

# Robert Browning, Snowfields and Tower Bridge Primary Schools

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## Newsletter 1st December 2023

Dear Parents,

We are continuing to work with you to support your children to come to school every day when they are well. Children with 100% attendance and punctuality for autumn 2 will earn an **orange** wristband.

If you need any support with your child's attendance please speak to a member of the Leadership Team at the gate. Children whose attendance falls below 90% are classed as persistently absent. The NHS provide a useful guide here: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#). Remember that every day at school counts. You can support your child's physical, social and mental wellbeing by ensuring they are in school every day.



Please see the information further through the newsletter for fun activities for you and your children to take part in including: Sensational Open Day on page 11 and Family Studio on page 12. 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.

### 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

**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

#### Robert Browning

**Maths Cafes:** at 9am: 8th Dec- **Butterfly Class**  
**Thursday 14th December** - 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

#### Snowfields

**Monday 4th December** - School Council Fundraiser Day for UNICEF Wear blue £1, after school cake sale  
**Wednesday 13th December 10:30am** - Y1 & Y2 Christmas Show  
**Tuesday 19th December 10am** - EYFS Winter Concert & Class parties (wear your own clothes)  
**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](#)

**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 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



Christmas Dinner



Christmas Jumper Day

School ends at 1pm

Do you have clothing your  
children no longer fit into?

Please consider donating

to the school as we

sometimes need spare

clothes for the children

after accidents and spills.



## End of Term Raffle

From Monday 4th December we  
will be selling raffle tickets for £1  
on the gate in the morning and  
afternoon.

If you have a prize you are able to  
donate to our raffle, please drop it  
off to the school office.

This week our school value is **TEAMWORK** – here are just  
a few ways the children have exhibited this value

throughout the week in school.



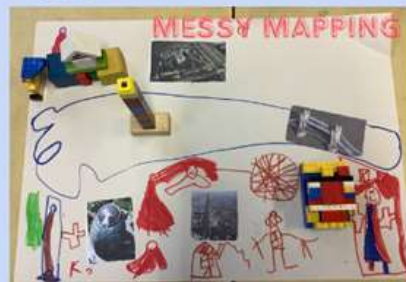
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SEASONAL CHANGES



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# TEAM WORK

AT TOWER BRIDGE



SEASONAL CHANGES



PIZZA MAKING



PIZZA MAKING



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## New Local Library!



The **Una Marson Library** opened this week at **62 Thurlow Street**.

It's named after the Jamaican born poet and playwright who lived in Southwark. As well as book loans, the library offers a range of other services, including study spaces.

### Library opening times

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10am to 6pm
- Wednesday 10am to 3pm
- Saturday 10am to 5pm

We are starting to see some fantastic home learning projects. Make sure that your child completes their home learning before the end of term- there are lots of options to choose from!



We're having a Winter fundraiser 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.

Each week the children get to read with a reading buddy from a different class. They love it!

## Festive Dates 2023

Thursday 14th December- 2pm- KS1 Performance  
Tuesday 19th December - 9.30am- EYFS Winter Concert  
Tuesday 19th December - 3.30pm- Fundraiser  
Wednesday 20th December - Christmas Dinner  
Thursday 21st December - Wear Christmas Jumpers -  
Thursday 21st December - School Closes at 1pm.





# Snowsfields Primary School



Dear Parents,

Our school council leaders' annual fundraiser day will be on Monday **4th December**.

We will be raising money for UNICEF to help the most disadvantaged children across the world.

On Monday **4th of December** children and staff will wear **blue** (own clothes) and will participate in a disco-style dance-a-thon at school.

The suggested donation is a **minimum of £1 per child**.

We would also appreciate nut-free cake donations on the day, as the school council will be selling cakes and baked goods after school. Please bring in some loose change.

**Thank you for all your support!**

Yellow class took part in the opening ceremony of the Unicorn Theatre foyer which the children designed! Well done!



The year 4 and 5 classes enjoyed their session with the Unicorn Theatre getting into the characters in the story 'Odd and the Frost Giants' using drama, art and language.



Some of our families in the Early Years are taking part in the **Early Words Together** project that aims to develop early literacy skills.

Children and parents are thoroughly enjoying the fun activities!



Well done to Purple class who came 4th in the PESSN Athletics Competition.



A sneak peek at the lanterns the children in Blue class have made. You can see the finished products on the **Lantern Parade** on **7th December**. Helen, our artist in residence for the project was full of praise for the children's enthusiasm, teamwork, and artistic skills!



Our year 5/6 girls' football team had a successful tournament hosted at Grange Primary School. With 3 wins and 3 draws they were joint winners!





Our school value this week is:  
T - Teamwork



Reading Raffle Winners



Reading Raffle  
Winners

Our value this week is:  
Respect



S - Sharing ideas, skills  
and knowledge

Reading Raffle  
Winners

Times Tables  
Rock Stars





	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	10.5	4	1400
Year 2	6	12	550
Year 3	2.5	16	550
Year 4	8.5	17	175
Year 5	5	12	675
Year 6	9	9	975

**Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 20/11/2023: 93.8%**

**1st Place Attendance: Year 3**  
**1st Place Punctuality: Year 1**



**Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 20/11/2023: 96.53%**

**1st Place Attendance: Y6**  
**1st Place Punctuality: Y1**

	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	7	7	97.20%
Year 2	9	8	97.10%
Year 3	8	19	96.80%
Year 4	12	15	96.25%
Year 5	16	19	94.67%
Year 6	8	12	97.33%



	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	17	12	425
Year 2	15	3	1000
Year 3	21	2	275
Year 4	18	10	250
Year 5	22	4	675
Year 6	10	4	1175

**Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 20/11/2023: 93.30%**

**1st Place Attendance: Y6**

**1st Place Punctuality: Y3**

# What's on the menu?

**HARRISON**  
food with thought

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WEEK ONE</b> w/c 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept w/c 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept w/c 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct w/c 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov w/c 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec w/c 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan w/c 29 <sup>th</sup> 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
<b>WEEK TWO</b> w/c 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept w/c 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct w/c 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct w/c 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov w/c 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec w/c 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan w/c 5 <sup>th</sup> 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
<b>WEEK THREE</b> w/c 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept w/c 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct w/c 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov w/c 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov w/c 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec w/c 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan w/c 19 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 Time: 10.00am to 2.00pm	Surrey Square Pri School (only) Surrey Square, London SE17 2JY
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023 Time: 9.30 to 1.30pm	Ann Bernadt Children & Family Centre 29 Chandler Way London SE15 6DT
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 Time: 9.30 to 1.30pm	Ann Bernadt Children & Family Centre 29 Chandler Way London SE15 6DT
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> 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.](#)



# 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](mailto: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](mailto:childrenscentre@ivydale.southwark.sch.uk)



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# STUDIO

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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

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Bermondsey, London Bridge

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# VOLUNTEER



## 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](http://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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—DONATE—



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



# What Schools Need to Know about THE ONLINE SAFETY ACT

The Online Safety Act was passed into UK law in October 2023, with the aim of establishing major new layers of protection for children when they're online. The government has pledged "a zero-tolerance approach to protecting children from online harm" – and the act certainly includes more powerful legislation which should help to safeguard young people in the digital world. Our guide summarises the key points for schools...

## WHAT THE ACT WILL DO

### HARMFUL CONTENT

Social media sites must rapidly remove illegal and/or harmful content such as bullying or harassing comments; pornography; and content that supports extremist activity or encourages or depicts violence, suicide, self harm or eating disorders. If they fail to do so, they can be fined up to 10% of their global revenue while their executives may even face jail time.

### ANIMAL CRUELTY

Content featuring cruelty to animals is now prohibited, even if it originates from abroad (where the law may be different). Again, it is the platform's responsibility to remove this.

### MORE TRANSPARENCY

Sites must be transparent about the hazards that any children using them could encounter – by publishing risk assessments for their platforms, for instance.

### HOSTING MISLEADING ADVERTS

Scams and fraudulent adverts must be blocked or removed, or the hosting companies are liable to be fined.

### NON-CONSENSUAL SHARING

It's now easier to convict online abusers or people who share intimate images without consent, while legislation on the criminality of deepfakes has been clarified. The new laws also relate to any individuals who even threaten to share such images. This should help to protect women and girls in particular online.

### REPORTING AND FILTERING

Sites should have easy reporting mechanisms for children (or their parents and carers) to flag up problems quickly. They must also provide options to filter out unwanted content.

### AGE-RESTRICTED MATERIAL

Sites must prevent children from accessing age-inappropriate material. This includes enforcing age limits and implementing robust age verification.

## What this means for you

The act has some specific implications for schools: it's essential that leaders understand the new legislation's scope and limitations. The act is certainly a positive step, but as artificial intelligence and other advances in tech continue to produce new challenges, schools will still need to remain extremely vigilant.

### KNOW WHERE TO GET HELP

Look out for the Code of Conduct that Ofcom is creating in response to the Online Safety Act. Note that the new legislation doesn't mean an instant change: many of its elements will only come into force at the end of 2023. An Ofcom consultation on 'protecting people from illegal harms online' will be running until February 2024.

### REMEMBER THE ESSENTIALS

Remain mindful of your organisation's own online activities: the legal duty for schools to maintain appropriate software monitoring and filtering, for example, will not change.

### WATCH FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

There are some issues on which the legislation remains less clear for now: whether it's possible for Ofcom to scan encrypted private messages (such as on WhatsApp) has yet to be resolved, for instance – making this an area where, for the moment, young people have less legal protection.

### UNDERSTAND AND EXPLAIN

Staff should learn how to raise concerns with tech companies whose platforms contain anything upsetting or unpleasant. Students also need to be made aware of the newly strengthened laws relating to cyber-bullying, sexting or posting inappropriate content. Young people do make mistakes online – so the clearer their understanding of the possible consequences, the better.

### ENGAGE WITH PARENTS

Schools should also explain to parents and carers the new possibilities that the Online Safety Act affords them in terms of protecting their children. Many parents may have previously felt that there was little they could do about changing online platforms' content; they now have a far greater level of support when complaining about a company or the behaviour of an individual.

## Meet Our Expert

Luke Rowden is Senior Deputy Headmaster and Director of Safeguarding for the St Benedict's family of schools. He is a regular speaker at conferences and writes in the TES (among other journals) on school leadership, pastoral care and safeguarding. In 2022, he was named Pastoral Leader of the Year at the National Awards for Pastoral Care in Education.



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