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Newsletter 13th December 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

We thoroughly enjoyed seeing our Key Stage One children perform so beautifully in their Christmas shows. Thank you parents for supporting your children through practising their lines and learning songs and to all our amazing staff for nurturing our children to be such confident performers!

It is a busy last week of term, please check the dates for your diary box which includes: 'Class parties' on the 17th (children can wear their own clothes and 'Wear a festive jumper' on the 20th (children can wear a festive/ colourful jumper instead of their school jumper).

Please see page 10 of the newsletter for flu catch up clinics if you would like your child to have their flu vaccine because they they missed it at school.

<u>Let's talk PANTS with Pantosaurus! | NSPCC</u>
It is always important to share with your child the

NSPCC PANTS rules: Privates are private

Always remember your body belongs to you

No means no

Talk about secrets that upset you

Speak up, someone can help

Please be reminded that we are <u>nut free</u> schools and only <u>nut free</u> food can be brought into school for packed lunch and party food. Please be aware that chocolate spread should not be used as a sandwich filler in a school packed lunch or for party food. Have a lovely weekend, please support your child to arrive on time everyday, the school gates open at 8:45am.



Important!

Scholarpack is changing to Arbor 6th January 2025

We will be changing our MIS system (Scholarpack) to Arbor from 6th January 2025. You will need to download a new app from your app store to continue to receive messages from the school and to be able to send us messages. Please see page 2 of the newsletter for further details.



Dates For Your Diary



Tower Bridge

Tuesday 17th December - EYFS Winter Performance 9.30am
Tuesday 17th December - Class Parties - wear own clothes
Wednesday 18th December - Christmas Dinner
Friday 20th December - Festive Jumpers
Friday 20th December- School Finishes at 1pm
Monday 6th January - Spring Term Starts

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Snowsfields

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Term Dates 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

Applying for a Reception place

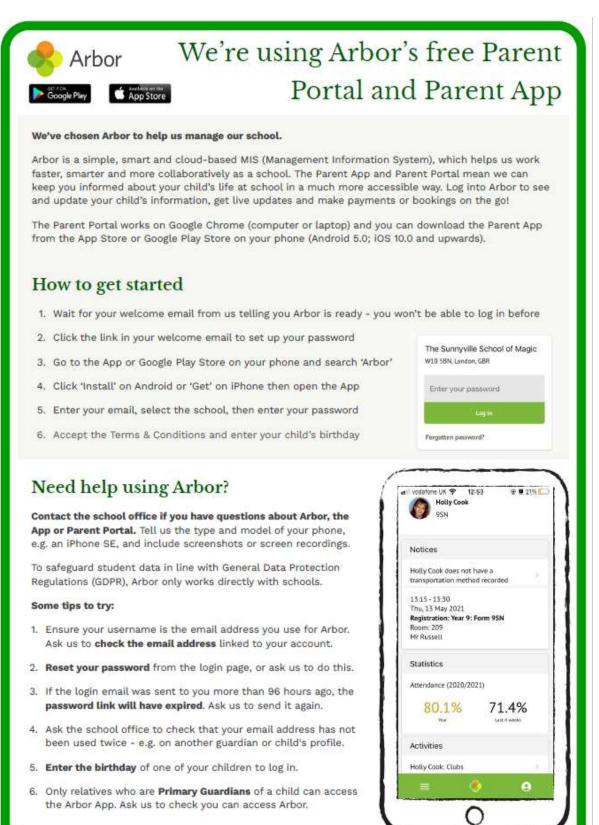
If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, you must apply for a primary or infant school place for September 2025. You will need to apply online. Please click on the link here: eAdmissions

School Uniform

Your child is expected to wear school uniform everyday, this includes a school jumper, white shirt/polo shirt and grey trousers/skirt/pinafore dress. Please name your child's school uniform, we have pre-loved uniform available should you need any.

On **January 6th 2025** all 3 schools are moving to Arbor. We will no longer be using Scholarpack.

Parents please see below guidance explaining what you need to do. From **January 6th** you will no longer be able to send or receive messages with the school via Scholarpack. If you need any help please contact your child's school.







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Class Parties (wear own clothes)

Wednesday 18th December

· Christmas Dinner

Friday 20th December - wear Festive Jumpers and Break Up 1pm

Year 1 and Year 2 performed "Santa's Hat"to their parents this week. Thank you to all the children, parents and staff who worked so hard putting this together.





Don't forget to buy a raffle ticket next week.

Tickets cost £1 per strip and we will draw the winners on Friday 20th December in the last assembly of the term.









welcoming others

[value of the week] TOWERBRIDGE







Our pop-up bookshop was a great success this week thank you to Kate for organising and to some of the boys in Year 6 who have spent their break times cleaning and organising the library together for the book shop to open.













Last week Year 5 took part in the Lantern Parade, carrying the lanterns they made along the river. Thank you so much to all the parents and siblings who came to support them.



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Festive Fundraiser-Wednesday 18th December

On Wednesday 18th December we will be holding a festive fundraiser after school. Please donate any cakes, sweets, chocolates or prizes. If you are able to help out, please speak to Shanaz or Sarah Murray (Parent Governor). A huge thank you to Bennett Construction, who have also donated towards the prizes.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Year 5 Lantern Parade

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to support the Year 5 children taking part in this festive event! Thank you to all the staff who helped make sure it took place and thank you to Team London Bridge for working with us and inviting us along!





The Jolly Christmas Postman

Well done to all our performers in Key Stage 1- what a fabulous show! Thank you to all the adults in school who helped make sure it was brilliant, and thank you to all the parents and carers who came



Musical Theatre club for your brilliant performance on Tuesday. Thank you to Helen for all your hard work, and to the parents for coming!











Our school value this week is: W - Welcoming Others

Reading Raffle Winners



Reading Raffle Winners

Our core value this week is: Respect









Our school value this week is: N - Nurturing



Times Tables Rock Stars

Reading Raffle Winners





	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	5	4	925
Year 2	3 ½	10	1550
Year 3	0	15	675
Year 4	8 ½	14	125
Year 5	13 ½	12	400
Year 6	8 ½	8	1050



Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 02/12/2024: 94.28%

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

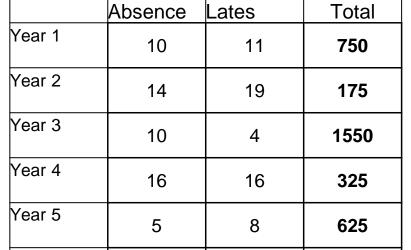


Year 6

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 02/12/2024: 94.75%

1st Place Attendance: Y3
1st Place Punctuality: Y2

	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	12	6	95.00%
Year 2	16	1	93.33%
Year 3	6	4	97.93%
Year 4	20	3	92.00%
Year 5	12	4	95.71%
Year 6	18	6	94.00%



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Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 02/12/2024: 95.12%

1st Place Attendance: Y5
1st Place Punctuality: Y3

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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 full time 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/



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





Free Workshops for Parents and Carers

Do you want more guidance on how to talk to your children, teens and young people about vaping, alcohol themes and trends we come across working with young people in the borough?

Substances are more accessible today than ever before. For parents, carers or anyone responsible for children and young people, it can feel overwhelming and difficult to know how to respond.

We're offering FREE online workshops for parents and carers in Southwark, to give advice and guidance to help you navigate this quickly changing landscape.



- · Current trends amongst young people
- Strategies for talking to young people about substances in an open and supportive way
- Practical advice on how to keep your children safe from the dangers of substance misuse



For further information contact:

- Email: Southwark.YoungPeople@cgl.org.uk or scan the QR code for a direct link to the eventbrite page.
- You can call us on: 020 3404 7699



11TH DEC

TO SIGN UP. PLEASE CONTACT ROSA OR ANNA :

ROSA.KORNFEIN@GROUNDWORK.ORG.UK 01999 402 360

ANNA.GEISSMANN@GROUNDWORK.ORG.UK





HELPING YOUR CHILD MANAGE THEIR

FEARS AND WORRIES

NOV-DEC 2024

5 WEEK ONLINE GROUP FOR PARENTS/CARERS AIMED AT HELPING YOU

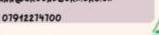
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EVIDENCE-BASED GUIDED SELF-HELP TECHNIQUES.











4TH OCTOBER 2024: MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM TRAINING (ONLINE)

19TH OCTOBER 2024: TEAM BUILDING & CONFLICT RESOLUTION

STH FEBRUARY 2025: READING & STORYTELLING DELIVERY/PLANNING AND DELIVERY OF ACTIVITIES

6TH & 13TH MAY 2025: COMMUNICATION SKILLS FOR VOLUNTEER

4TH JULY, 2025: ANNUAL & MANDATORY SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

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SOUTHWARK SCHOOLS' INDOOR AIR QUALITY



Asthma - Air Quality Mositoring & Engagement Project for students in Year 6 and above

This project will see air quality sensors placed in classrooms and the homes of pupils with asthma, offering a live insight into the air quality they experience.

Teachers and soudents will participate in a specially designed curriculum to deepen their understanding of air quality's effects on health and discover strategies to <u>minimuse</u> harmful emissions.

This intrative builds on exinting air quality efforts and provides tools such as a diedicated webpage and monitoring devices to assist schools in fostering a cleaner, healthier educational atmosphere.

School staff and parents can register interest by filling out the form on this QR code or by emailing.

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NSPCC What are the PANTS rules?



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Live or go to school in the borough of Lambeth? Aged 4-16?

Come down to a flu catch-up clinic and protect yourself this winter!

Tuesday 17 December, 10:00 - 14:00 Rye Oak Children & Family Centre, SE15 3PD

Wednesday 18 December, 10:00 - 14:00 Rye Oak Children & Family Centre, SE15 3PD

Thursday 19 December, 10:00 - 14:00 Rye Oak Children & Family Centre, SE15 3PD

Thursday 19 December, 10:00 - 14:00 Stockwell Children's Centre, SW9 9TG

No need to book an appointment. Call 020 8614 5496 for more information.

Let's talk PANTS with Pantosaurus! | NSPCC Missed your flu vaccine?

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.









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NATIONWIDE CRICKET HUBS



We run a network of cricket Huba that provide free-to-access training and match play to 6,500 state-advanted young cricketers at 164 sites across the UK. The Hube focus on talent: helping promising youngsters who have been engaged through mass participation activities or non-traditional formats to join cricket clubs, develop their hard-ball skills, and access the formal talent pathways. The Huba also have a transformational impact off the cricket pitch, helping participants to feel happier and more confident, and improving their focus and performance at school.

https://www.lords.org/mcc/mcc-foundation/mcc-foundation-in-the-uk

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SAFETY OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON

challenges for children, families and educators. From busy holiday shopping, traveling and family gatherings to managing digital activity during school breaks, staying safe during this period requires heightened awareness. This guide offers practical tips to help families and educators maintain a more secure and fulfilling lestive period.

MONITOR DIGITAL



Children spend more time online sturing school helidays. Increasing exposure to potential dangers such as cytectallying, leappropriate contact and online—produtes. Beforeing school time, aveiding harmful eebsites and ensuring children engage positively ariting can be difficult without proper monitoring tools. Set clear boundaries, encourage open abscurators about unline safety and use parental controls to menage content expours and screen time effectively. Regular check-insured positive pointing safety and use parental controls to menage content.

PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY PROTOCOLS



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BEWARE OF ALLERGIES

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PREVENT THE SPREAD OF ILLNESS



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STAY VIGILANT ON THE ROAD



MAINTAIN SAFE DECORATIONS



SET BOUNDARIES FOR GIFTS



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accidents or poor decision making, incorporate rest, maintain regular routines and seas support to reduce stress. Encourage activities that promote relaxation to

10 DRINK RESPONSIBLY

responsible adults. Ilmit consumption and provide transportation alternatives for quests. Teaching moderation and modelling responsible behaviour in front at children ensures that colorations remain positive and

Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is a chartered health and safety consultant with 10 years of experience in promoting family and community safety. Specialising in risk assessment and preventative strategies, he has worked with educational institutions, public health agencies and community groups to defiver safety education and training.



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