you make energy-saving improvements in your home. You can get advice on the phone, or they visit your property. They may even give you some free energy-saving gadgets!

>> [Register for your free energy-saving consultation](#)

SEND SATURDAY SPORTS CLUB



“The Saturday club has been a lifeline for my son. He has many friends and looks forward to going. He also uses the trampoline as a release of tension. We would love for this valuable service to continue.”

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“The Network and Saturday Sports Club at Bacon's College has offered myself and family much-needed respite. Glyn, George and the team are very understanding and aware of my son's SEN needs: autism and ADHD.”

The Saturday sports club runs through the year at Bacons College. The club caters for SEND students of all disabilities between the ages of 5 -18 years old. Each session lasts for 60 minutes.

There is a highly skilled and motivated team of 14 working at the club ranging from teachers, teaching assistants, coaches, and special needs specialists.

As well as improving fitness levels and health and wellbeing the club works on social skills such as listening skills, waiting, sharing, teamwork, individual work and focus.

Sports and activities change weekly - trampolining, nature trail and the gym for the older clients, volleyball, football, basketball, multi skills, tennis, cricket, badminton, boccia, new age curling, dance, parachute games, athletics, capoeira, etc.

The club currently run in 4 different sessions. Times are as follows:

Session 1: 10:30 - 11:30

Session 2: 11:30 - 12:30

Session 3: 12:30 - 13:30

Session 4: 14:00 - 15:00

Venue: Bacons College, Timber Pond Road, Rotherhithe, London SE16 6AT

FOR MORE INFORMATION...

Please contact either Glyn Davies or George Richards via emails below.

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You can also contact the network on **0207 237 1928 Ext: 4086**. Follow us across social media and our website to keep up to date with all the latest network news.



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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about CALL OF DUTY: MODERN WARFARE II

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

The Call of Duty (CoD) series is a worldwide gaming phenomenon, with millions of copies sold every year. While 2021's release, Vanguard, wasn't quite as well received, this latest entry – Modern Warfare II – has so far proved a massive commercial success. A sequel to the recent Modern Warfare reboot (and not to be confused with the original Modern Warfare 2, from back in 2009), the game is an online shooter which features – unsurprisingly – extreme violence, rendered in realistic graphics. Amid the explosions and political nature of the plot, there's much for parents to be aware of.

AGE RATING
PEGI 18

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

Like most of its predecessors in the franchise, Modern Warfare II carries an 18 age rating from PEGI (the Pan-European Gaming Information system, which assesses games' content for suitability). This means players will encounter – according to PEGI's wording – depictions of "gross violence, apparently motiveless killing, or violence towards defenceless characters".

OFFENSIVE CHAT & MESSAGING

Most CoD players are likely to spend the majority of their time on Modern Warfare II in online multiplayer mode. This entails competing against – or cooperating with – strangers on the online battlefield. The fast-paced, cut-throat world of CoD means that communication through the game's voice chat and direct messages often turns heated and aggressive, which may upset younger players.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

Modern Warfare II follows the 'battle pass' model of games like Fortnite. For a fee – usually around £10 – each 'season' (every three months or so), players will be invited to complete extra challenges to earn new weapons and equipment. Different tiers of battle pass (costing more money) enable them to achieve this more quickly, while items can also be purchased from the in-game store.

POLITICAL SENSITIVITY

Previous CoD games have been accused of attempting to "rewrite history": failing to correctly attribute alleged war crimes to the US military, for example. The semi-fictional version of history presented on screen can cause players to misunderstand past conflicts and the real reasons they took place. This could lead to young people developing a distorted, inaccurate view of world politics.

AN ADDICTIVE EXPERIENCE

Multplayer mode in Call of Duty titles revolves around levelling up your character to unlock new weapons, abilities and equipment. The process is designed so that it doesn't take too long to see an improvement, and the feeling of making meaningful progress can keep players hooked for hours. It's easy for gamers of any age to lose track of time, but younger ones are especially susceptible.

Advice for Parents & Carers

RESPECT THE AGE RATING

Based on accurately recreating combat situations, Call of Duty games are unflinching in their portrayal of war. Limbs are shot off and explosions send gore flying, while the previous Modern Warfare featured a lengthy interrogation and torture sequence. With Modern Warfare II offering the same style of brutal realism, it's worth reiterating that the PEGI 18 age rating is there for a reason.

CLOSE OFF COMMUNICATION

Unless they're playing with their real-life friends, it may be worth closing communication channels if your child plays Modern Warfare II. There's less of a team focus than in many other online combat games and therefore no real need to interact with strangers. Call of Duty fans can be intensely competitive, so even a single action by your child could provoke a barrage of abuse from strangers.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

If your child is likely to be tempted by buying that 'must-have' weapon or item, consider removing your bank details from the console or computer to prevent indiscriminate spending – and an unwelcome bill. Pre-paid cards could be an option for in-game purchases, allowing you to control how much your child can spend in advance – and helping them learn the basics of budgeting.

TRY OTHER MODES

If it seems that your child only ever plays Modern Warfare II in multiplayer, you could try out the Spec Ops mode with them – formulating strategies while enjoying each other's company. You could also play multiplayer together, taking it in turns to ensure regular breaks. Another alternative is the game's campaign mode, featuring bespoke missions and scenarios which follow an overarching plot.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Games Editor of technology and entertainment website Dexerto and has been working in the gaming media for three years. A long-time gaming enthusiast, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have also been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar, among others.



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Sources: <https://peginfo.uk/what-do-the-labels-mean/> | <https://www.eurogamer.net/call-of-duty-modern-warfare-ii-accused-of-rewriting-history-to-blame-russia-for-controversial-torture-tactics>



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