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Newsletter 15th December 2023



Dear Parents,

Thank you for supporting your children by coming into school to see the Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas performances this week, we are so proud of the confidence the children showed and their fabulous acting, singing and dancing.

We have enjoyed seeing the children's homework projects coming into school this week. Thank you for all the time and effort you put in to making these wonderful projects.

There are lots of fun events happening during the final week of this term, please check the dates for your diary box each week, this is regularly updated so that you can plan ahead and add these dates to your own diary.

Have a restful weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday, gates open at 8:45am. Please note that the last day of term is Thursday 21st December and school closes at 1pm.

Southwark Council Cost of Living Fund

The Cost of Living Fund for low-income households at risk of hardship this winter is open. If you're eligible you'll receive a £100 post office voucher that can be used for food, energy and essentials.

Please click here:

[Southwark Council Cost of Living Fund](#)

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/>



Dates For Your Diary



Tower Bridge

Tuesday 19th December - EYFS Winter Concert 9.30am

Tuesday 19th December - Class Parties pm (children may wear their own clothes with trainers)

Wednesday 20th December - Christmas Dinner

Thursday 21st December - Wear Christmas/Festive jumpers

Thursday 21st December - School Closes at 1pm.

Tuesday 9th January 2024 - Spring Term begins from 8.45am

Robert Browning

Tuesday 19th December - 9.30am - EYFS Winter Concert

Tuesday 19th December - Class parties

Tuesday 19th December - 3.30pm Cooking Club Fundraiser

Thursday 21st December - Wear Christmas Jumpers - School Closes at 1pm.

Tuesday 9th January 2024 - Spring Term begins from 8.45am

Snowfields

Tuesday 19th December 10am - EYFS Winter Concert & **Tuesday 19th December pm** Class parties - wear your own clothes to school

Wednesday 20th December - Christmas Dinner

Thursday 21st December - Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 21st December 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](#)

Please note that our final Inset Day has been arranged for Friday 24th May. School will be closed to pupils on this day. All dates can be found on our website.



Festive Dates for your diary



End of Term Raffle



We are selling raffle tickets for £1 on the gate in the morning and afternoon.
Don't forget to buy your tickets!

Tuesday 19th December

EYFS Performance - 9.30am

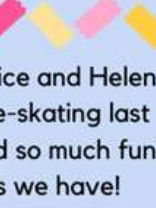
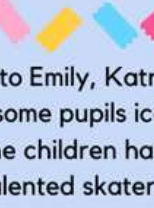
Class Parties 2pm

Wednesday 20th December

Christmas Dinner

Thursday 21st December

Wear your Christmas Jumper - school closes at 1pm



Thank you to Emily, Katrice and Helen who took some pupils ice-skating last week. All the children had so much fun!
What talented skaters we have!



The Choir and Blue Class received a goody bag from Hamley's this week as a reward for all their hard work towards the Lantern Parade last week.



Blue Class have been testing the strength of bridges in their DT lessons. They are discovering the narrower the arch, the stronger it is as it can hold more weight.

WELCOMING EVERYONE

AT TOWER BRIDGE

Purple Class visited the Drawing Room and used different mediums to create abstract art patterns.



This week we welcomed our Year 1 and Year 2 parents to watch the winter show "Penguin Pete". Well done to all the children for their hard work, the staff for supporting the children and everyone who helped put the staging together.



We're having a Winter fundraiser for Cooking Club on Tuesday December 19th, at 3.30pm.

Donations needed of prizes for lucky dip, sweets & small party bag toys.

Donations of cakes will also be needed on the day. Volunteers needed too. See Shanaz for more information.

Festive Dates 2023

Tuesday 19th December - 9.30am- EYFS Winter Concert

Tuesday 19th Decmber -Class Parties (except Y6)

Tuesday 19th December - 3.30pm- Cooking Club Fundraiser

Wednesday 20th December - Christmas Dinner

Thursday 21st December - Wear Christmas Jumpers -

Thursday 21st December - School Closes at 1pm.

On Thursday last week we joined up with Tower Bridge and Snowfields to take part in the Lantern Parade. Children from Blue Class (Y5) had worked really hard on the different lanterns.

We loved seeing the Christmas lights being switched on. Thank you to all the parents who came along to make it happen! Thank you to Team London Bridge for all the organisation!

On Thursday Orange Class and Red Class treated us to a fantastic performance of 'A letter to Father Christmas'

Class parties take place on **Tuesday 19th December**- please speak to your child's teacher to see if they would like any donations of food or drink.



Snowsfields Primary School



The KS1 children enchanted their audience with a fantastic performance of Santa on Strike. We were so impressed with their singing and acting skills. Thank you to all the parents for attending the show and the amazing KS1 Team for all their hard work and creativity!



Blue class and the choir children had a surprise visit from Hamleys Bear. They were also presented with some goody bags!



The **Snowsfields Choir** performed at 10 Fleet Street this week. Thank you to Antonio, Melissa and Cathy for their support! The children raised £130!



What talented artists we have in Year 4! This week the children created tessellations and repeating patterns using fabric paints on textiles. They took inspiration from the works of MC Escher, Althea McNish, and Orla Kiely.

Our school value this week is:
W - Welcoming Others



Reading Raffle Winners



Reading Raffle
Winners



Our value this week is:
Creativity



Times Tables
Rock Stars



N - Nurturing



Reading Raffle
Winners





	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	3	4	1800
Year 2	8	12	700
Year 3	8.5	17	550
Year 4	12.5	20	175
Year 5	5	12	770
Year 6	11.5	14	1020

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 4/12/2023: 93.3%

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



Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 4/12/2023: 95.09%

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

	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	26	8	89.60%
Year 2	8	12	97.42%
Year 3	14	11	94.40%
Year 4	8	19	97.50%
Year 5	9	18	97.00%
Year 6	20	15	93.33%



	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	29	12	425
Year 2	19	3	1200
Year 3	47	15	275
Year 4	26	7	300
Year 5	5	9	775
Year 6	1	4	1425

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 4/12/2023: 91.70%

1st Place Attendance: Y6

1st Place Punctuality: Y2

What's on the menu?					
	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					


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SENsational Stay & Plays and Short Breaks – Christmas 2023

w/c 25 th December	Monday 25 th December	Tuesday 26 th December	Wednesday 27 th December	Thursday 28 th December	Friday 29 th December	Saturday 30 th December
	NO SESSIONS	NO SESSIONS	Location: Ivydale Children & Family Centre, Bellwood Road, SE15 3DE Time: 10am – 3pm Ages: 5-11 years	Location: *Ann Bernadt Children & Family Centre, Chandler Way SE15 6DT Time: 10am – 3pm Ages: 0-5 years 	Location: Dulwich Wood Children & Family Centre, Lyall Avenue, SE21 8QS Time: 10am – 3pm Ages: 5-11 years	Location: *Ivydale Children & Family Centre, Bellwood Road, Nunhead SE15 3DE Time: 10am - 12noon Ages: 0-8 years Location: *Ann Bernadt Children & Family Centre, 29 Chandler Way, Peckham, SE15 6DT Time: 10am - 12noon Ages: 0-8 years
w/c 1st January	Monday 1st January	Tuesday 2nd January	Wednesday 3rd January	Thursday 4th January	Friday 5th January	Saturday 6th January
	NO SESSIONS	NO SESSIONS	Location: Crawford Children & Family Centre, Crawford Road SE5 9NF Time: 10am – 3pm Ages: 0-5 years	Location: *Ann Bernadt Children & Family Centre, Chandler Way SE15 6DT Time: 10am – 3pm Ages: 0-5 years	Location: *Ivydale Children & Family Centre, Bellwood Road, SE15 3DE Time: 10am – 3pm Ages: 5-11 years	Location: *Ivydale Children & Family Centre, Bellwood Road, Nunhead SE15 3DE Time: 10am - 12noon Ages: 0-8 years Location: *Ann Bernadt Children & Family Centre, 29 Chandler Way, Peckham, SE15 6DT Time: 10am - 12noon Ages: 0-8 years



For more info visit www.pprmcfc.com/sensational-stay-and-play



Southwark Children and Family Centres

SENsational Stay & Play is fun FREE groups for children with additional needs or disabilities and their parents or carers in Southwark.

For more information please click on the link: [sensational stay and play](http://www.pprmcfc.com/sensational-stay-and-play)



AUTISM PUBERTY, SEXUAL WELLBEING AND RELATIONSHIPS

For parents of a child on the autistic spectrum, coping with the onset of puberty and their child's emerging sexuality can be challenging. Knowing what to teach, how/when to teach it and what to expect can be daunting.

These three sessions have a different delivery style to the Cygnet core programme. Because of the nature of the subject matter it was felt that a far more activity-based approach would put parents at ease more quickly and therefore enhance learning and mutual support.

- **This is a course for parents – your children do not need to attend**
- **It is available to parents with children over the age of 9**
- **It is run face to face 10.00-4.00pm at 160 Tooley St, London, SE1 2QH**

The course will run on the following dates

18/12/23

15/02/24

17/05/24

10/07/24

15/08/24

[Book Here](#)

PLAYERS WANTED

A NEW Girls Football
Team is coming to
Southwark and we
are looking for
players to join our
journey.



Scan the QR code to register your interest.
We are currently looking for players to join our
U9's (current year 3) and U11's (current year 5).

NEW GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM





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

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12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season. Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Jot down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parcelling up those presents into a creative adventure.

WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparking stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tim Fletcher.

SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

Meet Our Expert

Maria Ahmed designs and delivers the UK's only specialist programme aimed at health professionals. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



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