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Newsletter 24th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please check your schools 'dates for your diary' box for upcoming class assemblies.

Our year 5 assemblies were truly fantastic this week, the children demonstrated their confidence speaking, acting and singing in front of an audience. Thank you to the year 5 staff teams and to you parents for supporting your children. Class assemblies are a wonderful celebration of the learning at school.

We are busily planning for our 'Wellbeing Week' from 10th - 14th February, which will include sessions on sleep hygiene (having a regular routine to improve sleep), Safer Internet Day (revisiting how to stay safe online) and reminding the children of the NSPCC's message 'Speak out, Stay safe.

Our expectation is that every child attends school everyday on time and strives for 100% attendance. Please contact the school office by 9am via the Arbor App or by phone if your child is too unwell to attend school. If your child's absence is at 90% this is called persistent absence and equates to your child missing half a day of school a week. Please speak to a member of the Leadership Team on the gate if you need support with your child's attendance.

Have a lovely weekend, we look forward to seeing you on Monday, the school gates open at 8:45am.



Important!

Scholarpack has changed to Arbor 6th January 2025

We have changed 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. Please contact the school office if you are unable to download the app.



Dates For Your Diary



Tower Bridge

Wednesday 29th January- Year 4 assembly 3pm
Wednesday 5th February- Y3 assembly 3pm
10th - 14th February - Wellbeing Week including Safer
Internet Day on 11th February
Friday 14th February- Break up for Half Term
17th - 21st February - Half Term Week
Wednesday 5th March- Parent and Pupil Review Meetings

Robert Browning

Tuesday 28th January- Year 4 assembly
Tuesday 4th February- Year 3 assembly
10th - 14th February - Wellbeing Week including Safer
Internet Day on 11th February
Thursday 13th February- Year 2 Fundraiser
Friday 14th February- NSPCC Fundraiser
Friday 14th February- Break up for Half Term
February 17th- 121st - Half Term Week
Wednesday 5th March- Parent and Pupil Review Meetings

Snowsfields

Tuesday 28th January - Year 4 assembly 2:55pm
Tuesday 4th February - Year 3 assembly 2:55pm
10-14th February - Wellbeing week including Safer Internet
Day on 11th February - Break up for Half Term

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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

Snowsfields Primary School



Our project 'Play Learn and Grow' has been shortlisted for the Tesco Community Grant Initiative where we could win up to £1,500. Please collect a blue token at the checkout every time you shop at these local Tesco stores (see list below) and vote for us!

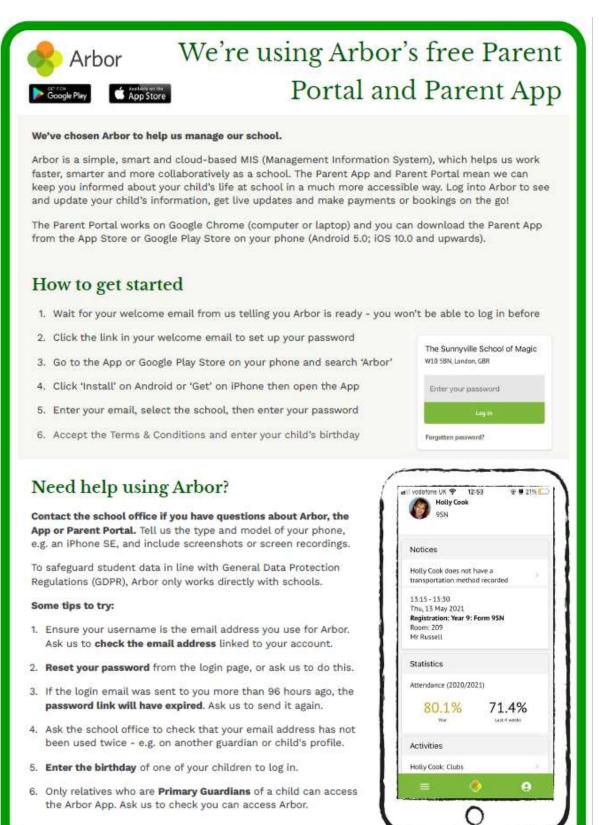
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On **January 6th 2025** all 3 schools are moving to Arbor. We will no longer be using Scholarpack.

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.





Thank you to Blue Class for their epic

assembly this week. What a show!

Thank you to all the parents and

You can follow us on Blue Sky: etowerbridgeschool.bsky.social



welcoming everyone

[value of the week]



Arbor

TOWERBRIDGE



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This week, our STEM Leaders (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) visited BETT, the Technology in Education Trade Show. They were able to explore new tech and won prizes! What an amazing opportunity for them all.







are all now signed up to Arbor, Please check emails to enable notifications of messages etc. We sent an email this week with advice on how to set up notifications on Arbor. Please look at these help pages if you are not receiving push notifications.

ABSENCES: If your child is absent, you should only use the Arbor to notify us. Please do not call the office, or email.

PUPIL REVIEW

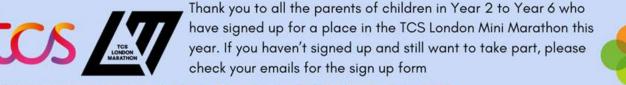
MEETINGS: We will shortly be opening up bookings for the next Pupil Review Meetings which take place on 5th March. You will only be able to book your meeting through the Arbor app.

COMING SOON:

Updates to the app coming soon include:

- signing up to clubs
- online payments for trips and clubs

Arbor











Art Club have been learning about Pointillism in their sessions so far this term.



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Blue Class Assembly!

We really enjoyed Year 5's assembly on Tuesday afternoon. They performed and sang all about The Titanic.

Thank you to Tom and Carol for all your hard work preparing the children and thank you to all the parents who attended!



STEM leaders at BETT!

On Wednesday, Natalie took our STEM leaders to BETT. They found out about the latest Educational Technology!











Maths Investigation!

Orange Class have been investigating addition with odd and even numbers. What do you think they found out?











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: **S - Striving to Improve**



Times Tables Rock Stars

Reading Raffle Winners





	% present	Lates	Total
Year 1	94.2%	2	100
Year 2	91.0%	0	175
Year 3	97.0%	10	75
Year 4	96.4%	9	100
Year 5	90.7%	10	75
Year 6	95.5%	4	150



Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 13/1/2025: 94.29%

1st Place Attendance: Year 3
1st Place Punctuality: Year 2



Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 13/1/2025: 94.68%

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

	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	14	7	94.07%
Year 2	12	5	95.00%
Year 3	9	4	96.65%
Year 4	12	13	95.04%
Year 5	21	5	92.14%
Year 6	19	7	92.18%



	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	19	9	100
Year 2	24	13	50
Year 3	5	2	300
Year 4	27	12	0
Year 5	6	4	175
Year 6	8	10	100

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 13/1/2025:

93.16%

1st Place Attendance: Y3
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/

FATHER'S GROUP



Join a 12-week course to improve your parenting skills.

Whether you are a lather, grandfather or stepdad. receive advice and flor on topics such as positive parenting, improving relationships and rale modeling. Creche provided.

1st Place Family Hub

12 Churchigh Street, Surpress Park, N25 0891

Email: ben.campbell@southwark.gov.uk

Phone: 07738 860 768









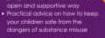
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Free Workshops for Parents and Carers







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- You can call us am 020 3404 7699





for parents of children aged 1 - 3 years

This 9 week course helps parents learn practical

- skills for everyday life.

 Looking after yourself as a parent.

 Recognise and manage your children.
- Learn positive parenting strategies
 Support your children's resilience

JOIN NOW



WHEN IS IT ON?

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What time?

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ISSUES FOR BLACK AND MARGINALISED FAMILIES Monday 20th January



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

Drop-In Service | The Nest

appropriate services.









TUESDAY 23ST JANUARY, 2025 10AM - 12-00PM

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Online English (ESOL) Course

A FREE 15-week Entry level online accredited course for Southwark residents







Classes will be on

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10am-12.30pm

25th February - 26th June 2025

plus online Conversation Clubs

This course will take place on Zoom Applicants should live in Southwork

Spaces are Emitted to book soon.

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Parent 6 Skills



MENDING STATION

BASIC /BEGINNERS ING CLASS STARTS WIDNESDAY 16TH JANUARY 2025

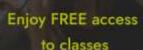
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Parent/carer support at Robert Browning

Let's talk PANTS with Pantosaurus! | NSPCC

Privates are private

belongs to you

No means no

Always remember your body

Speak up, someone can help

Talk about secrets that upset you 3

NSPCC

With Anna and Toni



We offer non-judgemental and confidential support for parent/carers of children with anxiety and challenging behaviour

Tea/ coffee Morning



Time: 9:00-9:45 **Upcoming dates:**

· 21st January - Welcome back! Meet and greet/catch-up

· 4th February- Managing strong emotions

· 25th February - Calming/relaxation technique

· 11th March- Understanding anxiety

· 25th March-Reflection week



For more information please contact: anna.geissmann@groundwork.org.uk

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NATIONWIDE CRICKET HUBS



We run a network of cricket Hubs that provide free-to-access training and match play to 6,500 state-educated young cricketers at 164 sites across the UK. The Hubs 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 Hubs also bave 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

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

WHAT ARE THE RISKS? JusTalk Kids is a child's version of the JusTalk app - a highly popular social networking platform - designed for users up to 13 years of age, allowing them to video call, message and participate in group chats. While adults can link their own JusTalk account to their child's and make use of parental controls, it's important to understand the risks associated with the app.

SUBSCRIPTION FOR PREMIUM ACCESS

RESISTANCE TO CONTROLS

KNOWING THE PARENT

POTENTIAL DATA

TOO MUCH



Advice for Parents & Educators

JUSTIFY THE CONTROLS

If parents allow their child to use Judish Kids, they should explain that they re-putting parental controls in place to make the app saler. Make sure the child knows not to put their hill name on the account and desert use a photo of thermselves as their porfile picture. This type of open discussion will help to aroune that a child is aware of the appropriate inches and knows how to reduce them.

TALK ABOUT ONLINE FRIENDSHIPS

Young children could be excited to use this app. However, highlight that they must do so in a positive, respectful and responsible manner. While It can be easy to get cought up in a group chat, it's important to talk to others politicly and eal out any unpleasant behaviour. Discuss the importance of limiting their confacts to people they know in real life and use parental confacts to enforce this.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Cligire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, edresearcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber solety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



DOS AND DON'TS OF SHARING

Some children might not understand the potential dangers of oversharing online is clear guidelines around what is and isn't safe to share on the internet, and sliccuss the concept of a digital footprint. Children need to understand that the things they say and shore actine can rever be completely ensued. Even if they delete is themselves, it can be saved and distributed by others.

ENCOURAGE OPEN COMMUNICATION

Apps like Justait can sametimes tend themselves to bullying behaviours. Parents should monitor what their child is sending and receiving, chieck in with them regularly and encourings them is shore their feelings (buth positive and regative) or home. Remind them that they can black a contact if sameone is treating them disrespectfully.



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source, See full reference list on guide page at: https://nationalcollege.com/guides/justain kids





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