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Find us at: 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.

<u>The behaviour policy</u> 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. <u>Policies & GDPR</u> - The Bridges Federation

Find out more about what is going on in Southwark and sign up to regular newsletters <u>HERE</u>. 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

17th - 19th September - Y5 and Y6 School Journey 20th - 24th October - International Week Thursday 23rd October - International Week Performance for parents at 3pm Friday 24th October - Breakup Half term 3.30pm

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

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

resources in your homes.



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 avaliable at the end of each day (except Fridays in Year 1 - 6).



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.

teamwork

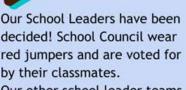
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Clubs end at 4.30, children should be collected from the

School back gate.

"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."



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.







Robert Browning Primary School







Dance Lessons olf term our Year 1 Year

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 10th 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



	% 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%

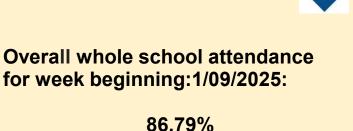
1st Place Attendance: Year 1
1st Place Punctuality: Year 3



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	0
Year 2	10	2	75
Year 3	14	2	50
Year 4	7	1	125
Year 5	30	2	25
Year 6	21	0	75

1st Place Attendance: Y4
1st Place Punctuality: Y6



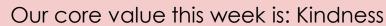




Our school value this week is: T - Teamwork











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

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/



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



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



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

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



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







Council







LONDON NAUTICAL

2025 Open Events For pupils starting September 2026

Open Evening From 16:45 hrs

Thursday 18th September 2025

Open Mornings From 09:00 hrs

Monday 22nd September 2025

Wednesday 1st October 2025

Thursday 9th October 2025

Saturday 11th October 2025

Friday 17th October 2025





THIS FIRE TOOK HOLD IN UNDER 5 SECONDS



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

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





- 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





Let's talk PANTS with Pantosaurus! | NSPCC



For a free fire safety home visit:

Freephone: 0800 028 4428

Email: smokealarms@london-

fire.gov.uk

Text /SMS: 07860 021 319

Fire plan ks2





IF THE DOOR IS COLD

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

ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

ASK ITALIAN

Kids under 10 eat for £1 during school holidays

BEEFEATER

Kids Eat FREE with Newsletter Voucher this Summer

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main

BILLS

Kids Eat Free weekdays, 21st July - 29th Sept.

BREWERS FAYRE

Kids Eat FREE with Newsletter Voucher this Summer

Save be with 1 adult, 19th July - 31st August

BURGER KING

From 28th July - 31st August, Kids Eat Free (via app) CHIQUITO

Kids eat FREE Daily Until August 31st

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

FRANKIE & BENNY'S

Kids Eat Free from 14th July - 31th August 2025

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

MARCO PIERRE WHITE

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

PREMIED INN & TRAVELODGE

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying aduly

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

SIZZLING PUBS

Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

Kids Eat FREE with a 60p spend until Aug 31st

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TORY CARVERY

Kids eat for £1 all day (weekdays) until Aug 29th

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

Kids eat free this summer holidays (ex Saturdays)

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/ti cket?eventId=234419&reservationCode=re wl41liz6ridg&utm organiser id=29443&ut

m source=reserved entry



Click on the link below for information about free activities for children eligible for benefits related free school meals: Search learning



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FATHER'S GROUP



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

Whether you are a father, granofather or stepdad. receive advice and fax on topics such as positive ming, improving relationships and rate madeling. Creche provided.

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Email: ben.campbell@southwark.gov.uk Phone: 07738 860 768











Free Workshops for Parents and Carers





- You con-coll up or: 020 3404 7499





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







Please click on the link below for Chattertime sessions for children under 5: Chattertime sessions |

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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









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NSPCC



Privates are private	0	
Always remember your body belongs to you	0	
No means no	0	

Talk about secrets that upset you

Speak up, someone can help

A SECTION OF MARKET SHOW



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

Text /SMS: 07860 021 319

$\underline{https://www.london\text{-}fire.gov.uk/safety/the-home/home-fire-safety/}$

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

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

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

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

BE WARY OF ADVERTISING

BUY NOW!

DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE

SETTINGS CAN BE

AI-GENERATED

DATA COLLECTION

Advice for Parents & Educators

PARENTAL CONTROLS

You'tube kids afters 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

CHECK WATCH HISTORY

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

WATCH TOGETHER



Meet Our Expert

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