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Newsletter 24th November 2023

Dear Parents,

Thank you again for joining your children for maths cafes this week, your children love you learning in school with them. Please see your class twitter/X for lovely photos from these events.

We are starting to hear the beautiful sounds of children practising songs for their Winter and Christmas concerts, please see the dates for your diary box for times and dates of performances in your school.

We are very excited that our year five classes are creating lanterns for the annual [London Bridge Christmas Lantern Parade](#) on 7th December.



Have a restful weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday, gates open at 8:45am

Flu vaccine catch up clinics

Please see page 8 of the newsletter for information regarding catch up flu vaccine clinics for school aged children being held across Southwark.

Dates For Your Diary

Tower Bridge

Friday 15th December - KS1 Christmas Performance
10am - adults only, **2pm** - adults with preschool children
Tuesday 19th December - EYFS Winter Concert **am**,
Class Parties **pm** (children may wear their own clothes)
Thursday 21st December - School Closes at **1pm**.
Tuesday 9th January 2024 - Spring Term begins from **8.45am**

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Maths Cafes: at **9am:** 8th Dec- **Butterfly Class**
Thursday 14th December at 2pm - KS1 Christmas Performance
Tuesday 19th December - 9.30am- EYFS Winter Concert
Thursday 21st December - Wear Christmas Jumpers - School Closes at **1pm**.
Tuesday 9th January 2024 - Spring Term begins from **8.45am**

Snowsfields

Monday 4th December - School Council Fundraiser Day
Wednesday 13th December 10:30am - Y1 & Y2 Christmas Show
Tuesday 19th December 10am - EYFS Winter Concert
Thursday 21st December - Christmas Jumper Day and School Closes at **1pm**.
Tuesday 9th January 2024 - Spring Term begins **8.45am**

Term Dates for 2023-2024 are on the school website

[Term Dates – The Bridges Federation](#)

Term time holidays will not be authorised.

Other important dates for this year can also be found on the school website here:

[Diary – The Bridges Federation](#)

NURSERY PARENTS

If your child was born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 they are due to start in Reception class in September 2024. You must complete the online application process by midnight on 15th January 2024. **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/>

Do you have any good quality preloved small world toys? Caterpillar and Butterfly classes would love any donations you are able to offer. Please speak to Rachael or Rose if you have anything you could donate. Apologies, we are unable to accept stuffed toys.

Festive Dates 2023

for your diary



Year 1 and Year 2 Performance – 10am – adults only,
2pm – adults with pre-school children



EYFS Performance – 9.30am



Class Parties 2pm (children can wear their own clothes)



Christmas Dinner

Christmas Jumper Day

School ends at 1pm

engaging
everyone
everyday

[value of the week]
TOWERBRIDGE



*Maths
Cafe!*

We held the rest of our Maths cafes this week. Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend.



The STEM Leaders were invited to visit the Southwark Recycling and Reuse Centre this week where they were commended on the knowledge they have about waste, recycling and climate change.



It was cool – we got to do some very cool things and we got to go into the factory!

It was the best. There were plenty of machines in the factory but you still need people to hand pick through the waste. We all need to be more careful when recycling.



Purple Class were offered jobs as research scientists on Bear Island this week. After discussions about the pros and cons of living for 6 months on a remote island, they wrote to accept or decline the offer.



**KING'S
College
LONDON**

A huge thank you to dentists from King's College who came in this week to talk to the children about the importance of dental hygiene.



Caterpillar and Butterfly classes have been struggling to keep up with the dinosaurs who are visiting for Dinovember. They are causing havoc, but the children are using them to support their learning and setting a good example.



Orange class have been examining a range of materials to establish their properties and to understand why the materials have been chosen for the purpose they have been designed and used for.



PE Kits – A reminder

Children should wear suitable clothing on PE days – dark tracksuit bottoms, white t-shirt and trainers. All children wear their school jumpers on PE days.



Yellow class collected leaves for their art project.

Classes have been enjoying our local area as part of their learning!

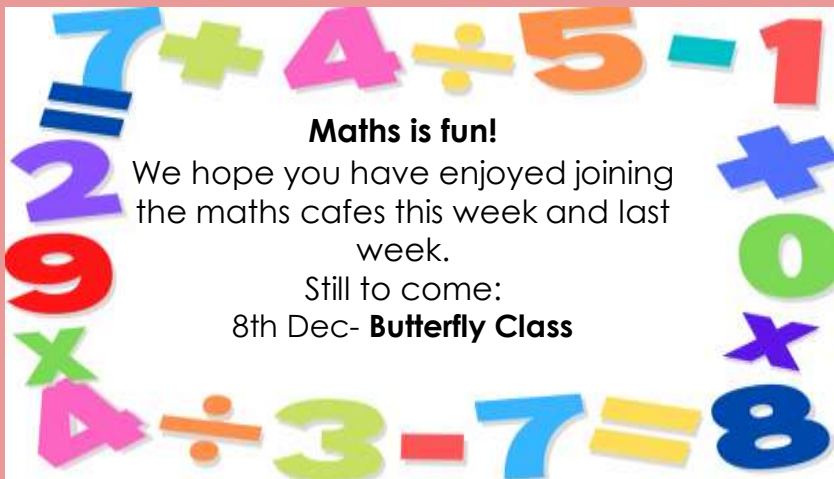


Red Class were mapping the local area for geography



Purple Class took part in Junior Citizenship training and learnt about how to travel safely around London.

Red Class, Rainbow Class, Caterpillar Class and Butterfly Class enjoyed the Teddy Bears Hospital this week.





Snowsfields Primary School



During their visit to the Drawing Room, the children in Green class created some abstract pieces of art. They loved the freedom they were given to express their ideas.



A huge thank you to Eila's parents for their donation of a fully functional kitchen. The chefs in EYFS are making good use of it!



After their local walk, the children in Orange class had a great time creating their messy maps.



The school community raised £175.76 for the Poppy Appeal! Thank you for your support!



maths cafes

Thank you to all parents who have attended the Maths Cafes! The children had a fantastic time!



1 + 2 = 3

Our school value this week is:
E - engaging everyone, everyday



Reading Raffle Winners



Reading Raffle
Winners

Our value this week is:
Independence



Reading Raffle
Winners

Times Tables
Rock Stars

D - Determined to Achieve





	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	0	4	1300
Year 2	6	15	500
Year 3	4	17	450
Year 4	10.5	13	175
Year 5	9	16	600
Year 6	18.5	8	925

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 13/11/2023: 93.6%

1st Place Attendance: Year 1
1st Place Punctuality: Year 1



Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 13/11/2023: 96.01%

1st Place Attendance: Y4
1st Place Punctuality: Y1

	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	16	5	93.60%
Year 2	6	9	98.06%
Year 3	8	12	96.80%
Year 4	4	18	98.75%
Year 5	16	12	94.67%
Year 6	19	13	93.67%



	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	22	11	400
Year 2	7	4	900
Year 3	17	7	200
Year 4	22	10	250
Year 5	9	7	650
Year 6	6	2	1075

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 13/11/2023: 94.56%

1st Place Attendance: Y6

1st Place Punctuality: Y6

What's on the menu?

HARRISON
food with thought

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE w/c 4 th Sept w/c 25 th Sept w/c 16 th Oct w/c 13 th Nov w/c 4 th Dec w/c 8 th Jan w/c 29 th Jan	Pasta Bolognese Linguine with Pesto and Parmesan Citrus Carrots / Fine Green Beans Fruit Flapjack	Chicken Balti Chickpea and Vegetable Tagine Steamed Basmati Rice Braised Savoy Cabbage / Sweetcorn Spanish Style Orange Cake	Beef Casserole Pasta Neapolitan Roast Potatoes Fresh Cauliflower / Garden Peas Chocolate and Pear Sponge with Chocolate Sauce	Teriyaki Chicken Mixed Bean Ratatouille Sweet Chilli Noodles Roasted Butternut Squash / Parsnips Citrus Shortbread	Breaded Fish Fillet Sweetcorn and Squash Fritter Chunky Chips Baked Beans / Garden Peas Vanilla Ice Cream with Fruit
WEEK TWO w/c 11 th Sept w/c 2 nd Oct w/c 30 th Oct w/c 20 th Nov w/c 11 th Dec w/c 15 th Jan w/c 5 th Feb	Mexican Style Chilli Beef Penne Arrabiata New Potatoes in Garlic and Herbs Braised Savoy Cabbage / Swede Carrot and Orange Cake	Spanish Style Chicken Mild Black-Eyed Bean and Vegetable Chilli Steamed Basmati Rice Citrus Carrots / Sweetcorn Chocolate Shortbread	Steak Pie with Gravy Macaroni Cheese Roast Potatoes Roasted Parsnips / Fine Green Beans Dorset Style Apple Cake with Custard Sauce	Chicken Kabsa Spaghetti in Herb and Tomato Sauce with Cheddar Roasted Butternut Squash / Seasoned Carrots Pineapple Flapjack	Margherita Pizza Falafel Patty Chunky Chips Baked Beans / Garden Peas Ice Cream with Fruit
WEEK THREE w/c 18 th Sept w/c 9 th Oct w/c 6 th Nov w/c 27 th Nov w/c 18 th Dec w/c 22 nd Jan w/c 19 th Feb	Baked Chicken Sausages with Braised Onion Gravy Vegetable Lasagne Creamed Potatoes Braised Savoy Cabbage / Carrots Wholemeal Apple Crumble with Custard Sauce	Meatballs in Herb and Tomato Sauce Chickpea with Spinach and Butternut Squash Pasta Fine Green Beans / Fresh Cauliflower Strawberry Jelly with Mandarins	Jerk Chicken Sauté Sweet Potato with Mixed Beans Jollof Rice Roasted Carrots / Parsnips Canadian Gingerbread with Vanilla Sauce	Beef Lasagne Linguine in Herb and Tomato with Fresh Salmon Garlic Bread Fresh Broccoli / Butternut Squash American Style Cookie	Battered Fish Fillet Cheese and Potato Pinwheel Chunky Chips Baked Beans / Garden Peas Frozen Yoghurt with Peaches
Available daily: Halal Choice. Salad Selection. Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings. Seasonal Vegetables. Organic Milk. Freshly Baked Wholemeal Bread. Fresh Fruit Platter. Fruit Yoghurt or Smoothie					



Look out for monthly featured ingredients.





Children's & Young Peoples

Flu Vaccinations in Southwark

2023 presents.

School aged children Flu vaccinations from Reception to Year 11

Date & Time	Venue: Full Address
Saturday 25 th November 2023 Time: 10.00am to 2.00pm	Surrey Square Pri School (only) Surrey Square, London SE17 2JY
Saturday 2 nd December 2023 Time: 9.30 to 1.30pm	Ann Bernadt Children & Family Centre 29 Chandler Way London SE15 6DT
Saturday 9 th December 2023 Time: 9.30 to 1.30pm	Ann Bernadt Children & Family Centre 29 Chandler Way London SE15 6DT
Saturday 16 th December 2023 Time: 9.30 to 1.30pm	Ann Bernadt Children & Family Centre 29 Chandler Way London SE15 6DT

- No appointment just turn up and wait.
- Consent on the day or via the QR code below before you arrive.



OR

Use the link provided to access the electronic consent form

<https://sav.hrch.nhs.uk/flu/2023/southwark>

or call office on 0208 614 5495/5496 If you want more information in different languages

visit: [Share good times not flu | Flu leaflet in 13 languages.](#)



After School Club Play Leaders

Required to work term time.

Starting Salary £10.42 per hour – 15 hours week

Applicants must have experience of working in an After School Club, Holiday Play Scheme or a similar play or educational environment, preferably with children aged 4 – 12 years. A commitment to quality and equality is vital. Applicants must have confident skills and abilities in providing play opportunities through a wide range of activities i.e. creative arts and Crafts, cookery, music/drama and indoor/outdoor sports. It is important that the post holder has a cheerful personality, teamwork skills, communicates and works well with groups of junior children, infant children and parents.


Applicants will be expected to have NVQ II Play work / Childcare or an equivalent qualification.

Career progression into senior roles is encouraged and supported.

For an application form contact Gemma Hinton quoting **ASCPL**
on 07981 931 408 email: area.managertps@gmail.com

SENsational Open Day!

Come along to find out more about SENsational Play sessions for children with additional needs and disabilities!

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- Find out where sessions take place
 - Meet the staff
 - Find out how you can access if you have a child up to age 11 (or how to refer)
 - See how sessions are run
 - Check out the resources available
 - FREE goodie bags to take away!!

Tuesday 12th December, 11am - 2pm
Ann Bernadt Children & Family Centre,
Chandler Way, SE15 6DT

Families and professionals welcome
Yummy light refreshments provided!

For more information contact
childrenscentre@ivydale.southwark.sch.uk



Southwark Children and Family Centres



A space for families to
meet an artist and
get drawing!

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FAMILY



STUDIO

With artists Anna Paterson, Dunya Kalanter, Habiba Nabisubi, Olivia Twist and Rhys Coren.

5th November, 3rd December, 14th January,
4th February, 3rd March, 7th April, 5th May,
2nd June, 7th July, 4th August

Drawing Room, New Tannery Way, Bermondsey
London, SE1 5WS. Enter from Grange Road

Box Office:
1, 78, 130, 401
Bermondsey, London Bridge

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grover@drawingroom.org.uk
www.drawingroom.org.uk
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10.30 – 3.00pm
All Free!
All Welcome!

DRAWING ROOM

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COME AND VOLUNTEER WITH US!!

We are living in a time where we need to help each other and come together as a community reaching out wherever possible.

Get Rid of and Donate are looking for Community Volunteers to help with community outreach support with distribution of donations, service operators and community care at one of our community hubs in Lambeth and Southwark.

Visit our website www.getridofit-donate.com or make arrangements to come to one of our community centres to see the work we are achieving.

If you are aged 16+ and can give a few hours a week to someone you can talk to, encourage with hope, we would like you to come along and support Get Rid of and Donate!



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for further information & enquiries contact us - text '**Volunteer**' or message via WhatsApp to **07944 102 112**.

Top Tips for Safer Online Shopping on

BLACK FRIDAY AND CYBER MONDAY

Black Friday and Cyber Monday have become established as two of the year's biggest shopping events, giving consumers the opportunity to snap up a stash of stunning bargains. While this is generally good news, of course, the resultant retail frenzy can lead to people dropping their guard – especially online. In previous years, a seasonal surge in cyber-crime has seen schemes such as phishing emails and credit card scams being unleashed on unwary buyers. Our guide has some essential pointers on keeping your details – and your money – safe while you shop.

ENSURE A SITE'S SECURE

Before inputting sensitive information (like your card details) into a website, check that the site's secure. The key thing is to look for a padlock symbol in the address bar and check that the URL begins with "https://" – the "s" indicates that the web address has been encrypted with an SSL certificate. Without that, any data entered on the site could be intercepted by criminal third parties.

TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS

If a deal seems too good to be true, then it probably is. Be especially wary if a site offering unbelievable discounts doesn't look professional (for example, if it's covered with pop-up adverts or it looks particularly outdated) – this often serves as a red flag that the seller might not be entirely trustworthy. Minimise risk by sticking with well-known, reputable retailers instead.

REVIEW BANK STATEMENTS

Even if you've followed all our tips, it's probably worth checking your next bank statement for any unusual transactions. Criminals know that on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, lots of people make numerous purchases online: they're hoping that any stolen money will get lost in the crowd of other transactions. If you see a payment or payee you can't identify, raise it with your bank straight away.

BEWARE OF SUSPICIOUS EMAILS

Black Friday and Cyber Monday often bring a significant spike in phishing emails, as criminals use the events' sense of urgency as cover for stealing personal information. Even if they look legitimate, be wary of emails requiring you to do something unusual or suspicious: providing your personal details in exchange for access to last-minute deals, for example, or clicking on a link to an unfamiliar site.

CHECK IT'S THE REAL DEAL

It's not just cybercriminals you need to be wary of. Research has shown that some online retailers increase the price of certain items in the weeks before Black Friday and Cyber Monday – enabling them to then advertise "discounts" (which, in reality, have simply restored the cost to normal levels). Use an online price comparison tool to verify whether these "reductions" truly equate to a saving.

MINIMISE MICROTRANSACTIONS

Black Friday and Cyber Monday promotions extend to digital items as well as physical ones. Some gaming companies will offer discounts on in-app and in-game microtransactions such as loot boxes. If you're concerned about how much your child might spend on these upgrades, you can restrict their ability to make purchases (via their device's settings) or remove any linked payment methods.

SET STURDY PASSWORDS

A strong, unique password is one of the most straightforward ways to protect yourself from cyber-crime. As most of us have multiple online shopping accounts, it can be tempting to use the same password for them all – but this puts your personal data at greater risk. You could try using a password manager to create a different, robust password for each online retailer that you visit.

DITCH THE DEBIT CARD

Where possible, it's safest to shop online with a credit card (as opposed to a debit card) because it offers additional protection. If a purchase is made fraudulently on your credit card, there's a fair chance of your bank reimbursing you. Should criminals obtain your debit card details, however, they could empty your account in moments – and it can be difficult to recover your money.

RESIST THE INFLUENCE

Recommendations from social media influencers are another thing to remain vigilant for on Black Friday and Cyber Monday. While many of these will be legitimate, remember that influencers are often paid to promote products – and to publicise deals that aren't quite as amazing as they might seem. Don't feel pressured into buying purely on their advice; look at everything with a critical eye.

TAKE CARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media scammers are more active on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, as they know people are hunting for deals online. These scammers tend to concentrate on platforms such as Facebook and Instagram, posting malicious links that can compromise shoppers' personal details. Other scammers, meanwhile, falsely advertise products in an attempt to trick users out of their hard-earned cash.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid *The Inquirer*, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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