

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

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## Newsletter 25th November 2022

Dear Parents,

Thank you again to all of our parents who attended maths cafes this week, your children were delighted to learn with you at school. We hope you enjoyed it too!

We are encouraging the children to continue to come into school wearing their PE kits on their PE days, we would like the children to wear their school uniform jumper, white t-shirt/ top and tracksuit bottoms/ leggings. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

### 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/>

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

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

9th Dec - KS1 Show (2pm)

13th Dec - EYFS Show (9.30am) Class Parties pm (wear your own clothes with school shoes)

14th Dec - Christmas Dinner, KS2 Talent Show

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

#### Robert Browning

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

9th Dec- KS1 Performance 2pm

13th Dec- EYFS Performance -9.30am

13th Dec- Class Parties

14th Dec - Christmas Dinner, KS2 Talent Show

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

#### Snowsfields

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

14th December - Christmas Dinner & KS2 Talent Show

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

#### Friars

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

16th December last day of term- 1pm finish

### 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



Please bring shoes to change into if your child wears wellington boots on their way to school in the wet weather.



"A very cheeky group of dinosaurs have been escaping from their box and getting up to mischief in Butterfly Class, having all sorts of fun playing with our resources. They have even changed 'November' to 'Dinovember' on our calendar, and every day they leave us some special sheets with photos of their antics so that we can practise our independent writing. Such fun!"

## BLUE CLASS

Year 5 went to The British Museum to look at artifacts from the Anglo-Saxon and Viking eras.

"I liked the part where we looked at the artifacts from the Sutton Hoo." - Vaughan



"I enjoyed the scavenger hunt where we had to find different artifacts to answer questions." - Amani



Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to attend the Maths Cafes last week and this week. The turnout was amazing, and it was so nice to have parents and children working together in school.

## MATHS CAFES

We raised nearly £100 for the British Legion this year through Poppy sales. Thank you!



### Coffee Morning

We welcome you all to join our friendly and interactive Q&A session (40 min duration) on how best to look after your children's teeth on:

**Wednesday 30/11/22 at 9.30**

Via this MS Teams Link:

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device  
Click here to join the meeting  
Meeting ID: 916 451 080 688  
Passcode: cKagJQ

Alternatively, join us at Tower Bridge Primary in the art room at 9.30 to take part!

Please note you do not require a MS Teams account or the app to access this session, you can access the link from your browser.



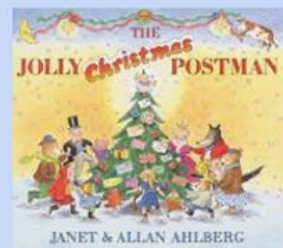
## book your tickets

FOR THE KS1 SHOW

click  
here!

Red and Orange Class are busy rehearsing for their performance on FRIDAY 9th DECEMBER at 2pm.

Please complete this form to let us know if you will or will not be attending.



[CLICK HERE](#)

Reminder: on PE days, children wear dark jogging bottoms, white t-shirt and their school jumpers.





## Maths Cafes:

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended this week!



Year 2 had a brilliant trip to the Museum of London- they also did some sightseeing.



Year 6 visited the Imperial War Museum as part of their work about World War Two.



## PE KITS!

Just a reminder that children can wear their PE kits on PE days. PE kits consist of black tracksuit bottoms or leggings (shorts in summer) and a white t-shirt. Children should wear their school jumper. Please make sure that children do not wear tights under their tracksuit bottoms, as they may need bare feet for an activity





# Snowsfields Primary School



## PE kits on PE days

Thank you for ensuring your child wears their PE kit on their PE days.

PE kits are as follows:

- School jumper
- White t-shirt
- Tracksuit bottoms or leggings

We will be talking to the children about this during assembly.



Thank you to all of our families who have contributed to the 'Poppy Appeal' at Snowsfields. We have made a whopping £153.66! Well done everyone!



## Maths Cafes



Maths cafes were a brilliant success again this week. Thank you for joining us.

## Pupil Poets

Pupils from **Blue** class are having their poems published from @YoungWritersCW in January. Such a brilliant achievement. Well done!



## Times Table Rockstars

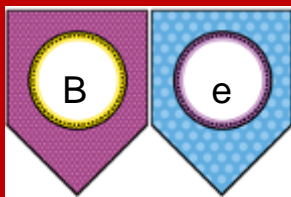
Children from **Orange** class, **Yellow** class, **Green** class, **Blue** class and **Purple** class were invited to take part in a weekly 'Battle of the Bands' competition by James in certificate assembly. Each week the winning class will be presented with the trophy on Monday. Please encourage your child to take part at home too.







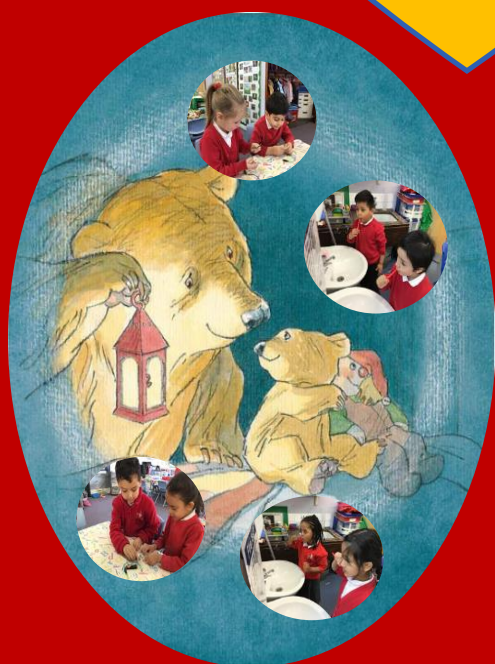
# Friars Primary School



For Kindness week, children at Friars spread love and smiles all around our community. They went litter picking in the local park, performed a flash mob routine at Waterloo station, entertained the parents with a whole school dance routine and created some lovely kindness posters



IT'S ALL ABOUT  
**FIELDWORK!**



This week the Y3 class went on a geography fieldwork trip to Richmond park.



Thank you to all the parents who have attended the maths cafes this week!

**MATH TIME**



The Early Years topic for this half term is 'Light and Dark'. The children in Reception have been reading the story 'Can't you sleep Little Bear?' They discussed bedtime routines such as brushing their teeth before going to sleep and also built some light circuits!



To celebrate the start of the 2022 World Cup, the Year 5 and 6 classes took part in some friendly football matches with schools from across the borough.





G - Goals are Aspirational



Reading Raffle Winners



Our Value this week is: kindness

Reading Raffle Winners



D - Determined to achieve!



Reading Raffle Winners!



Our value this week is creativity.



Reading Raffle Winners





|        | Absence | Lates | Total Points |
|--------|---------|-------|--------------|
| Year 1 | 9       | 16    | 175          |
| Year 2 | 9       | 25    | 75           |
| Year 3 | 12      | 14    | 450          |
| Year 4 | 6       | 14    | 825          |
| Year 5 | 1       | 7     | 1250         |
| Year 6 | 4 ½     | 10    | 800          |

**Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 14/11/2022: 93.6%**

**1st Place Attendance: Y5**

**1st Place Punctuality: Y5**



**Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 14/11/2022: 93.83%**

**1st Place Attendance: Y3**

**1st Place Punctuality: Y5**

|        | Absence | Lates | Total  |
|--------|---------|-------|--------|
| Year 1 | 16      | 8     | 94.67% |
| Year 2 | 9       | 9     | 89.25% |
| Year 3 | 12      | 12    | 97.14% |
| Year 4 | 10      | 10    | 91.48% |
| Year 5 | 6       | 6     | 94.55% |
| Year 6 | 9       | 9     | 94.33% |



|        | Absence | Lates | Total Points |
|--------|---------|-------|--------------|
| Year 1 | 1       | 7     | 650          |
| Year 2 | 20      | 9     | 150          |
| Year 3 | 11      | 5     | 1050         |
| Year 4 | 8       | 9     | 525          |
| Year 5 | 10      | 5     | 550          |
| Year 6 | 0       | 5     | 1025         |

**Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 14/11/2022: 96.55%**

**1st Place Attendance: Y6**

**1st Place Punctuality: Y3, Y5 and Y6**



**Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 14/11/2022 91.21%**

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

|        | Absence | Lates | Total Points |
|--------|---------|-------|--------------|
| Year 1 | 24      | 21    | 175          |
| Year 2 | 47      | 8     | 125          |
| Year 3 | 19      | 24    | 50           |
| Year 4 | 16      | 11    | 150          |
| Year 5 | 6       | 3     | 550          |
| Year 6 | 12      | 3     | 475          |





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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

TEENS CENTRE @ UNITED REFORMED CHURCH  
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

# TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION  
**13+**

(certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's "Following" feed only displays videos from users someone follows, "For You" is a stream of clips based on their previously watched content. Most videos on a child's "For You" feed will therefore be light-hearted and amusing, but it could potentially surface something unsuitable. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the sheer volume of uploads mean they aren't manually monitored and vetted.

18  
CENSORED

### DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Due to TikTok's immense popularity, some young people have unfortunately been influenced by videos challenging them to perform harmful, criminal or even deadly acts. One extreme example was the 'blackout' trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. It led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

### CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With around 1.1 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-18s (or youngsters using a false date of birth) are set to public by default. This not only means that someone's profile is visible to everyone else on the app; it also lets their videos be suggested to others and enables anyone to comment on them or download them.

### IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase emojis in the app. These emojis are then sent as rewards (retaining their monetary value) to other users for videos they've created. Coin bundles range from £9.99 to an eye-watering £99; TikTok's policy is that they can't be bought by under-18s, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birthdate.

### ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social networking platforms, TikTok can be addictive: figures show that young people are investing increasing amounts of time in it. In the UK, children with TikTok spend an average of 102 minutes per day on the app, versus 53 minutes on YouTube. This compulsive repeated use can interfere with their sleep patterns – leading to irritability – and distract them from other activities.

### TIKTOK NOW

Introduced in late 2022, the 'TikTok Now' feature lets users post a daily video or photo at the exact same time as their friends. Users receive a synchronised notification at a random time of day, giving them three minutes to take a video or real-time photo. This addition can not only be a distraction to young people but could lead to them inadvertently sharing private content such as their location.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account with their child's and control their settings remotely. Parents can then, for example, turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content); set screen time limits; and manage their child's ability to send messages (and to whom). Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

### MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Although under-18s will have their TikTok account set to private by default, bypassing this setting is relatively easy. However, parents have the ability to manually set their child's account to private – meaning that their videos won't be visible to strangers and they won't be able to exchange messages with people who aren't on their friends list.

### LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter the settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend that you enable this feature, as it's quite easy for a young person – without realising what they're doing – to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins so they can unlock more features of the app.

### DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If your child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's crucial to talk about the potential risks in this type of app. For example, ensure they understand not to share any identifying personal information – and that they realise they could be exposed to inappropriate content. Thinking critically about what they see on TikTok can help children become generally more social media savvy.

### READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something inappropriate or upsetting that they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the possible signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as are failing to complete homework or regularly not eating meals.

## Meet Our Expert

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