

# Robert Browning, Snowsfields and Tower Bridge Primary Schools

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Find us at: [www.thebridgesfederation.org.uk](http://www.thebridgesfederation.org.uk)

## Newsletter 12th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,  
Thank you so much for attending the 'Meet the Teacher' meeting on Wednesday afternoon, it was fantastic to welcome so many of you into our schools. Working together supports the best outcomes for the children. If you were unable to attend, please speak to the class staff on collection to catch up on any updates.

We started the term with Executive Headteacher Kate Wooder MBE leading an online assembly for Robert Browning, Snowsfields and Tower Bridge on equality, inclusion and diversity. Kate shared information with the children about English professional footballer Lucy Bronze MBE who was part of the winning teams in the Euros of 2022 and 2025 who has more recently been diagnosed with Autism and ADHD, and Dame Maggie Aderin-Pocock DBE who is a British space scientist and science educator who was diagnosed with dyslexia as an adult.

Please see the link below for The Bridges Federation updated policies on our website.

[The behaviour policy](#) encourages the children to use Zones of Regulation to help develop their emotional resilience, improve their social interactions and enhance their ability to focus and learn. [Policies & GDPR - The Bridges Federation](#)

Find out more about what is going on in Southwark and sign up to regular newsletters [HERE](#).  
Have a lovely weekend. Gates open at 8:45am on Monday.

### [Parents of Children in Year 6](#)

If your child is in Year 6, you will need to plan your visits to potential secondary schools. We shared information about this last term. Please speak to a member of the leadership team if you need further support. The e-Admissions deadline is 31/10/25 so there is plenty of time to visit schools and complete your 6 choices.

Please click on the link: [eAdmissions](#)

## Dates For Your Diary

### Tower Bridge

17th - 19th September - Y5/6 School Journey

22nd September - Speech and language parent coffee morning at 9am

7th October - Groundwork parent coffee morning at 9am

20th - 24th October - International Week

**Wednesday 22nd October - International Week Performance for parents 3pm**

Friday 24th October - Breakup Half term 3.30pm

### Robert Browning

Wednesday 17th September and every Wednesday after this date - Stay and Play 8.45am

17th - 19th September - Y5 and Y6 School Journey

Thursday 9th October at 9.15am - Dance performance for Y1, Y3 and Y5 parents

Thursday 23rd October - International Week Performance for parents at 3pm

Friday 24th October - Breakup Half Term 3.30pm

### Snowsfields

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Term Dates 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](#)



thank  
★ you ★

Thank you for attending Meet The Teacher this week. We hope you found it useful. If you need to speak to your child's teacher, they are available at the end of each day (except Fridays in Year 1 - 6).

## SCHOOL LEADERS

Our School Leaders have been decided! School Council wear red jumpers and are voted for by their classmates. Our other school leader teams are Creative Arts, Sports and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) who apply and interview for the roles. They wear purple jumpers and support key events with School Council throughout the school year.

This week Year 2 and Year 5 were visited by the London Fire Brigade for a workshop on Fire Safety. Please scroll through the newsletter for more information on fire safety and resources in your homes.



teamwork

[ letter of the week ]  
TOWER BRIDGE

## CLUBS

Clubs start after school next week. If you pay for clubs, please pay via the Arbor App by topping up your account. Clubs are £20. We appreciate all your patience and support as we move to online payments. Clubs end at 4.30, children should be collected from the back gate.

## School Council

"We are the head boy and head girl this year. We are going to be brilliant school leaders because we are resilient, trustworthy and we always listen to others. We are respectful, kind and hardworking. This year, we are going to continue to set a good example for the other children and be good role models."



## Sports Leaders



## STEM Leaders



## Creative Arts Leaders





## *Dance Lessons*

This half term our Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5 children are taking part in exciting dance lessons with our expert dance teacher Chantal. They will be learning new moves and routines and at the end of the term they will put on a special performance to showcase their skills to their parents.

## *Meet the Teacher*



A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our Meet the Teacher sessions on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September. It was wonderful to see so many of you taking the time to get to know your child's teacher and find out more about the year ahead. Your support, interest, and partnership play such an important role in helping us create the best learning environment for the children. Working together, we can ensure every child feels supported, motivated, and ready to thrive this year.

## *Attendance Matters Every pupil! Every day*

We kindly remind families that children are expected to attend school during term time.

Every day in school matters. Regular attendance gives children the best chance to learn, grow, and make the most of their education. Please avoid booking holidays during term time, as these can disrupt learning and may result in a charge. Thank you for working with us to give your child the best start.

## *Reading Buddies*



We are excited to start our Reading Buddies sessions this term! Older children are paired with younger pupils to share stories and enjoy reading together. This not only helps to build reading confidence but also strengthens friendships across the school. We cannot wait to see the children inspiring one another through the joy of books.



# Snowsfields Primary School

## Meet the Teacher

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions this week. It was lovely to see so many of you taking the time to meet staff, hear about the year ahead, and share in our plans for your children's learning. Your support makes such a difference in helping every child feel confident and encouraged, both in school and beyond. We look forward to working closely with you to support and celebrate the children's learning this year.

1	$2 \times 3 = 6$
2	$5 \times 1 = 5$
3	$7 \times 3 = 21$





	% present	Lates	Total
Year 1	1 ½	4	75
Year 2	14 ½	3	0
Year 3	7	0	125
Year 4	9 ½	1	50
Year 5	5	2	75
Year 6	19	6	0

**Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 03/09/2025: 87.04%**

**1st Place Attendance: Year 1**

**1st Place Punctuality: Year 3**



**Overall whole school attendance for week beginning:1/09/2025: 93.16%**

**1st Place Attendance: Y4**

**1st Place Punctuality: Y2, Y5 and Y6**

	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	4	2	95.56%
Year 2	12	1	90%
Year 3	12	2	90%
Year 4	3	3	98.08%
Year 5	6	1	95.83%
Year 6	18	1	89.29%



	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	21	3	<b>0</b>
Year 2	10	2	<b>75</b>
Year 3	14	2	<b>50</b>
Year 4	7	1	<b>125</b>
Year 5	30	2	<b>25</b>
Year 6	21	0	<b>75</b>

**Overall whole school attendance for week beginning:1/09/2025:**

**86.79%**

**1st Place Attendance: Y4**

**1st Place Punctuality: Y6**





Our school value this week is:  
**T - Teamwork**

Reading Raffle Winners



Our core value this week is: Kindness



Our school value this week is:  
**S - Supporting Children to Succeed**



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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 6 pupils

Please find information about specialist secondary schools in the link below: [Secondary \(Ages 11-16\) | Southwark Local Offer](#)



**Discover a school where every child Belongs, Believes & Becomes their best self.**

**Join us at an Open Event**

**OPEN EVENING - 5:30-7:30 PM**  
Monday 22nd September

**OPEN MORNINGS - 9:00-10:30 AM**  
Monday 15th September  
Tuesday 23rd September  
Thursday 25th September  
Wednesday 1st October  
Monday 6th October  
Thursday 16th October



City of London Academy, Southwark

**Visit our Southwark secondary academy this month**

City of London Academy, Southwark are opening their doors this autumn to welcome families. Come and meet our staff and students, explore our facilities, and discover the opportunities available at their academy.



Scan the QR code for more details and to book a place




**HARRIS ACADEMY BERMONDSEY**  
**OUTSTANDING EVERY TIME!**  
Ofsted Outstanding in 2009 | 2015 | 2019 | 2025  
#ProudToBeHAB

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!

May Commemorative Dinner Reception | Father's Day Dinner



Contact us if you have any questions at [admissions@harrisacademy.org.uk](mailto:admissions@harrisacademy.org.uk)  
020 44 8646666 Harris Academy, Bermondsey, SE16 4PS  
[www.harrisacademy.org.uk](http://www.harrisacademy.org.uk) 020 7557 6996 Harris Academy Bermondsey

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](#)



**LONDON NAUTICAL**

**2025 Open Events**  
For pupils starting September 2026

[Open Evening From 16:45 hrs](#)  
**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

[Open Mornings From 09:00 hrs](#)  
**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025**  
**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025**  
**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025**  
**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2025**  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

**Free Jumper & Beret for all Year 7 starter students in 2025 & 2026**

**Leading**  
**Navigating**  
**Succeeding**







← Click Here to register



family  
safety

THIS FIRE TOOK HOLD IN UNDER 5 SECONDS



#ChargeSafe

E-bikes and e-scooters are  
London's fastest growing  
**FIRE RISK**

There was an e-bike or e-scooter fire  
in London in 2023 every two days

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FS159A Version 1: June 2024

#ChargeSafe

- Buy your e-bike or e-scooter from a reputable seller.
- Never block your escape routes with an e-bike or e-scooter.
- Only use the correct charger for your battery, otherwise you can greatly increase the risk of fire.
- Never charge your e-bike or e-scooter unattended or whilst your sleeping.
- Don't modify or tamper with the batteries.
- Get a professional to carry out an e-bike conversion.
- Fit working smoke alarms where you're storing or charging your e-bike or e-scooter.
- Never try and tackle a fire yourself. Get away safely and call 999.

For advice on how to keep yourself and those around you safe,  
scan the QR code or visit [london-fire.gov.uk/chargesafe](https://london-fire.gov.uk/chargesafe)



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LONDON FIRE BRIGADE

Let's talk PANTS with  
Pantosaurus! | NSPCC



Privates are private



Always remember your body  
belongs to you



No means no



Talk about secrets that upset you



Speak up, someone can help



For a free fire safety home visit:

Freephone: 0800 028 4428

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

Text /SMS: 07860 021 319

Fire plan KS2

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IF THE DOOR IS HOT



IF THE DOOR IS COLD





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PE & SCHOOL SPORTS NETWORK

# FREE GIRLS FOOTBALL

EVERY MONDAY (17:00-18:00)

BURGESS PARK ASTRO TURF

WILD CATS

WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

OPEN TO ALL GIRLS AGED 4-11

SQUAD

PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER

FREE

## AFTERSCHOOL SPORTS

AT MARLBOROUGH SPORTS GARDEN

School's out, time to play!

Children aged 5-11 - join us for FREE afterschool sports at Marlborough Sports Garden! Fun, beginner-friendly sessions run Tuesday-Thursday, with free play on Monday and Friday. Choose from football, touch rugby, rollerskating, cricket, volleyball and more.

SPRING 2023

Week 1: Tue 2nd April 2023  
Week 2: Tue 9th April 2023  
Week 3: Tue 16th April 2023  
Week 4: Tue 23rd April 2023  
Week 5: Tue 30th April 2023

SUMMER 2023

Week 1: Tue 1st May 2023  
Week 2: Tue 8th May 2023  
Week 3: Tue 15th May 2023  
Week 4: Tue 22nd May 2023  
Week 5: Tue 29th May 2023

TIMES

All sessions start from 3.45 - 5.15pm

LOCATION

Marlborough Sports Garden  
Lancaster Road, SE1 7 1DD

BANKSIDE OPEN SPACES TRUST

Call to book by email [sports@best.org.uk](mailto:sports@best.org.uk) or visit online at [www.best.org.uk/afterschoolsports](http://www.best.org.uk/afterschoolsports)

Business credit to 020424

Every Saturday - 9 AM - SE16 6NT

## FISHER'S SATURDAY MORNING SOCCER CLUB

FUN FRIENDLY AND SAFE FOOTBALL ACTIVITIES

@FisherYouthFC

@Fisher.Soccer

BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 4-7 YEARS OLD - £5

Sessions by FA level 1 & Level 2 coaches and UEFA A & B licensed coaches. All coaches meet with the English Football Association safeguarding children guidelines.

FISHER FC Soccer School

Register Now - [fisheryouthchairman@gmail.com](mailto:fisheryouthchairman@gmail.com)

Lewisham Disability Sports Network presents:

## Lewisham Inclusive Sports Festival

Register Now!

A free event, accessible to all abilities, for disabled young people and their families, aged 5-25!

Register below or scan the QR code: <https://bit.ly/LewishamMultiSport>

Saturday 21st June

2 pm to 4 pm

Ladywell Arena

Silvermere Rd

SE8 4QX

In Partnership with:

Access Sport GLL SPORT Lewisham and Greenwich NHS South East London Barriers

Carole Redfern@AccessSport.org.uk 020 7993 1883

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## BIG FOOTBALL DAY

POWERED BY THE NATIONAL LOTTERY

DATE AND TIME

23rd July 10am-2pm

LOCATION

St Paul's Sports Ground, Rotherhithe, SE16 5ET

WHOLESALE

Millwall Community Trust

QR code for registration



Family  
fun

**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\\_organiser\\_id=29443&utm\\_source=reserved\\_entry](https://www.letsdothis.com/gb/checkout/ticket?eventId=234419&reservationCode=rewl41liz6ridg&utm_organiser_id=29443&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/gb/checkout/ticket?eventId=234419&reservationCode=rewl41liz6ridg&utm\\_organiser\\_id=29443&utm\\_source=reserved\\_entry](https://www.letsdothis.com/gb/checkout/ticket?eventId=234419&reservationCode=rewl41liz6ridg&utm_organiser_id=29443&utm_source=reserved_entry)



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](#)





# 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, SE16 0NF  
**BOOK A PLACE**  
**Email:** [ben.campbell@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:ben.campbell@southwark.gov.uk)  
**Phone:** 07738 860 768

**PARENT SPACE**  
A QUARTERLY ONLINE & IN PERSON PROGRAM  
A variation of coping strategies for parents with young children who have a child with SEND. This program is designed to help parents as well as good life for their child. Support, advice and support.

**DATES:**  
WEDNESDAY 10th JANUARY 2018 10:30-11AM  
WEDNESDAY 20th APRIL 2018 10:30-11AM  
WEDNESDAY 10th JULY 2018 10:30-11AM

**FOR DETAILS & TO REGISTER:**  
• [Admin@parentspace.org](mailto:Admin@parentspace.org)  
• [parentspace.org](http://parentspace.org)

**CONTACT:**  
07507443293  
0770530083  
02030041804  
07504443882

Parent Space is a free service for parents of children with SEND. It is a free service for parents of children with SEND. It is a free service for parents of children with SEND.

## 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/ carers.

• 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 5-11 years  
See timetable on back of this leaflet

For more info visit [www.southwark.gov.uk/parenting](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/parenting)  
Or to book [www.southwark.gov.uk/parenting](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/parenting)

Southwark Children and Family Centres  
We are currently looking for volunteers to support our sessions.

**Southwark Young Carers**

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

**IMAGO**

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.

For further information, please contact our Hub  
[youngcarers@imago.community](mailto:youngcarers@imago.community)  
**0300 111 1110**

Southwark Young Carers is a service of Imago Community  
Registered charity number: 2080 000

**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.

**What covers:**

- 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@tqi.org.uk](mailto:Southwark.YoungPeople@tqi.org.uk) or scan the QR code for a direct link to the eventbrite page.  
• You can call us on: 020 3404 7699

**BOOK HERE**

**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
- Ages 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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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:  
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**STRENGTHENING FAMILIES STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES**

For parents of children aged 6 - 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**

Web to support: [www.southwark.gov.uk/parenting](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/parenting)  
Scan the QR code to book your place

**WHEN IS IT ON?**  
Weekly  
From 10:30am to 12:00pm  
Every 2nd Tuesday  
From 10:30am to 12:00pm  
Contact us for more information  
What time?  
10:30am

Partners: [Family Foundation](#), [New Family Foundation](#), [Southwark Children and Family Hub](#), [Southwark Council](#)

## 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 01885 840622

### 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](mailto:https://forms.office.com/e/QUwM8JA2E6)  
[environmental.protection@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:environmental.protection@southwark.gov.uk)  
[anna.czerniak@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:anna.czerniak@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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## Let's talk PANTS with Pantosaurus! | NSPCC

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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

Arbor is a secure online and mobile app that allows you to manage your child's school record, view their progress, and communicate with their teachers. It's a free service for all parents and carers.

#### How to get started

1. Log in to your account using the email address you used to create it.
2. If you haven't created an account yet, click on the 'Sign Up' button.
3. If you're having trouble logging in, click on the 'Forgot Password' link.
4. If you're having trouble with the app, click on the 'Help' button.

#### Need help using Arbor?

Arbor is a secure online and mobile app that allows you to manage your child's school record, view their progress, and communicate with their teachers. It's a free service for all parents and carers.

For more information, visit <https://www.arbor-education.com/parent-portal>

## 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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