


# Robert Browning, Snowsfields and Tower Bridge Primary Schools

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## Newsletter 27th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Individual school photos are taking place in school next week, at Robert Browning on 30th September, Snowsfields on 1st October and Tower Bridge on 2nd October. Please note that sibling photos are not being taken.

Please support your child to arrive at school on time everyday. The gates open at 8:45am; when the children arrive in school learning activities begin straight way including early work and sensory circuit. Children are registered as late with an L code if they arrive after 9am. It is such an important life skill to develop routines and strategies to arrive at school on time.

We encourage all children to enjoy the benefit of a healthy free school meal, however if you do decide to provide your child with a packed lunch we kindly remind all families that children are required to bring in a healthy lunch which does not include sweets or sugary drinks

Have a lovely weekend. The gates are open at 8:45am.

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](#)

### Privacy Notices

Please follow the link below to our current Privacy Notices on our website.  
<https://thebridgesfederation.org.uk/home/policies/>

### ★ Dates For Your Diary ★

#### Tower Bridge

Wednesday 2nd October - SCHOOL PHOTOS  
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

Monday 30th September- SCHOOL PHOTOS  
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

Tuesday 1st October - SCHOOL PHOTOS  
Thursday 3rd October - The Nest mental health and wellbeing parent workshop 'Raising Resilient Children'  
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 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/>





READING AT  
**HOME**



In the younger years, children will be given books that they can read independently, and also be allowed to choose a book that they enjoy. This may not look like a reading book, but it is as important for the enjoyment of reading and developing a passion for reading.



**School photos take place on Wednesday and will start at 9am promptly.**

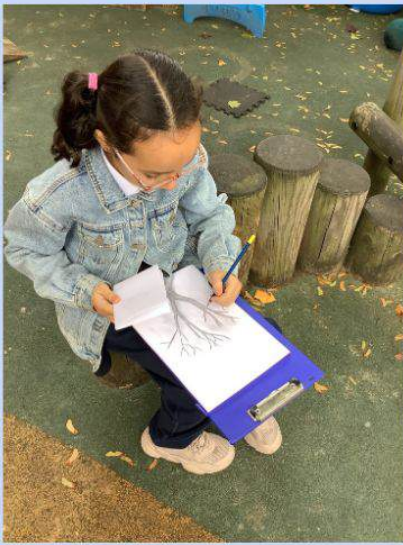


**The final weekend!**

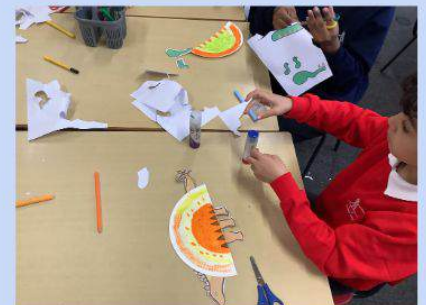
Don't forget to vote for Tower Bridge Primary School with your blue tokens at local Tesco stores. The more tokens the school has, the more money will be donated to the school for playground equipment.

**ENRICHMENT**

**CLUBS**



**Our enrichment clubs are well established. This term art has been a popular choice and the children are enjoying their moments of creativity.**



**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 **25/10/24**.





# Robert Browning Primary School



## 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.

School  
Photographer-

**Monday 30th  
September!**

### Portraits

Every year, each child in the school produces a fantastic portrait and shares their aspirations for the future. Have a look at this year's wonderful selection!



Meet School Council! Congratulations to our School Councillors, who were voted in by their classmates.



Meet our school leaders, who applied for their roles and were successful at interview! We have Sports, STEM and Creative Arts leaders, as well as Librarians.





# Snowsfields Primary School

Kingswood

2024



Some of our year 5 and 6 pupils had a fantastic time at Kingswood Grosvenor Hall. It was such a wonderful experience which they will cherish for years to come. Thank you to all the adults who supported them especially Debbie and Oliver.



## Meet our Leaders

### Creative Art Leaders



### School Council



Congratulations to our newly appointed leaders. Thank you to all the children who applied this year. The quality of the applications was outstanding, and their interviews were equally impressive.

### Sports Leaders



### STEM Leaders







Our school value this week is: E - Excellence, Enjoyment and Effort

Reading Raffle Winners



Reading Raffle Winners



Our core value this week is: Resilience



Our school value this week is: N - Nurturing

Times Tables Rock Stars

Reading Raffle Winners





	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	12	4	150
Year 2	3 ½	4	325
Year 3	5	5	25
Year 4	7	11	0
Year 5	6	6	25
Year 6	10	3	175

**Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 16/09/2024: 94.05%**

**1st Place Attendance: Year 2  
1st Place Punctuality: Year 6**



**Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 16/09/2024: 95.31%**

**1st Place Attendance: Y1  
1st Place Punctuality: Y1, 2 & 4**

	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	5	2	97.83%
Year 2	18	2	93.08%
Year 3	25	6	91.38%
Year 4	7	2	97.31%
Year 5	9	8	96.79%
Year 6	12	4	96.00%



	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	8	4	<b>200</b>
Year 2	23	8	<b>25</b>
Year 3	7	3	<b>300</b>
Year 4	14	4	<b>150</b>
Year 5	21	12	<b>125</b>
Year 6	8	1	<b>300</b>

**Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 16/09/2024: 94.63%**

**1st Place Attendance: Y2  
1st Place Punctuality: Y6**




# Family support


**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



### 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 - 11:30AM

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

crèche will be provided

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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 1108388



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.

  Your local charity Building Resilience, Facilitating Change Since 1964



# 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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# 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  
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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](#)

## 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

crèche will be provided



## 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.



Family  
fun

**BANKSIDE  
OPEN SPACES  
TRUST**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Autumn is here again, and our programme of FREE afterschool sports coaching at Marlborough Sports Garden is back! Check out our incredible range of free sports coaching sessions for your children!

All levels are welcome at our free sessions - they are a great way of trying out a sport, honing skills, and staying active and sociable with friends after school! See below and on our website for our full autumn programme 2024.

**Tuesdays:**

- Touch Rugby, 3.45-5.15pm for ages 5-11, delivered by LSBU
- Girls' Football, 3.45-5pm for ages 5-11 (girls only), delivered by Girls United
- Roller-skating to music, advanced, 3.45-5.15pm for ages 5-11, delivered by Skateboard Club

Please note: Unfortunately, this time we cannot provide equipment for everyone, so please bring your own rollerblades or roller-skates, helmets and pads.

**Wednesdays:**

- Beach Tennis, 3.45-4.30pm for ages 5-7 and 4.30-5.30pm for ages 8-11, delivered by Deane Beach Tennis
- Basketball, 3.45-5.15pm for ages 5-11, provided by London Basketball Association
- Sambo Soccer Schools, 3.45-5.15pm for ages 5-11

**Thursdays:**

- Beach volleyball, 3.45-5.15pm for ages 5-11, delivered by Deep Dish
- Roller-skating to music, beginners, 3.45-5.15pm for ages 5-11, delivered by Skateboard Club
- Cricket, 3.45-5.15pm for ages 8-11, delivered by Surrey Cricket Foundation
- Wall Ball, 3.45-4.30pm for ages 8-11 and 4.30-5.00pm for ages 11+, delivered by UK Wall Ball

Please register for afterschool sports here:  
<https://tinyurl.com/boostautumn2024>



**Swimming Lessons**

@  
Evelin Lowe Gardens and Pool,  
(The Garden SE1,  
Marlborough Grove, London,  
SE1 5JT

- Times available Wednesday 1-4 pm, Saturday 3-6 pm
- Baby & Pre-School Swimming
- Swim Academy (for all ages & abilities)
- Private lessons
- Disability, SEN & Adult lessons
- Aqua Aerobics
- Holiday Courses
- Maximum group sizes of 4-1 per class

**Mermaid & Pirate Birthday parties**

Contact:

Jules: 07855582775 [jules@funflippers.co.uk](mailto:jules@funflippers.co.uk)

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

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)

**PE & SCHOOL SPORTS NETWORK**

**FREE GIRLS FOOTBALL**

**EVERY MONDAY (17:00-18:00)**

**@BURGESS PARK ASTRO TURF**



OPEN TO ALL  
GIRLS AGED 5-11  
YEARS OLD

OPEN TO ALL  
GIRLS AGED 12-14  
YEARS OLD



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**FUN FOOTBALL SESSIONS  
FOR EVERY GIRL**



FOR GIRLS  
AGED 5 - 11

**SQUAD**  
GIRLS FOOTBALL

FOR GIRLS  
AGED 12 - 14

• Sessions only  
• 1 session  
• 10.00 per session  
• 10.00 per session  
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**THE PE & SCHOOL SPORTS NETWORK**

AGES 5-18

**SEND SATURDAY SPORTS CLUB**

OPEN EVERY SATURDAY (TERM TIME ONLY)

OPEN TO SEND PUPILS IN SOUTHWARK

For more information please contact our staff or see our website below

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FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: ARTS AND CRAFTS, STAY & PLAY, MUSIC AND DANCE, SKATING, FUN WITH MATHS ETC

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays  
Starting Tuesday 10th September  
3:30pm-5pm

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

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

**GO JAGS**

Girls in Year 3, 4 and 5

**SOUTHWARK JAGUARS PLAYERS WANTED**

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD'S INTEREST OR CONTACT [WILSON@LPSSN.ORG.UK](mailto:WILSON@LPSSN.ORG.UK) FOR MORE INFORMATION



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about FINAL FANTASY XIV

AGE RESTRICTION  
PEGI  
16

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

The video game Final Fantasy XIV launched in 2010, and, despite being critically panned, it saw an overhaul that has made it one of the biggest success stories in gaming. Its huge world, epic story and versatile combat system have continued to draw in new players, but there's a lot that trusted adults need to be aware of – not least the cost of paying monthly to play.

## ALWAYS ONLINE

Final Fantasy XIV is an MMORPG, which stands for Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game. Much like World of Warcraft, players create a character in a chosen class and level up by completing quests to gain power and items. The game requires a constant internet connection, whether you're playing on PC, Mac, PlayStation or Xbox, and there's no option to play offline.

## REGULAR EXPANSIONS

As with similar titles in the genre, players can purchase expansions to unlock additional content for the game. Those without the expansions will be locked out of certain new quests and activities, meaning that young people who play regularly will potentially have the next release earmarked on their calendar, ready to buy it as soon as possible.

## IN-GAME PURCHASES & SUBSCRIPTION FEE

Users need to pay £8.99 per month to play Final Fantasy XIV, but there is a free trial. If someone stops paying, they'll lose access to their character (although they'll be able to pick up the payments again and resume where they left off). If a player forgets to cancel their payments, however, those subscription fees will continue rolling on automatically.

## VOICE & TEXT CHAT

Final Fantasy XIV lets players send chat messages in-game or speak to each other over voice chat. On the one hand, that provides plenty of choice for how those enjoying the game can interact with their fellow fans. On the other hand, however, it's easier than in many games to receive unprompted messages from a stranger, with whom you constantly share your play space.

## VIOLENCE

While Final Fantasy XIV has a fairly light tone throughout some of its quests, many involve killing enemies and sometimes even wild animals. The violence isn't especially strong – more comparable to a cartoon or anime style – but the act alone may make some children feel uncomfortable, if they're not yet able to separate fictional harm from the real kind.

## POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

As with World of Warcraft, there's an element of addiction to Final Fantasy XIV. The gameplay loop can be quite engrossing, as minutes turn into hours and hours into days while playing alone or with friends. This can potentially lead to missing real-life events, a lack of interest in any activities not related to the game and procrastination around responsibilities like schoolwork.

FREE TRIAL

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### MANAGE PLAYTIME

Playtime limits are a great way to counter the addictive qualities of games like Final Fantasy XIV. They allow you discuss why it's still important to enjoy things outside of gaming while still letting a child enjoy playing online with their friends when it makes sense to do so. It's all well and good to have fun with a game, so long as they're able to step away and reconnect with the real world.

### MAKE USE OF THE FREE TRIAL

The Final Fantasy XIV free trial is a generous one, with no limits on how long someone can play until their character hits level 70. That's easily dozens of hours for a child to go through the game, complete quests, and see if they enjoy it before purchasing expansions or subscribing to a membership. They may well move on to something else before you need to spend so much as a penny.

### PLAY TOGETHER

The free trial makes it extremely easy to jump into Final Fantasy XIV and play alongside a child, provided they're old enough. Not only does that help you ensure that settings are adjusted for their privacy and safety, but it may also end up becoming a bonding experience for you both and any other family members that want to try it out.

### REMEMBER, IT'S A PEGI 16

Despite its often-relaxing nature, Final Fantasy XIV carries a PEGI 16 rating for violence and drugs (although the latter is due to a character smoking a pipe on occasion). There's minimal blood, but characters can attack enemies (and other players) with weapons and spells. Take a look at some gameplay videos to see if the content is appropriate for a younger player.

## Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Editor-in-Chief of GGRecon, and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A longtime fan of online games, he's also a parent, and therefore understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his work has previously been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar and plenty more.



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