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## Newsletter 13th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who attended our Meet the Teacher sessions on Wednesday afternoon. Working together supports the best outcomes for the children. If you were unable to attend, please speak to the class staff on collection to catch up on any updates.

Please ensure you are on time at 3.30pm to collect your child from school. We understand that sometimes you may be running late due to unforeseen circumstances. You must always notify the school if you are running late. Children who are not collected on time will incur a late collection fee of £25 per child to cover the cost of additional care. Persistent late collection is a safeguarding concern.

Parents of year 6 children will have seen that Secondary Schools are currently running open day events. Please make sure you visit as many schools as you can. The deadline for submitting your application is 31/10/24 which is in half term. Please speak to school staff if you need support with the application as soon as possible. Please find the link to make the online application: [Applying for a secondary school place - Southwark Council](#)

The weather is changing, please ensure your child has appropriate clothing for when they are outside. Have a lovely weekend. The gates open at 8:45am.

### MAGNA EXTENDED SCHOOLS

As you know, The Magna Groups are now running the after school club facility for Snowsfields and Tower Bridge pupils. Should you wish to register your child please follow the link below for more information.

[Magna Group](#)

### ★ Dates For Your Diary ★

#### Tower Bridge

Weds 18th - Fri 20th September- School Journey  
Monday 21st - Friday 25th October - INTERNATIONAL WEEK & Curriculum Cafes for parents  
Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November - HALF TERM WEEK  
Monday 4th November - INSET Day - School Closed  
Tuesday 5th November - INSET Day - School Closed  
Wednesday 13th November- Parent and Pupil Review Meetings- school closed

#### Robert Browning

Weds 18th - Fri 20th September- School Journey  
Monday 21st - Friday 25th October - INTERNATIONAL WEEK  
23rd October- 27th October- Half Term Week  
Monday 4th November- INSET DAY- School Closed  
Tuesday 5th November - INSET DAY- School Closed  
Wednesday 13th November- Parent and Pupil Review Meetings- school closed  
Friday 20th December- Break Up

#### Snowsfields

Wednesday 11th September - Meet the Teacher 3:30pm  
Weds 18th - Fri 20th September- School Journey  
Monday 21st - Friday 25th October - INTERNATIONAL WEEK & curriculum cafes for parents  
Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November - HALF TERM  
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Term Dates for 2024-2025 are on the Federation 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](#)

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## ATTENDANCE UPDATE

**Being in school and having the best attendance possible underpins all the many benefits of school for your child, such as their learning, wellbeing and wider development. We want to work with you to ensure that attendance for pupils at the Bridges Federation is the best it can be.**

As a parent, you are legally responsible for making sure your child gets a suitable fulltime education. This means making sure your child is in school every day except when

- Your child is too ill to go to school.
- You have permission for a leave of absence from your child's school for them not to attend. You should only ask for this in exceptional circumstances. Generally, a holiday will not be classed as an exceptional circumstance.
- Your religious body has a day especially for religious observance.

### **If my child needs to be absent from school, what do I need to do?**

You should contact us as early as possible (no later than 10am) on the first day of absence to explain why. If you do not, we will contact you to find out where they are.

### **My child is ill. What should I do?**

If your child is ill, read the NHS's 'Is my child too ill for school?' advice to help you decide whether they can go to school. Contact us as soon as possible to let us know that they will be absent.

### **Do I need to provide medical evidence to support my child's illness related absence?**

We may ask for medical evidence when your child is absent due to illness. This may be in cases where:

- Your child is regularly absent due to illness, to assess how we can help by putting support in place.
- We have reason to believe your child was not too ill to attend and a conversation has not resolved the issue.

If you are asked to provide evidence this does not need to be a letter from your doctor or consultant, and doctors will not usually provide such letters. It can, instead, be appointment cards, prescriptions, or notes of previous consultations (including from the NHS App.)

To avoid disruption to your child's attendance, medical and dental appointments should not be booked during the school day whenever reasonably possible.

### **My child is struggling to attend school. What can I do?**

The first step is to talk to your us about why your child is missing school, and what help we can give. You should still do everything you can to help your child attend as much as possible whilst waiting for help and support to be put into place. Information on who you can contact for help, including the school's senior leader responsible for attendance, can be found in our attendance policy on the website. We follow the expectations laid out in the DfE guidance 'Working together to improve school attendance.'

<https://assets.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wpuploads/2024/07/aaa-guide-for-parents-on-school-attendance-19th-Aug-version.pdf>

<https://thebridgesfederation.org.uk/home/attendance/>



## CREATIVE ARTS



## meet our SCHOOL LEADERS



## STEM



We have three teams of curriculum school leaders; Creative Arts, Sports and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) who champion and support the subjects they represent. Each candidate must apply for the role and interview for the position. They award their certificates in assembly each Monday.

# school council

Our School Council members are voted for by their classmates. Classes in KS2, (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6) make up our school council. Each week they take part in Celebration Assembly by awarding our "Tell A Good Tale" certificate, where nominated children are chosen for doing something above and beyond. They are also chosen as Ambassadors of the school for various reasons.



# ASDA



Do you, or any of your friends and family shop at Asda? We have now signed up to Asda's Cashpot for Schools. Everytime you shop and use your Asda Rewards App, we will receive a percentage of the spend. By signing up, we will receive £1, and the first family to use the app and donate to the school will generate £50 for the school. This money will be used for learning resources to support the curriculum and experiences in school. Asda will make all the donations - all you need to do is sign up and opt in.



# HELLO SUNSHINE

As of this year, our Early Years will be known as Sunshine Class.

**TESCO**  
Community Grants



Don't forget to vote for Tower Bridge Primary School with your blue tokens at local Tesco stores. The voting stops at the end of the month. The more tokens the school has, the more money will be donated to the school for playground equipment.



# Robert Browning Primary School



## Thank you!

A huge thank you to all the parents who attended our 'meet the teacher' sessions this week. We hope that you found it helpful. We know that the children do better in school when we work in partnership with you. If you missed the meeting, please arrange a time to catch up with your child's teacher.



## PE

As a school we enjoy working with the PE and School Sports Network. The children benefit from many opportunities, both in and out of school. Over the next few weeks Year 1 and Year 3 will be working with a coach on their gymnastic skills. To make the most of these opportunities it is important that the children have the correct PE kit. Thank you!



A huge thank you to School Council, and everyone who donated food and clothing for our fundraiser last year. Your support has made a difference to families in Southwark.



## Secondary Transfer -Online Application

Please be aware that the deadline for online secondary transfer application is **31/10/2024** so we advise that you submit your application **before 25th October 2024** as the deadline falls within the half term holiday and we may not be able to offer support.

If you need support with your application or have any questions before this date, please come and speak with Maureen.



Our artists in Rainbow have been looking at London landmarks and using oil pastels to create a colourful London cityscape.



**On Friday Orange Class had a special day to introduce their topic 'London'. They explored different artefacts and dressed up too.**



## THANK YOU

Robert Browning Primary School

For raising **84kg** of food and toiletries for Southwark Foodbank in July 2024.

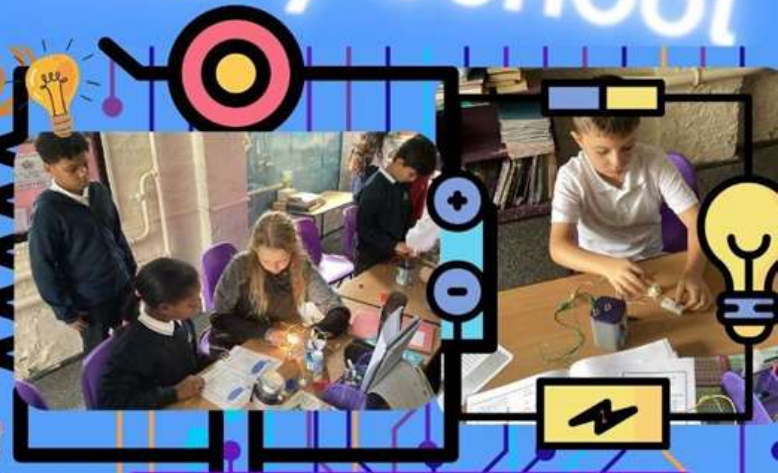


You will have seen that the school is no longer using twitter/X. You can follow us on Blue Sky: [@robertbrowning.bsky.social](https://bsky.app/profile/robertbrowning.bsky.social)

# Snowsfields Primary School



The Year 4 class kickstarted their topic on the Romans with an immersive drama session.



The Year 6 children had their first science lesson of the year. They built electrical circuits!



The Year 5 and 2 classes have had a wonderful start to the year! Here they are during their reading buddies session.



Just like the hunter-gatherers in the Stone Age, the children in Year 3 identified the threats and assets in our garden.



Thank you to all parents who joined us for the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions. It was wonderful to see so many of you in attendance. Together, we can create a positive and enriching learning experience for our children. We will inform you shortly of the new dates for the Year 1 and Year 4 meetings

Our school value  
this week is:  
O - Overcoming  
Challenges



Reading Raffle  
Winners



Our core value this week is:  
We All Shine



Our school value this  
week is:  
**S - Supporting  
children to succeed**





	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	8	1	125
Year 2	4	1	150
Year 3	23	3	25
Year 4	25	8	0
Year 5	16	9	0
Year 6	13	2	75

**Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 9/9/2024: 84.77%**

**1st Place Attendance: Year 2**  
**1st Place Punctuality: Year 1 and Year 2**



**Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 02/09/2024: 91.19%**

**1st Place Attendance: Y1**  
**1st Place Punctuality: Y2**

	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	2	5	98.90%
Year 2	12	1	94.29%
Year 3	22	7	90.43%
Year 4	13	3	93.40%
Year 5	40	6	82.06%
Year 6	24	9	90.00%




	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	11	5	<b>50</b>
Year 2	28	5	<b>0</b>
Year 3	30	1	<b>75</b>
Year 4	25	2	<b>75</b>
Year 5	34	5	<b>0</b>
Year 6	3	4	<b>100</b>


**Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 02/09/2024: 88.94%**

**1st Place Attendance: Y6**  
**1st Place Punctuality: Y3**

# Family support



## FITNESS & WELLNESS FOR WOMEN



- BREATHING
- STRETCHING
- DANCING
- YOGA TECHNIQUES
- AND MORE

**Venue**  
The Lewington Community centre  
9 Eugenia road Rotherhithe SE16 2RU

**TUESDAYS STARTING 17TH SEPTEMBER 2024 10AM-1130AM**

**crèche will be provided**

**For more information:**  
02035369609, 07394662602  
Admin@parentskills2go.com  
Parentskills2go.org

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**Connect with Us:**  
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@parentskills2go

## The Nest - Wellbeing Hub

The Nest operates a drop-in service every **Saturday between 10:30 and 14:30.** Therapeutic practitioners and support workers can offer 1:1 emotional support, information & advice and signpost you to the appropriate services.

## Drop-In Service | The Nest



To get involved, you can refer via our website [www.imago.community](http://www.imago.community) or scan the QR Code.



For further information, please contact our Hub:  
youngcarers@imago.community  
**0300 111 1110**

Southwark Young Carers is a service of Imago Community. Registered charity number 1109388



We support young people living in Southwark aged 6-24, who provide unpaid care or support to a family member with a long-term illness, disability, mental health condition or a substance misuse issue.

**Southwark Council** **IMAGO** Help Southwark's Young People Building Resilience, Facilitating Change Since 1987



# MY CHILD & ME

## A 10 WEEK INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP

for parents and carers providing understanding, supporting and prevention of behaviour & mental health issues in children through cultural lenses

**crèche will be provided**


**Date:**  
Thursday 19th September - Thursday 21st November 2024  
10am -12pm

**Venue**  
The Lewington Community centre  
9 Eugenia road Rotherhithe SE16 2RU

**For details and to register:**  
02035369609, 07394662602  
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Parentskills2go.org

**Parent feedback:**  
"This program taught me that I am not alone..."

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# BASIC UNDERSTANDING OF AUTISM

**(5 WEEKS ONLINE PROGRAM)**

**Understanding Autism & How to support Your Children At Home or Early Years Setting**

**Starts Monday 16th September, 2024 6:00pm-7:30pm**

**For more information:**  
02035369609, 07394662602  
Admin@parentskills2go.com  
Parentskills2go.org

**ZOOM DETAILS WILL BE SENT AFTER REGISTRATION**

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# family info



## Starting secondary school in Southwark 2025/26

Applications close 31 October 2024

Apply online at [www.southwark.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/schooladmissions)



[Applying for a secondary school place - Southwark Council](#)

13 - 15 SEPT 2024

# URBAN ELEPHANT FESTIVAL

Elephant and Castle's **free** festival of diverse art, music and dance is back!

Timetable: [URBAN ELEPHANT FESTIVAL](#)

Information for parents:  
Reception baseline assessment



[Reception baseline assessment: information for parents - GOV.UK](#)

Parent Skills 2Go  
Community Interest Company

## SEWING SKILLS

### 10 WEEKS DRESSMAKING COURSE FOR BEGINNERS & INTERMEDIATE LEARNERS

**FREE SEWING MENDING STATION**  
(SUPPORT ON HOW TO MEND CLOTHES)

**DATE:**  
FRIDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER  
10AM - 12PM  
(EVERY FRIDAY)

**Venue**  
The Lewington Community centre  
9 Eugenia road  
Rotherhithe SE16 2RU

For details and to register:  
02035369609, 07394662602  
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**COST MAY APPLY**

Southwark Council  
Impact on Urban Health

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Enjoy **FREE** access  
to classes

Sign in or **download the Southwark Leisure App** and click on the 'free online classes' button.

Over 20 adult class programs, Kids Born To Move classes, 2000 plus workouts, plans and challenges. Stream from the web, your mobile and TV.



**SHOUT OUT YOUTH THEATRE**

Professional and affordable weekly classes in drama, singing, dance and musical theatre. Bringing accessible theatre training and opportunities to the younger community.

BOOK YOUR FREE TRIAL LESSON TODAY!

NEW SPACES OPENED UP IN EACH AGE GROUP

**SENIORS:** Yr7-Yr9, every Tuesday, 4:30pm-6:00pm. Venue: St James CE Primary School, Bermondsey, SE16 4SU

**UPPER JUNIORS:** Yr5-Yr6 every Tuesday, 4:30pm-6:00pm. Venue: St James CE Primary School, Bermondsey, SE16 4SU

**JUNIORS:** Yr2 to Yr4, every Thursday, 4:30pm-6:00pm. Venue: St James CE Primary School, Bermondsey, SE16 4SU

Just £37.50 for each 5-week term of weekly 90 minute classes, every student receives a free trial session.

For more information or to register a FREE TRIAL session please email Miss Jess; [shoutoutyouththeatre@gmail.com](mailto:shoutoutyouththeatre@gmail.com)



**FUN FOOTBALL SESSIONS FOR EVERY GIRL**



FOR GIRLS AGED 5 - 11



FOR GIRLS AGED 12 - 14

TIME AND DATE

Tuesday, Monday 10:00am - 11:00am

COST

FREE

LOCATION

BURGESS PARK ASHTON LANE, LONDON, SE16 4SU

WHO WE ARE

Part of the School Sports Network

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NEXT STEPS

head to [www.southwarkfootball.com/participate/women-and-girls/play](http://www.southwarkfootball.com/participate/women-and-girls/play) to book your first session or contact us to find out more:

[info@southwarkfootball.com](mailto:info@southwarkfootball.com)

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SCAN ME FOR SQUAD GIRLS FOOTBALL



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SHARING INTIMATE IMAGES

An intimate image depicts sensitive – often sexual – content, and sharing these photos or videos is commonly known as ‘sexting’. As of January 2024, it is a criminal offence to distribute any intimate images shared by a third party without consent, with offenders facing prison time. Notably, misuse of intimate images can lead to emotional distress and reputational damage.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### EMOTIONAL DISTRESS

Victims of the increased pressure of intimate images may experience emotional, behavioural, academic, and social distress, which can affect their long-term emotional health. The threat of having these photos or videos shared can also lead to anxiety, depression, and a sense of helplessness. This emotional distress can affect daily life, including performance and personal relationships.

### DAMAGE TO REPUTATION

Intimate images being shared publicly can severely damage a person's reputation. This can lead to bullying, social exclusion, and damage to their future educational and professional opportunities. Victims may also face public scrutiny and harassment, which can have long-term effects on their mental health and self-esteem.

### PRIVACY VIOLATIONS

Once intimate images are shared online, it can be difficult to control who sees them. This loss of privacy can have lasting consequences, including potential harassment and unwanted contact from strangers.

### FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION

The pressure of intimate images can lead to financial exploitation, such as being coerced into sharing intimate images for money. This can lead to financial hardship, including debt, and even exploitation by criminals.

### LEGAL CONSEQUENCES

A victim of sexting may face criminal charges, including sexual offences, if the images are shared without their consent. Offenders may also face civil penalties, such as being required to pay damages or compensation. Legal consequences can have long-term effects on a person's future.

### TRUST ISSUES

Sharing intimate images without consent can lead to a loss of trust in the person who shared them. This can affect future relationships and their ability to form healthy, trusting connections. The emotional and legal consequences can also have long-term effects on mental health and overall wellbeing.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### FOSTER A CULTURE OF OPEN COMMUNICATION

It's important to have open communication with children and young people about the dangers of sharing intimate images. Create a safe space where they feel comfortable discussing their online activities without worrying they may face disapproval or judgement. Be sure to respond to any worrying behaviour with an attitude of support and understanding.

### EDUCATE CHILDREN ON THE RISKS

Children and young people often want to understand why someone would use an intimate image without their consent. Explain the risks of sharing intimate images online, including the potential for harassment, public exposure, and the long-term consequences that can arise from these actions.

### PROMOTE DIGITAL LITERACY

Digital literacy is essential for children and young people to understand how to protect their online safety. Teach them how to use online platforms, such as using strong passwords, enabling privacy settings, and recognizing suspicious behaviour. Encourage them to be proactive in terms of their own safety.

### PROVIDE SUPPORT RESOURCES

Ensure that children and young people know where to go for help if they become victims of sexting or if they share intimate images without their consent. Provide them with information about trusted resources, helplines, and support services that they can access if they need help.

### Meet Our Expert

Barbara Lewis is a cybersecurity and technology consultant with over 20 years' experience working with children, families and adults in education, funded by educational health settings in the UK and abroad.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College