

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

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## Newsletter 16th December 2022

Dear Parents,

We hope your children and you have enjoyed the festivities this week and you have kept warm despite the freezing temperatures.

If your children receive technology presents this year, there is a handy National Online Safety guide on the last page of the newsletter, with information about setting up apps games and software.

Holidays are always a good opportunity to talk to your children about safety when out and about in the community, please remind your children about road safety and the dangers of frozen ponds and rivers. We hope you have a peaceful holiday and we look forward to seeing you on the 4th January. Gates open at 8:45am.

### Changes to First Aid Procedures

From the 4th of January 2023, we will no longer be making phone calls to parents for minor bumps to the head. We will send you a Scholar Pack App message instead. We will continue to call you for any illnesses and injuries we need to discuss with you.

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**

3rd January- INSET Day- school closed

4th January- Children return to school

19th January- Year 5 Class Assembly

26th January- Year 3 Class Assembly

7th February- 'Safety' Day

1st March- Parent and Pupil Review meetings

#### **Robert Browning**

3rd January- INSET Day- school closed

4th January- Children return to school

19th January- Year 3 Class Assembly

26th January- Year 5 Class Assembly

7th February- 'Safety' Day

1st March- Parent and Pupil Review meetings

#### **Snowfields**

3rd January - Inset Day - School closed to pupils

4th January - All children return to school

18th January - Year 3/ Yellow class assembly

25th January - Year 5/ Blue class assembly

1st February - Year 4/ Green class assembly

7th February - Safety day- including online safety

1st March - Parent Pupil Review meetings

### **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/>





Caterpillar and Butterfly Classes gave parents a treat this week by singing a medley of winter songs. Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend and support your children.



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The pupils in Keystage 2 have been rehearsing and auditioning for this year's talent show and it has all paid off! On Wednesday we were treated to some wonderful acts which included: cheerleading, piano, comedy and singing as well as football skills!

TOWER  
BRIDGE  
TALENT



Our  
winners



HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS

We hope you all have a good holiday and enjoy all the exciting plans you have made. Thank you to all the parents who have been thanking staff this week. Your kind words make such an impact to us all.

We will see you all back from 8.45am on  
Wednesday 4th January 2023.





Butterfly Class and Yellow class enjoyed trips to the Unicorn Theatre!

## Raffle

Thank you to Sarah and Trang for organising the raffle! Thank you to everyone who donated prizes and bought tickets.



Blue Class enjoyed 'A Christmas Carol' at Alleyns School.



A huge thank you to **Butterfly and Caterpillar Classes** for your fabulous winter concert, and to **Key Stage 1** for your wonderful performance of 'A Snowman at Sunset'



## TALENT SHOW WINNERS!



Happy Holidays!  
We hope you all enjoy the break-  
See you on Wednesday  
4th January!



Year 3 and 4 girls have really enjoyed working with the coach from PESSN to develop their football skills this term. They have been brilliant!



Year 4 went on an amazing trip to the London Mithraeum where they looked at the temple of Mithras! They loved exploring Roman artefacts





# Snowsfields Primary School



**Christmas Dinner** was delicious!  
Thank you to Ozzy and the team for a festive feast!



## TALENT SHOW

The children at Snowsfields showed us just how talented they are on Wednesday afternoon.

## SNOW!

We had the best time on Monday playing in the snow and making snow people.



## PARTY PARTY PARTY

All the children had a wonderful time at their class parties. Thank you for your generous donations of food.



## CHRISTMAS SHOWS

Early Years and Key Stage One, performed beautifully with the loudest voices and the coolest acting skills and dance moves.



## Homework Projects!

Well done to all our pupils who have completed their homework projects for this term. They were amazing! A huge thank you to all our parents who supported the children with their projects!





# Friars Primary School

It's party time!



Fun in the snow!



## Dates for your Diary

**3rd January** - Inset Day- school closed to pupils

**4th January** - All children return to school

**10th January** – Wick Court parents meeting  
**1st March** - Parent Pupil Review meetings



We had so much fun in pottery club!

Look at our wonderful homework projects!

## Dear Parents and Carers

Today is our last day at Friars. I know many of you were surprised when you heard about our decision not to continue in our partnership with Friars. It was not an easy decision to make and we have really enjoyed getting to know all the children and families over the last 12 months. Friars is a lovely school with amazing staff. We want to take this final opportunity to thank you all for your support and wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Zohra and Kate





W - Welcoming Others



Reading Raffle Winners



Our Value  
this week is:  
resilience

Reading  
Raffle  
Winners



N - Nurturing!



Reading Raffle Winners!



Times Tables Rock  
Stars!



Our value this  
week is  
endeavour.

Reading  
Raffle  
Winners







	Absence	Lates	Total Points
Year 1	26	19	400
Year 2	29	29	100
Year 3	10	19	700
Year 4	17	23	1100
Year 5	25	13	1725
Year 6	35	18	1125

**Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 5/12/2022: 89.9%**

**1st Place Attendance: Y1**

**1st Place Punctuality: Y5**



**Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 5/12/2022: 93.08%**

**1st Place Attendance: Y4**

**1st Place Punctuality: Y5**

	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	32	9	89.33%
Year 2	18	17	90.53%
Year 3	28	13	90.00%
Year 4	6	8	97.78%
Year 5	6	4	97.27%
Year 6	18	10	94.00%



	Absence	Lates	Total Points
Year 1	26	3	825
Year 2	15	7	225
Year 3	31	4	1175
Year 4	4	9	650
Year 5	26	1	900
Year 6	32	5	1250

**Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 5/12/2022: 90.69%**

**1st Place Attendance: Green Class Y4**

**1st Place Punctuality: Blue Class Y5**



**Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 05/12/2022 90.71%**

**1st Place Attendance: Y5**

**1st Place Punctuality: Y6**

	Absence	Lates	Total Points
Year 1	5	16	250
Year 2	29	16	125
Year 3	33	14	125
Year 4	32	22	150
Year 5	2	9	750
Year 6	30	4	575



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6 December 2022

**To: Parents and carers in Southwark**

Dear Parent/Carer,

You may be aware from the media that the UK is seeing a high number of Group A Streptococcus cases this year.

**What is Group A Streptococcus (GAS)?**

GAS is a bacteria that usually cause a mild infection which can lead to sore (strep) throats, impetigo or scarlet fever. It can be easily treated with antibiotics.

Scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, but it is very infectious. Symptoms to look out for include a sore throat, headache, and fever, along with a fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel. On darker skin, the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will have a sandpapery feel.

In very rare circumstances, these bacteria can get into the bloodstream and cause serious illness – called invasive Group A strep (iGAS). Whilst iGAS infections are still uncommon, there has been an increase in cases this year, particularly in children under 10 and sadly, a small number of deaths.

**What should I do if my child is ill?**

Contact NHS 111 or your GP if you suspect your child has scarlet fever, because early treatment of scarlet fever with antibiotics is important to reduce the risk of complications. If your child has scarlet fever, keep them at home until at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment to avoid spreading the infection to others.

As a parent, if you feel that your child seems seriously unwell, you should trust your own judgement.

Contact NHS 111 or your GP if:

- your child is getting worse
- your child is feeding or eating much less than normal
- your child has had a dry nappy for 12 hours or more or shows other signs of dehydration
- your baby is under 3 months and has a temperature of 38°C, or is older than 3 months and has a temperature of 39°C or higher
- your baby feels hotter than usual when you touch their back or chest, or feels sweaty
- your child is very tired or irritable

Call 999 or go to A&E if:

- your child is having difficulty breathing – you may notice grunting noises or their tummy sucking under their ribs
- there are pauses when your child breathes
- your child's skin, tongue or lips are blue
- your child is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake



Good hand and respiratory hygiene are important for stopping the spread of many bugs. By teaching your child how to wash their hands properly with soap for 20 seconds, using a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes, and keeping away from others when feeling unwell, they will be able to reduce the risk of picking up or spreading infections.

Here are some links to further information:

UKHSA update on scarlet fever and invasive Group A strep

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ukhsa-update-on-scarlet-fever-and-invasive-group-a-strep>

UKHSA Blog post – Group A Strep – what you need to know

<https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2022/12/05/group-a-strep-what-you-need-to-know/>

5 ways to protect your under 5s this winter

<https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2022/10/25/5-ways-to-protect-your-under-5s-this-winter/>

Yours faithfully,



**Sangeeta Leahy**  
Director of Public Health  
Southwark Council





Activity programme for  
children and young people

**19 December –  
30 December 2022**

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Please click on the link to find out more information about what is on offer:

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## Being a Parent:

This 9 week course helps parents learn practical skills for everyday life

- Looking after yourself as a parent
- Recognise and manage your children's emotions
- Learn positive parenting strategies
- Support your children's resilience

<b>Tuesdays</b> 10am-12pm At 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Children's Centre, 12 Chumleigh St, London SE5 0RN (Burgess Park) (Starting 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2023)	<b>Wednesdays</b> 10am-12pm At Crawford Children & Family Centre, 5 Crawford Rd, London SE5 9NF (Starting 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2023)	<b>Thursdays</b> 10am-12pm At Rye Oak Children's Centre, Whorlton Rd, London SE15 3PD (Starting 12th January 2023)
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For more information, please contact

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challenge with my child."*



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# Winter Family Activities at the Centre for Wildlife Gardening 28 Marsden Road, SE15 4EE

Have fun on these one day courses for dads, mums and children of any age with the London Wildlife Trust. Southwark residents only. Free but £3 refundable deposit required.



## Saturday 10th December 10am till 3pm Evergreens and Wreaths

Get to know your garden evergreens, find out how they are good for wildlife and make a winter wreath and other decorations using natural materials.

## Tuesday 20th December 10am till 3pm Winter Wildlife Helpers

Discover what's living in our garden in winter and how you can help. Make a ladybird hotel, a mouse house, food for birds and plant up a pot for bees.



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To find out more and for booking visit [www.wildlondon.org.uk/events](http://www.wildlondon.org.uk/events) or contact Diana [dwallace@wildlondon.org.uk](mailto:dwallace@wildlondon.org.uk)



## December Holiday Club Activities

### FUN ACTIVITIES SUCH AS:

- Art & Craft
- Music
- Drama
- Fitness
- Story Telling
- Board Games
- Cooking



### Activities Dates

 **Christmas Party: Mon, 19th Dec @  
St Giles Parish Hall, 161 Benhill Road, SE5 7LL from 12noon - 3pm**

**Centre-based activities across various centres :  
Thurs 22nd Dec from 10am to 2pm**

**Online-based activities: Weds 28th & Thurs 29th Dec**

### OUR CENTERS

ST GEORGE'S CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Coleman Rd, SE5 7TF

ST GILES  
St Giles Parish Hall,  
161 Benhill Road. SE5 7LL

SPECIAL NEEDS & DISABILITIES (SEND)  
PROGRAMME  
Camberwell College of Arts Foundation -  
Modular Building, 1 Wilson Rd, SE5 8LU

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Love Walk, Camberwell, SE5 8AE

THE CLUB ROOM  
Samuel Lewis Trust Estate,  
Warner Road, SE5 9NE

AMOTT ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH  
Amott Road, SE15 4HU

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# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SETTING UP APPS, GAMES AND SOFTWARE

Millions of new phones, tablets, laptops and games consoles will be nestling under Christmas trees this year. However, even if parents and carers have gone to the trouble of setting up these new devices and enabling the safety features, there are still potential hazards in the apps, games and software that children will want to install and use. Knowing what to look for and discussing those risks with your child may help avoid any nasty surprises this Christmas. Here are our top tips for ensuring that unwrapping this year's presents doesn't unleash any unexpected dangers.

## TAKE NOTE OF AGE RATINGS

Back when most games were bought in shops, checking the age rating was easy: it was on the front of the box. Now that most games are downloaded, it's tougher – but not impossible. All reputable download stores show a game's age rating at the point of purchase, and you can check the suitability of a specific title your child wants to play at [videostandards.org.uk/RatingBoard/games](http://videostandards.org.uk/RatingBoard/games).

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## 'FREE' ISN'T ALWAYS FREE

The games market has changed radically in recent years. Many titles are free to download, but then tempt players to pay for cosmetic items (as in Fortnite) or to unlock additional content. There can be huge peer pressure for children to pay for these items. Agree a budget for in-game purchases before the game is downloaded, and make sure children can't authorise in-game purchases by themselves.

## DISABLE IN-APP PURCHASING

It's not wise to leave children with devices that can make in-app purchases without your permission. Ideally, set up computers, consoles and phones so child accounts need an adult's authorisation to buy anything. On shared devices (like iPads, which don't allow user accounts), check the settings to ensure that in-app purchasing requires the account holder's password, fingerprint or face ID.

## APPS ARE AGE RATED, TOO

Like games, apps in the major stores have age ratings, too – so you can see in advance whether an app's appropriate for your child. Additionally, phones' parental control settings allow you to set age limits, preventing young ones from downloading unsuitable apps themselves. These ratings aren't infallible, however: we've seen TV apps featuring adult shows with an age rating of 3, for example.

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## CONSIDER STORAGE

Most apps and games will tell you in the online store how much space they need on a device. Check this carefully – especially with games, which can run into hundreds of megabytes and beyond. If you don't have enough free storage on a device to run the game or app, you won't get a refund from the store. You can normally check a device's available storage space through the settings menu.

## LEGAL APPS THAT BREAK THE LAW

There are many apps that are perfectly legal but enable illegal activity – streaming apps which let people watch football matches, say, without paying for Sky or BT Sport. Prosecution for using such apps is rare, but they can lead to risky behaviour like viewing rogue streams on sites teeming with malicious links. Watch for children installing unusual apps with 'TV', 'stream' or 'sport' in the name.

## IN-APP REGISTRATION

It's common for apps and games to ask users to register: entering personal details like email address, date of birth and other information you might not want your child to divulge. Ask them to get your permission before giving any personal info to an app – and consider using your details rather than the child's, so they're not targeted by marketing spam or put at risk of having their data stolen.

HELLO OSCAR

## WATCH OUT FOR IMITATORS

Even in the official stores, untrustworthy rogue apps can slip through the net. Common tricks are apps or games that have a slightly different name to the genuine article (Fortnight rather than Fortnite, for instance) or use logos which deliberately look very similar to the official app. To avoid downloading these imitations, read the app's description and check who the publisher is listed as.

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## STAY UPDATED

Most games and apps are subject to regular updates, which not only offer new content and features but also provide critical security improvements. Children tend to ignore such updates – usually because they don't understand why they're important, or they simply want to get straight on with gaming. Check your child's devices periodically to make sure these updates are being installed.

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## Meet Our Expert

Barry Collins has been a technology journalist and editor for more than 20 years, working for titles such as the *Sunday Times*, *Which?*, *PC Pro* and *Computeractive*. He's appeared regularly as a technology pundit on television and radio, including on *Newsnight*, *Radio 5 Live* and *ITV News at Ten*. He has two children and has written regularly about internet safety issues.



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