

# Robert Browning, Snowsfields and Tower Bridge Primary Schools

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## Newsletter 18th July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,  
Thank you for all your support over this last year, parental support in your child's education has such a positive impact on your child's learning and development.

We wish our year six classes every success in the next step of their educational journey. They showed us their skills and confidence in their end of year shows this week which were fabulous!

We are sad to say goodbye to members of staff across the Federation who are moving on to pastures new. We know that you will want to wish them well in the next chapter of their adventure.

Robert Browning: Sarah Manley, Millie Woon, N'gozi Chukwuma, Emily Littman and Lauren Chaney.

Snowsfields: Oliver Tull

Tower Bridge: Hazel Keles & Jess Neale

Thank you for your understanding this week when we had to close the schools at short notice. We use the Arbor app to communicate with you, so it is important you receive notifications when we send out messages. Please make sure that if you update your phone number or email, you notify us. If you change your phone, please make sure the Arbor app is working.

This is the final newsletter of the academic year, we wish you a fun and restful summer, ready to do it all again in September. The new term starts on Wednesday 3rd September, the gates open at 8:45am.

### Dates For Your Diary

#### Tower Bridge

**Tuesday 22nd July - Break up at 1pm**

**Wednesday 3rd September - BACK TO SCHOOL  
8.45am**

**Wed. 10th September - Parents - meet the teacher  
3:45pm**

#### Robert Browning

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#### Snowsfields

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9:30am**

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**Wed. 10th September - Parents - meet the teacher  
3:45pm**

Term Dates 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 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](#)

As you head into the summer holidays, Parent Zone has put together helpful resources to support families with managing screen time. [ParentZone](#)





A huge congratulations to Year 6 for their amazing performance of Hercules this week. Such a huge amount of work had gone into the singing, acting, sets and costumes - well done to the Year 6 team. Thank you to all the Year 6 parents who came to watch the children.



## SUNSHINE CLASS CELEBRATION

Sunshine Class gave their end of year performance everything this week! Huge congratulations to them for doing so well without a rehearsal!



## Apiary VISIT

Last week, Blue class visited the Apiary in Brockwell Park as part of the Honeybee Programme. They were able to be real-life bee keepers for the day and had a wonderful time. We are so grateful to School Food Matters for allowing us to take part in the programme this year.



## hello & goodbyes



Welcome to Julia, Devon and Mikayla who will be joining us in September to teach in Year 4, Year 3 and Year 1.

We will be saying goodbye to Hazel and Jess this term who are moving out of London. Thank you Jess and Hazel for all your hard work, we wish you lots of luck for the future.

Kate is staying in the federation, and will be moving to Robert Browning in September.

### Class Swap!

On Monday the children met their new teachers for next year:  
Sunshine Class (EYFS)- Rose and Sue  
Year 1- Mikayla, Michelle and Dyshe  
Year 2- Rosa and Katrice  
Year 3- Devon and Tammy  
Year 4- Julia and Tammy  
Year 5- Emily, Elijah and Tony  
Year 6- Melissa and Fadoua

Earlier in the year, Purple Class worked with the Folio Society to produce their own illustrations for well-known books. Congratulations to Lexi for winning with her illustration of JK Rowling's "The Philosopher's Stone" and to Mia with a special commendation for her illustration of "The Little Prince" by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry. The school has won £500 to spend on much needed art supplies.







## Neurodiversity Day

Last week the children learnt about indifferent neuro diversities. They carried out research and made posters to share their findings. They shared these in a special assembly.

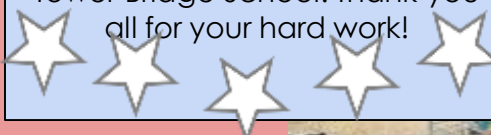
## Girls Sports Festival

Last Friday a group of girls from Year 5 and 6 went to Bacon's College to take part in the Girls Sports Festival. They had a great time.



## Goodbye and Good Luck!

Goodbye to Millie, N'gozi, Emily, Lauren and Sarah. Good luck on your next adventures. Goodbye to Julia who is moving over to Tower Bridge School. Thank you all for your hard work!



## Early Years Trip

Early Years had a special trip to Surrey Docks Farm.



## Year 6 Performance

Purple Class performed an amazing Variety Show on Wednesday. They showcased a range of talents! On Thursday we had a special assembly to say goodbye to them and wish them good luck in their secondary schools.



Congratulations to **Shanaz** who was shortlisted for a food educator of the year award.



## Class Swap!

On Monday the children met their new teachers for next year:

**Rainbow Class** - Kem, Ines, Terrique, Natoya, Allen, Robert  
**Sunshine Class (EYFS)**- Kylie, Angela and Amienatta

**Year 1**- Andrina and Yemi

**Year 2**- Natalie and Giselle/ Flore

**Year 3**- Helen and Diane

**Year 4**- Tom and Carol

**Year 5**- Tessa (Danni) and Cheryl/ Vincent

**Year 6**- Kate and Felicia





# Snowsfields Primary School

At Snowsfields, we are proud of our children's achievements both in and outside of school. This week, we would like to congratulate some of our pupils who have shown fantastic dedication and success in their football, musical drama and karate clubs!

Society Art competition winners



Congratulations to Purple class for their fantastic achievement in the Folio Society Illustration Competition! We are so proud to share that two of our children's amazing artwork was selected for recognition. One pupil was awarded first prize for her illustration of 'Coming Home' by Michael Morpurgo, while another received a Highly Commended Award for her beautiful illustration of Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland. As part of the award, we received a £100 prize money, which will go towards purchasing new art resources!

Goodbye & Good Luck!

We are saying goodbye to Oliver, who has been teaching at Snowsfields for the past two years. We would like to thank him for all his hard work and dedication, and we wish him the very best of luck in his next adventure.

A huge well done to Year 6 for an absolutely fantastic performance of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory!

You wowed us with your acting skills. Every single one of you made it a performance to remember. We are so proud of your hard work. What a wonderful way to celebrate your final year at primary school!

## Teaching Teams 2025-2026

On Monday, the children met their teaching teams for next year.

Rainbow	Nicola, Maria, Donna, Montel, and Lisa
Sunshine class	Camilla, Solange, Nicola, Christine, Valbona and Beckie
Red Class	Cathy and Ana
Orange Class	Clair and Souad
Yellow Class	Melissa and Priti
Green Class	Katie and Steph
Blue Class	Tess and Debbie
Purple Class	Adam and Simone

Congratulations to Sunshine class on their fantastic graduation celebration!

We are so proud of everything you have achieved this year. It was wonderful to see you all shine with confidence and pride. You have grown so much, made wonderful memories, and it was so special to hear you share your hopes and dreams for the future!





	% present	Lates	Total
Year 1	96.8%	8	1075
Year 2	94.7%	5	1050
Year 3	83.8%	9	300
Year 4	92.7%	14	525
Year 5	94.6%	15	125
Year 6	97.9%	19	400

**Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 07/07/2025: 93.5%**

**1st Place Attendance: Year 6**

**1st Place Punctuality: Year 2**



**Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 07/07/2025: 94.89%**

**1st Place Attendance: Y2**

**1st Place Punctuality: Y4**

	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	4	4	97.83%
Year 2	2	2	99.00%
Year 3	12	4	94.64%
Year 4	16	0	93.33%
Year 5	10	6	96.43%
Year 6	26	3	90.04%



	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	12	6	750
Year 2	22	8	250
Year 3	15	0	1425
Year 4	32	4	525
Year 5	24	3	775
Year 6	26	13	500

**Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 7/07/2025:**

**90.4%**

**1st Place Attendance: Y1**

**1st Place Punctuality: Y3**



Our school value this week is:  
T - Teamwork



Thank you School Leaders!



Reading Raffle Winners



Our core value this week  
is: Kindness



Our school value this week is:  
**O - Outstanding Learning**



Times Tables  
Rock Stars



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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/>



# secondary transfer for parents of Year 5 pupils



**NORBURY  
HIGH SCHOOL  
for GIRLS**

"Pupils are articulate, and their confidence shines through. They achieve well and take pride in their work. They behave respectfully and are keen to learn." - Ofsted, 2022



## Open Evenings 2025

- Tues 15th July & Tues 16th Sept, 16.00 - 19.00  
- prospective year 7 students & their families
- Open mornings - please call/email to book

Norbury High School for Girls  
Kensington Avenue CR7 8BT

020 8679 0062 | admin@nhsg.org.uk | nhsg.org.uk

Please find information  
about specialist  
secondary schools in  
the link below:

[Secondary \(Ages 11-16\)  
| Southwark Local Offer](#)



**HARRIS ACADEMY BERMONDSEY  
OUTSTANDING EVERY TIME!**

Ofsted Outstanding in 2009 | 2015 | 2019 | 2025

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Outstanding in all areas - including Quality of Education, Behaviour and Attitudes, Personal Development, Leadership and Management, and Sixth-Form Provision.

## Open Days

3rd June  
10th June  
17th June



Book a Tour

## What Ofsted said about us

"Pupils benefit from an exceptional enrichment offer."

"Pupils develop a rich body of knowledge and achieve very highly."



Keep up with the latest school news, student achievements, and community events—follow us!

Stay Connected, Stay Informed - Follow HAB Online!



Contact us if you have any questions at admissions@harrisbermondsey.org.uk

55 Southwark Park Rd, Bermondsey, SE16 3TZ

www.harrisbermondsey.org.uk

020 7232 9316



Please find information  
about secondary school  
open days for children  
currently in year 5 in  
the link below:  
[Check secondary  
school open days and  
evenings | Southwark  
Council](#)



**MADE FOR  
This Game**

**BIG  
FOOTBALL  
DAY**

POWERED BY  
THE NATIONAL LOTTERY

**Time and date:**  
22nd July, 10am-3pm

**Location:**  
St Paul's Sports Ground, Bathurst, SA 16.517

**Sponsor:**  
Willmott Community Trust

Scan here to learn more



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**Save**

**Vitality WM WESTMINSTER MILE**

**CHILDREN'S WESTMINSTER MILE**

**FREE FOR WESTMINSTER CLUBS AND SCHOOLS**

**SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2025**  
**TIME - 11:15**

Active Westminster invites schools and groups to bring their children and young people to run, jog, walk, or wheel one mile in the heart of the capital. Finishing in front of Buckingham Palace.

**Register here:**




We are excited to let you know that the **Vitality Westminster Mile is back for 2025!**

As a local school we would love to offer you free family/group entry for this amazing day filled with energy, smiles, and unforgettable moments, including:

- **Finishing your mile right outside Buckingham Palace**
- **Exploring the free Vitality Wellness Festival in Green Park** – packed with fun activities and taster sessions for all ages

**Registrations are open to family entries -**

#### Event Details

- **Date:** Saturday 27 September 2025
- **Location:** Central London, finishing on The Mall
- **Wave:** Westminster Family/Group Wave (11:15am Start Time)

**Register now for FREE!**

Secure your place now using the exclusive link below:

[https://www.letsdothis.com/gb/checkout/ticket?eventId=234419&reservationCode=rewl41liz6ridg&utm\\_source=reserved\\_entry](https://www.letsdothis.com/gb/checkout/ticket?eventId=234419&reservationCode=rewl41liz6ridg&utm_source=reserved_entry)

**PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2025**

[moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free](https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free)

<b>ANGUS STEAKHOUSE</b> Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm	<b>MARCO PIERRE WHITE</b> Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend
<b>ASDA</b> Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend	<b>MORRISONS</b> Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend
<b>ASK ITALIAN</b> Kids under 10 eat for £1 during school holidays	<b>PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM</b> Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm
<b>BEEFEATER</b> Kids Eat FREE with Newsletter Voucher this Summer	<b>PREMIER INN &amp; TRAVELODGE</b> 2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast
<b>BELLA ITALIA</b> Children eat for £1 with any adult main	<b>PRETO</b> Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult
<b>BILLS</b> Kids Eat Free weekdays, 21st July - 29th Sept	<b>PUREZZA</b> Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal
<b>BREWERS FAYRE</b> Kids Eat FREE with Newsletter Voucher this Summer	<b>SA BRAINS PUBS</b> Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays
<b>BREWDOG</b> Kids Eat Free with 1 adult, 19th July - 31st August	<b>SIZZLING PUBS</b> Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm
<b>BURGER KING</b> From 28th July - 31st August, Kids Eat Free (via app)	<b>TABLE TABLE</b> 2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult
<b>CHIQUITO</b> Kids eat FREE Daily Until August 31st	<b>TESCO</b> Kids Eat FREE with a 60p spend until Aug 31st
<b>DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES</b> Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch	<b>TGI FRIDAYS</b> Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)
<b>FRANKIE &amp; BENNY'S</b> Kids Eat Free from 14th July - 31st August 2025	<b>THE REAL GREEK</b> Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend
<b>FUTURE INNS</b> Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal	<b>TOBY CARVERY</b> Kids eat for £1 all day (weekdays) until Aug 29th
<b>GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS</b> Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day	<b>WHITBREAD INNS</b> 2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast
<b>HUNGRY HORSE</b> Kids eat for £1 on Mondays	<b>YO! SUSHI</b> Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays
<b>IKEA</b> Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am	<b>ZIZZI</b> Kids eat free this summer holidays (ex Saturdays)
<b>LAS IGUANAS</b> Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App	

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**FREE YEAR 6**

**LITTLE FISH THEATRE SUMMER PROGRAMME**

FOR SOUTHWARK CHILDREN

28TH JULY - 8TH AUG 2025 (MON-FRI)

AT RYE OAK PRIMARY SCHOOL

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK A PLACE FOR YOUR CHILD

EMAIL: [info@littlefishtheatre.co.uk](mailto:info@littlefishtheatre.co.uk)

TO FILL IN A BOOKING FORM

CLICK THE LINK BELOW OR SCAN THE QR CODE

<https://www.letsdothis.com>



ART DREAMS Nite

Click on the link below for information about free activities for children eligible for benefits related free school meals: [Search learning experiences · Eequ](#)





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ELEVATED MINDS

# SUMMER SCHOOL

FUN & CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

FOR AGES 7-11

arts & sculpture creative writing drama boxing DJing masterclass

STARTS 4 AUGUST - RSVP BY 25 JULY

Each child can choose 2 workshops

BOOK UP

Boppin' bunnies  
Live Music for Little Ones

# SUMMER SHOW

FRIDAY  
22ND AUGUST

Bermondsey Village Hall, Kirby Grove,  
London SE1 3TD

Live Music, Instruments, Dancing & Singing for families with babies & toddlers!

Showtime: 10:30am

Tickets: £11 per child - £5.50 for siblings

Book in advance: [www.boppinbunnies.co.uk/shows](http://www.boppinbunnies.co.uk/shows)

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Parent Skills 2go Peckham

(in Partnership with)

SOUTHWARK ADULT LEARNING SERVICES

# SUMMER HOLIDAY

PARENTS, CARERS & CHILDREN TOGETHER

AGE 0-11

FREE HOT MEALS PROVIDED

DATES: MONDAY 28TH JULY 2025 - THURSDAY 14TH AUGUST 2025

TIME: 11AM - 3PM

VENUE: THOMAS CALTON CENTRE CHOUMERT ROAD SE15 4NX

ACTIVITIES: ARTS & CRAFTS, SEWING, DANCE EXERCISES, COOKING, CODING AND MORE

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# SUMMER\* HOLIDAY CAMP

COME LEARN, PLAY AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS

5 - 16 years old  
Mixed boys and girls

12pm - 4pm:  
Mon 28th July - Fri 1st Aug  
Mon 4th Aug - Fri 8th Aug  
Mon 11th Aug - Fri 15th Aug  
Mon 18th Aug - Fri 22nd Aug  
Tues 25th Aug - Fri 29th Aug

City of London Academy Sports Hall  
338 St James Rd, SE1 3LJ

GET IN TOUCH!

Phone: 07874 872 053

Email: [holidays@protouchsa.co.uk](mailto:holidays@protouchsa.co.uk)

Website: [www.protouchsa.co.uk](http://www.protouchsa.co.uk)

Instagram: @protouchsa

BOOKING LINK

\*Free for children eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals (UFSM) with proof required, or £20.00 per day.

Department for Education

Horibon Kitchen

London Wildlife Trust  
Centre for Wildlife Gardening

28 Marsden Road,  
SE15 4EE

## Summer Holiday Family Workshops



### Make a Mini Wildlife Garden

Thursday 24th July  
10am-3pm

On Explore the different habitats in our wildlife garden: the pond, the meadow, the log piles, the trees and create your own miniature version to take home.



### Brilliant Butterflies

Tuesday 29th July  
10am till 3pm

Discover more about butterflies, moths and caterpillars with this hands-on workshop. You'll be seeking out caterpillars, using a butterfly net, opening our moth trap, painting your own butterfly and finding out how you can help them. Games, crafts, stories.

Free fun workshops for families living in Southwark suitable for primary aged children but you are welcome to bring your younger and older ones too. One free course per adult per academic year. £3 booking fee, but let us know if this is too much for you.

Southwark  
Council

To book please scan the QR code or visit  
[wildlondon.org.uk/families](http://wildlondon.org.uk/families)  
[dwallace@wildlondon.org.uk](mailto:dwallace@wildlondon.org.uk)





# Family support

## FATHER'S GROUP



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

Whether you are a father, grandfather or stepdad, receive advice and tips on topics such as positive parenting, improving relationships and role modelling. Crèche provided.

**When:**  
**Where:** 1st Place Family Hub, 13 Charnleigh Street, Burgess Park, SE5 0HT

**BOOK A PLACE**  
Email: [ben.campbell@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:ben.campbell@southwark.gov.uk)  
Phone: 07738 860 768

**Parent Skills**

## PARENT SPACE

A QUARTERLY ONLINE & IN PERSON PROGRAM

A 12 WEEK COURSE DESIGNED FOR PARENTS WITH CHILDREN FROM TWO YEARS TO SCHOOL AGE. THE COURSE IS FREE AS WELL AS GOOD FOR CHILDREN THEY SUPPORT. TALK TO US TODAY.

**SERIES**  
THURSDAY 10TH JANUARY 2021 10:30-11AM  
WEDNESDAY 2ND APRIL 2021 10:30-11AM  
WEDNESDAY 10TH JULY 2021 10:30-11AM

**FOR DETAILS & TO REGISTER**  
• [adrian@parentspace.co.uk](mailto:adrian@parentspace.co.uk)  
• [parentspace.co.uk](http://parentspace.co.uk)

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07507443231  
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02030201878  
07504463803

PLACED HERE TO IMPROVE PARENTING AND SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

## 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

## SENsational Stay & Play

Fun FREE groups for children with additional needs or disabilities and their parents/careers

- Have fun with your child
- Meet other families
- Get advice and support from a range of specialists on topics such as Speech & Language, Behaviour and Autism

Multiple locations across Southwark  
Multiple **stay & play** sessions for under-5s  
Saturday respite sessions for 9-11 years  
See timetable on back of this leaflet

For more info visit [www.southwark.gov.uk/children-and-young-people](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/children-and-young-people)  
Or to book [www.southwark.gov.uk/children-and-young-people](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/children-and-young-people)

Southwark Children and Family Centres

**Southwark Young Carers**

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](mailto:youngcarers@imago.community) or call 0300 331 1110

Southwark Young Carers is a service of Imago Community  
Registered charity number: 2038 000

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.

**IMAGO**

**Drug and Alcohol Service** **Young People**

## 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 or drugs? Do you want to be informed on the current 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@cg.gov.uk](mailto:Southwark.YoungPeople@cg.gov.uk) or scan the QR code for a direct link to the eventbrite page.  
• You can call us on: 020 3404 7699

## TAP - IN SESSIONS

Free and stand alone information sessions for parents and carers on a range of topics - 'TAP-IN' to the ones you need or complete the set!

Sessions include:

- Digital Safety - how to support children to be safe online
- Agencies and Stages - how to support different developmental stages
- Parental Wellbeing - how to communicate our needs
- Parenting and Autism
- Parenting and ADHD
- More to come...

**JOIN NOW**

Beth Gilbey  
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[EARLYHELP@SOUTHWARK.GOV.UK](mailto:EARLYHELP@SOUTHWARK.GOV.UK)

We hold in person and online sessions throughout the term  
Contact the team for next available session



Please click on the link below for Chattertime sessions for children under 5:  
[Chattertime sessions | Evelina London](#)

**Southwark Children & Family Hub**

## STRENGTHENING FAMILIES STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

For parents of children aged 0 - 24 years

This 12-week course helps parents and carers to:

- Build positive family relationships
- Manage anger and stress
- Implement effective discipline strategies
- Understand your child's development
- Recognise and value your family and cultural traditions
- Develop effective communication
- Meet others and share ideas

**JOIN NOW**

When is it on?  
Tuesday 10th February 6pm - 7pm  
Wednesday 11th February 6pm - 7pm  
Friday 13th February 6pm - 7pm  
Online every two weeks thereafter  
What about?  
More info

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## The Neurodiversity Family Hub

The Neurodiversity Family Hub provide specialised clubs for children & young people with SEND in Southwark, including: Teen Tribe, Junior Tribe and Tiny Tribe

As well as parent/carer support, including: Parent Connect, Parent Circle, Walk & Talk, My Advocacy Partner and whole family gatherings.

[The Neurodiversity Family Hub](#)



# family info

Price & Buckland

## NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM WEBSITE LAUNCH

On the 11th of February we will launch our NEW website. The URL remains: [www.price-buckland.co.uk](http://www.price-buckland.co.uk)



Website QR code. This will take you to the homepage to search for your school.



If you have ordered from our website before, go to the **Account Section** and **re-set** your password. You can use the same password that you have currently.



You can then see previous orders and manage your account.

Any Questions? Call us on 01998 640629

### SOUTHWARK SCHOOLS' INDOOR AIR QUALITY

Southwark Council is already undertaking several projects to tackle air pollution in schools, and you can get involved!

#### Asthma - Air Quality Monitoring & 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 students will participate in a specially designed curriculum to deepen their understanding of air quality's effects on health and discover strategies to **minimise** harmful emissions.

This initiative builds on existing air quality efforts and provides tools such as a dedicated 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: <https://forms.office.com/e/QUwm8JA2E6>  
[environmental.protection@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:environmental.protection@southwark.gov.uk)  
[anna.czerska@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:anna.czerska@southwark.gov.uk)

**Climate School Action Plan**  
 Check out the **Climate School Action Plan Guide** which includes actions to improve air quality.

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Privates are private



Always remember your body belongs to you



No means no



Talk about secrets that upset you



Speak up, someone can help



## We're using Arbor's free Parent Portal and Parent App

We've chosen Arbor to help us manage our school.

Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS (Management Information System), which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively as a school. The Parent App and Parent Portal mean we can keep you informed about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way. Log into Arbor to see and update your child's information, get live updates and make payments or bookings on the go!

The Parent Portal works on Google Chrome (computer or laptop) and you can download the Parent App from the App Store or Google Play Store on your phone (Android 5.0, iOS 10.0 and upwards).

### How to get started

1. Wait for your welcome email from us telling you Arbor is ready - you won't be able to log in before
2. Click the link in your welcome email to set up your password
3. Go to the App or Google Play Store on your phone and search 'Arbor'
4. Click 'Install' on Android or 'Get' on iPhone then open the App.
5. Enter your email, select the school, then enter your password
6. Accept the Terms & Conditions and enter your child's birthday

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01234 567890

Enter your password

Log in

Forgot password?

### Need help using Arbor?

Contact the school office if you have questions about Arbor, the App or Parent Portal. Tell us the type and model of your phone, e.g. an iPhone SE, and include screenshots or screen recordings.

To safeguard student data in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), Arbor only works directly with schools.

Some tips to try:

1. Ensure your username is the email address you use for Arbor. Ask us to **check the email address** linked to your account.
2. **Reset your password** from the login page, or ask us to do this.
3. If the login email was sent to you more than 96 hours ago, the **password link will have expired**. Ask us to send it again.
4. Ask the school office to check that your email address has not been used twice - e.g. on another guardian or child's profile.
5. **Enter the birthday** of one of your children to log in.
6. Only relatives who are **Primary Guardians** of a child can access the Arbor App. Ask us to check you can access Arbor.



### Free Home Fire Safety Visits

A fire can start in any room and the effects can be devastating, even a small fire in your home can lead to substantial damage and expensive repairs. The LFB want to stop fires from happening and that is why we offer free home fire safety visits to help keep you and your loved ones safe.

#### What happens during a home fire safety visit?

Our firefighters or trained staff will visit you at home, at a time that suits you and carry out a risk assessment. They will give you advice based on your home and individual needs, this includes; information on how to **prevent** fires, the importance of smoke alarms to **detect** a fire and your **escape** plan in the event of a fire.

A visit can take up to 90 minutes or longer if needed and we will fit free smoke alarms if required.

Specialist alarms can be fitted for people who may have a delayed response to escape for example; strobe light and vibrating pad alarms for those who are deaf or hard of hearing.

#### How to book a Home Fire Safety Visit:

Freephone: 0800 028 4428

Email: [smokealarms@london-fire.gov.uk](mailto:smokealarms@london-fire.gov.uk)

Text /SMS: 07860 021 319

<https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/safety/the-home/home-fire-safety/>

**Worried about a relative, friend or neighbour?** Although everyone is eligible for a free home fire safety visit, some people with health problems or lifestyle behaviours can have an increased chance of a fire happening. To help you we have listed some of these examples below:

#### Increased risk factors can include:

Anyone that smokes; overloaded electrical sockets or poor wiring; unsafe use of candles or naked flames; previous fires or near misses; cooking left unattended; hoarding of any kind or someone who lives alone.

#### They are less able to react because of:

Mental health conditions such as dementia or learning difficulties; no smoke alarms are fitted or they don't work; alcohol dependency or drug misuse (prescribed or recreational); physical health issues including sensory impairments eg: hearing or sight.

#### They have a reduced ability to escape:

Mobility issues due to a physical disability; age-related problems or as a result of a long-term illness; escape routes are not kept clear or are blocked due to actions such as hoarding or conditions that affect decision making.

If you know anyone who has **any combination of these risk factors**, give them our details to arrange a free home fire safety visit or simply ask them if they would like you to book a visit for them.

Remember -This is not an exhaustive list, if you are unsure please contact us for extra advice.



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

AGE RESTRICTION  
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## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

As its name suggests, YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of Google's online video-sharing platform. Its colourful user interface is designed with young people in mind, and it offers a curated, family-friendly experience with features like age-based content settings and parental controls.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS

YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate material than YouTube, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to young viewers. One investigation found that YouTube Kids had shown videos that promote skin bleaching, weight loss, drug culture and firearms to children as young as two, as inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.

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### BE WARY OF ADVERTISING

Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features pervasive advertising before a video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family friendly and are subject to a strict review process, it's worth noting that YouTube Kids collects information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.

BUY NOW!

### DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE

YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the reward system of points or virtual stickers, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to switch off. Research has shown that spending too much time using digital services such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.

### SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED

YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, enabling you to set screen time limits and curate the content children are able to view; however, children are often more tech-savvy than we think. They can easily bypass or tweak these settings if they have access to the associated Google account password, thereby exposing themselves to age-inappropriate and potentially dangerous content.

### AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION

There is also a risk of children accessing videos that contain disinformation and misinformation. A BBC investigation found that some YouTube channels are using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to create misleading 'scientific' videos that are recommended to children as educational content. These videos included conspiracy theories and ideas that lack scientific backing.

### DATA COLLECTION RISK

While there are limits on the data that YouTube can collect on children under 13, children can still inadvertently give away sensitive information when using YouTube Kids. The platform collects data on children's viewing habits, content searches and location, which YouTube and third-party advertisers can use.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### PARENTAL CONTROLS

YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as 'Preschool' or 'Younger'. You can also turn off the search function, so that only those videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.

### CHECK WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the 'Recommended' icon at the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos they've been viewing, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's 'My Activity' page.

### SET TIME LIMITS

The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits screen time and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.

### WATCH TOGETHER

It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about and of keeping an eye on what they're watching.

### Meet Our Expert

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