

Robert Browning, Snowsfields and Tower Bridge Primary Schools

We learn and succeed together



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[@snsprimary.bsky.social](https://www.snsprimary.bsky.social)

Find us at: www.thebridgesfederation.org.uk

Newsletter 19th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Children from years 6 and 5 across the Federation have had the most amazing memory making experience on school journey this week including taking part in assault courses, high ropes and team building, please see your school pages for photos of their adventure.

One of our school priorities this year is the value of play and reducing screen time. [The online safety policy and AUPs](#) share information about school and national online safety risks and also children's voices: 'Notably, 52% of 8-11s feel that their parents' screen time is also too high, underlining the importance of modelling good behaviour.' Please find our updated policies in this link:

[Policies & GDPR - The Bridges Federation](#)

The National Literacy Trust also shares information about activities and books to enjoy at home [here](#).

Across our schools the children have been creating their portraits and thinking about their aspirations for the future. These portraits are displayed in our shared areas. The children's inspirations include wanting to be a superhero so I can save people, wanting to invent something useful for humanity and wanting to be a dancer because it is fun.

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

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

7th October - Groundwork parent coffee morning at 9am

20th - 24th October - International Week and Curriculum Cafes

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

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

Friday 17th October - Y6 Secondary Transfer Online Application Workshop at 9am

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 to all the families who have donated items for our Loose Parts Creative Play project. Please keep them coming in! Here is the list of items we would love to have to support the creativity at playtimes.

overcoming challenges

[value of the week]
TOWER BRIDGE

THANK YOU

Crates (such as supermarket delivery crates)

Old keyboards / phones (without the cords)

Tyres

Cable reels

Baskets

Pegs/clamps

Traffic cones

Pipes/guttering

Wooden planks

Fabric (old sheets)

Cable Ties

Cardboard boxes / tubes

Suitcases or briefcases

Buckets

Nets

Wooden pallets

Chopping boards

Pots and Pans

Water Toys

Dressing up clothes

Tools (trowels, brooms)

Foam sheets/camping roll mats/yoga mats

Logs/log slices

Baking trays

Wooden spoons

Tarpaulin

Some of the pupils in Year 5 and 6 were lucky enough to attend the residential trip this week in Ashford, Kent. They had a wonderful time - overcoming many challenges; making new friends and having some once-in-a-lifetime experiences. Thank you so much to the parents for allowing the children to go, and a huge thank you to the staff who organised the trip and accompanied the children.

school JOURNEY



School Journey

This week, some of our Year 5 and Year 6 children went on an exciting school journey to Ashford, Kent. During the trip, they took part in a range of activities that helped them develop important life skills, such as teamwork, problem-solving, and independence. The children tackled challenges, and supported one another, showing great enthusiasm and resilience throughout. It was a memorable experience that combined fun, learning, and personal growth for all of our pupils who were there.

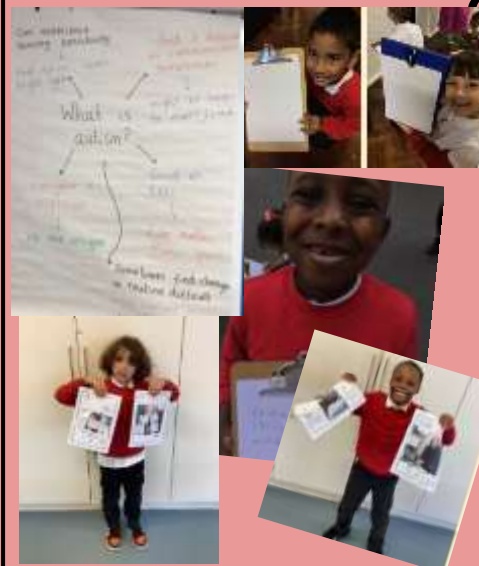


Black Thrive project

This year Robert Browning is working with Amari Rae FDN CIC and Black Thrive Global to improve the emotional wellbeing support available to children in primary schools, particularly from Black and mixed black heritage backgrounds.

This project gives parents and schools the chance to shape what support is offered – ensuring it meets the real needs of our children and community. Together, parents, carers, teachers, and local organisations will decide on the best approaches, which will then be fully funded by the NHS, so schools don't have to find extra resources. Join us on Tuesday 23rd September from 8.45am- to 10am to find out how you can support this.

Neurodiversity Week

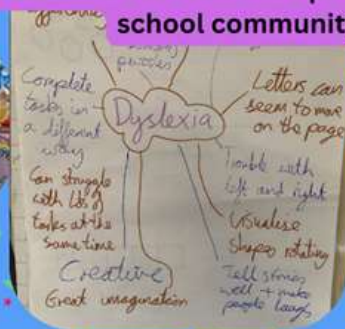


Last week, the children learned about neurodiversity and how everyone's brain works in different ways. They talked about celebrating strengths and supporting each other to continue to make our school an inclusive place.

Snowsfields Primary School

Neurodiversity Week!

We had a wonderful time celebrating neurodiversity across the school. The children explored different neurodivergent personalities such as Picasso, Greta Thunberg, Stephen Wiltshire and Lucy Bronze. The children enjoyed finding out about the unique "superpowers" people may have, as well as some of the challenges they might face. Through their research and class discussions, they discovered how people with different diagnoses can think, learn, and create in amazing ways. To mark the occasion, everyone wore their class colours to celebrate our differences and to show that each person's unique qualities make our school community so special!



The children had a wonderful time on their school journey to PGL! They enjoyed exciting activities, worked brilliantly as a team, and most importantly, had lots of fun making lasting memories with their friends.

PGL 2025



	% present	Lates	Total
Year 1	4 ½	11	75
Year 2	2 ½	4	75
Year 3	1	7	250
Year 4	2	9	100
Year 5	3	10	75
Year 6	1 ½	12	50

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 08/09/2025: 97.43%

1st Place Attendance: Year 3

1st Place Punctuality: Year 2



Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 08/09/2025 : 96.2%

1st Place Attendance: Y2

1st Place Punctuality: Y3

	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	1	3	99.38%
Year 2	21	0	90.79%
Year 3	0	3	100%
Year 4	7	3	97.57%
Year 5	6	2	97.6%
Year 6	3	3	98.93%



	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	27	3	50
Year 2	7	7	150
Year 3	12	10	50
Year 4	0	1	275
Year 5	8	4	50
Year 6	14	1	150

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning:08/09/2025:

94.78%

1st Place Attendance: Y4

1st Place Punctuality: Y4 & Y6



Our school value this week is:
O - Overcoming Challenges



Reading Raffle Winners

Reading Raffle Winners

Our core value this week is:
Independence



Times Tables
Rock Stars

Our school value this week is:
N- Nurturing



Reading
Raffle
Winners



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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/>

Parent/carer support at Robert Browning

With Anna, Toni and Courtney



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

Tea/ coffee Morning

Time: 9:00- 9:45



Upcoming dates:

- 23rd September: Black Thrive project presentation
- 7th October: Getting to know your area
- 21st October : Learning at home
- 4th November: Understanding ADHD
- 18th November: Emotion regulation



For more information please contact:

anna.geissmann@groundwork.org.uk



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](#)

Please find information about secondary school open days for children currently in year 6 in the link below:
[Check secondary school open days and evenings | Southwark Council](#)

HARRIS ACADEMY HERMONDSEY
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!

Follow us on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube

Contact us if you have any questions at admissions@harrisacademy.org.uk
 22-24 Southwark Park Rd, Hermondsay, SE16 6DZ
www.harrisacademy.org.uk ☎ 020 7377 6796

Harris Academy Hermondsay

The Charter School
 Hermondsay

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

Ark Globe Academy

We would love to welcome you to our school and show you what makes Ark Globe Academy special. Join us for an upcoming open day and find out how we are giving children in Southwark an excellent education that sets them up for success in school and beyond.

Primary open mornings 9-10.30am

THU 06 NOV	THU 13 NOV
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Secondary open mornings 9-10.30am

THU 25 SEP	TUE 30 SEP
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Secondary open evening 5-6.30pm

TUE 30 SEP

Book a tour

Scan the QR code to sign up for the open event at arkglobe.org

Reception Year 7

Preparing our students for university and to be leaders in their community

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

CITY OF LONDON ACADEMY SOUTHWARK

ST THOMAS MORE LANGUAGE COLLEGE
 CADOGAN STREET CHELSEA LONDON SW3 2QS

OPEN EVENINGS

WEDNESDAY 17 September 4-6pm
 THURSDAY 25 September 4-6pm
 WEDNESDAY 8 October 4-6pm

Headteacher's talk in the Hall at 4:30pm & 5:30pm

TUBE: SLOANE SQUARE STATION
 BUS: DUKE OF YORK SQUARE

SAINT JOHN SOUTHWORTH

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

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

LFB

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



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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

Text /SMS: 07860 021 319

Fire plan KS2

LFB



IF THE DOOR IS HOT



IF THE DOOR IS COLD





HAB GIRLS PATHWAY CENTRE

MILL WALL GIRLS PLAYER

PERFORMANCE PATHWAY

U7-U15 YEAR OLDS

HARRIS ACADEMY BERMONDSEY

SESSIONS EVERY FRIDAY

16:30PM- 18:00PM

REGISTER NOW FOR A FREE TRIAL

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N.FARRELL@MILLWALLCOMMUNITY.ORG.UK

The poster features a young girl in a white Millwall jersey holding a soccer ball. In the background, there is a large blue circular logo with a white silhouette of a lion, representing the Millwall Community Trust. The text is arranged in a vertical list on the left side of the poster.



PE & SCHOOL SPORTS NETWORK

FREE GIRLS FOOTBALL

EVERY MONDAY (17:00-18:00)
 @ BURGESS PARK ASTRO TURF



WILD CATS

OPEN TO ALL
 PARTICIPANTS AT
 ALL LEVELS

OPEN TO ALL
 GIRLS CLASSIC AT
 ALL LEVELS



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 11th March 2023
 Week 2 – Wed 14th March 2023
 Week 3 – Thu 16th May 2023
 Week 4 – Fri 17th May 2023
 Week 5 – Sat 17th July 2023

SUMMER 2023

Week 1 – Tue 1st June 2023
 Week 2 – Tue 12th June 2023
 Week 3 – Tue 19th June 2023
 Week 4 – Tue 26th June 2023
 Week 5 – Tue 3rd July 2023
 Week 6 – Tue 10th July 2023
 Week 7 – Tue 17th July 2023

TIMES

All sessions run from 3.45 – 5.15pm

LOCATION

Marlborough Sports Garden,
 Lower Street, MK7 1JG

Call us (toll-free) to email sports@best-emp.uk
 or 029 7409 3392 with our free ad
www.best-emp.uk/afterschoolsports

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**BANKSIDE
OPEN SPACES
TRUST**

Every Saturday - 9AM - 5:00 PM

FISHER'S

SATURDAY MORNING

SOCCER CLUB

FUN FRIENDLY AND SAFE FOOTBALL ACTIVITIES

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

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

@FisherYouthFC
@Fisher_Soccer

FISHER FC Soccer School

Register Now - fisheryouthchairman@gmail.com

Lewisham Disability Sports Network presents:

Lewisham Inclusive Sports Festival

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>

In Partnership with:

Access Sport **GLL** **Volleyball** **London Tennis** **London Football**

Register Now!

Saturday 21st June

9 am to 4 pm

Ladywell Arena

Silverdale Rd.

SE8 4QX

Cornelia Radfern@AccessSport.org.uk 020 7993 9688

EDUCATION

Vauxhall City Farm

CAMP GREEN HORIZON

**Monday 27th - Thursday 30th October 2025
9.30am - 2pm**

Would you like to learn more about the natural world this half term? Would you like to spend time with animals and wildlife?

Join us at The Farm for a jam-packed week of...

Crafts | Games | Gardening | Conservation



FREE* | Ages 3 - 14 years

Can't make the 2pm pick up? For £10 a day, join games club until 5pm

For more info and to sign up, email:
education@vauxhallcityfarm.org

*This opportunity is aimed at students from low-income households or who receive benefits related free-school meals.



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MADE FOR
This Season

BIG FOOTBALL DAY

POWERED BY
THE NATIONAL LOTTERY

100% MATCH DUE
22nd July 10am-2pm
Location:
St Paul's Sports Ground, Rushcliffe, DB10 5ET
Adults £3.50
Allwell Community Trust

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

PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2025
moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

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

TO FILL IN A BOOKING FORM
CLICK THE LINK BELOW OR
SCAN THE QR CODE



ART DREAMS

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
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 their children's needs. Support is provided for parents.

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
• parentspace.org

CONTACT:
0203 744 8273
07705 30083
0203 744 8273
07705 30083

PLEASE NOTE: To ensure maximum effectiveness, please bring your own notebook.

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-and-childcare
Or to book www.southwark.gov.uk/parenting-and-childcare

Southwark Children and Family Centres
Working in partnership with Southwark Council and other partners

Southwark Young Carers

To get involved, you can refer via our website 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
0300 111 1110

Southwark Young Carers is a service of Imago Community
Registered charity number: 2538 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's covered:

- 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@tci.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
07394 865 980
bethany.gilbey@southwark.gov.uk
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](#)

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-and-childcare

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

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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



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
environmental.protection@southwark.gov.uk
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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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 of children in state-funded schools in England.

How to get started

1. Log in to your account or create a new one.
2. Add your child's details to the system.
3. Check your child's progress and communicate with their teachers.
4. Download the Arbor app to your mobile device.

Need help using Arbor?

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How to get help

1. Contact your school's IT support team.
2. Visit the Arbor website for more information.
3. Call the Arbor support line on 0800 123 4567.
4. Email the Arbor support team at support@arbor.com.

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

<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



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

18 CENSORED

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.

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.

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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