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Find us at: www.thebridgesfederation.org.uk

Newsletter 17th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very excited for the activities that are planned for International Week next week where our theme is Voices of the World: Power and Pride. Parents we are looking forward to you joining us for stay and learn sessions and International Week performances. All dates are in the dates for your diary box. Please can your child plan the costume/outfit they will wear on the day of the International Week performance.

Halloween and Firework safety tips

Halloween can be an exciting time of year for children, dressing up and going out after dark. The <u>Child Accident Prevention Trust</u> some top safety tips. Did you know sparklers can burn 16 times hotter than a kettle? Or how easy it is to buy powerful rockets unsuited to family gardens. With Bonfire Night and Diwali quickly approaching, please click on the link for Firework safety advice.

Please check that the Arbor App is working on your phone, we are now taking payments on Arbor. Please go to the school shop on the App. You can make the £5 contribution towards outings for your child for the year. We may occasionally ask for a further contribution to one outing a year.

Pupil Review Meetings: Bookings are open on the Arbor App until Monday 27/10/2025 at 3:30pm for the parent teacher meetings which take place on 12/11/2025.

Breakfast club: From 3rd November breakfast club will now cost £2 per child and we will no longer be offering a discount for siblings.

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 complete the e-Admissions online application and make your 6 choices. Please speak to a member of the leadership team if you need further support. The e-Admissions deadline 31/10/25 is in half term. We advise you to complete the application before the half term break.

Please click on the link: eAdmissions

Dates For Your Diary

Tower Bridge

20th - 24th October - International Week and Curriculum Cafes at 9:00am - 20/10 - Year 2; 21/10 - Year 5; 22/10 - Year 1 and Year 6; 23/10 - Year 4; 24/10 - Reception Wednesday 22nd October - International Week Performance for parents 3pm Friday 24th October - Breakup Half term 3.30pm Wednesday 12th November - Parent Teacher Meetings Friday 14th November - Children in Need Fundraising

Robert Browning

20th - 24th October - International Week stay and learn sessions for parents 8.45am - 9.15am,20/10: Y2,21/10: Y4 & Rainbow@ 3pm,22/10: Y1,Y3 & Y6 Thursday 23rd October - International Week Performance for parents at 2.45pm Friday 24th October - Breakup for Half Term@3.30pm Wednesday 12th November Parent Teacher Meetings

Snowsfields

20th - 24th October - International Week stay and learn sessions for parents 8:45-9:15 am 20/10:Green class, 21/10 Red class, 22/10:Sunshine & Blue class, 23/10:Orange & Purple class, 24/10:Rainbow & Yellow class

Wednesday 22nd October - International Week
Performance for parents at 3pm
Friday 24th October - Breakup Half term 3.30pm
Wednesday 12th November Parent Teacher Meetings

Term Dates 2025-2026 are on the Federation website

<u>Term Dates - The Bridges Federation</u>
<u>Term time holidays will not be authorised.</u>
Other important dates for this year can also be

found on the school website here:
Diary - The Bridges Federation



SPORTS



Some of the girls from Blue and Purple Class went to the Oval this week to take part in a cricket workshop.









As part of International Week next week, each class are inviting parents to join in with some learning related to the theme of 'The beauty and strength of global voices'. Each session will start at 9am and last for around 30 minutes. Look below to see which day your child's class are running their cafes.

Monday 20th October - Orange Class
Tuesday 21st October - Blue Class
Wednesday 22nd October - Red Class
Wednesday 22nd October - Purple Class
Thursday 23rd October - Green Class
Friday 24th October - Sunshine Class







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you can be -

believe!





Thank you to all the parents from Yellow Class who were able to attend the Curriculum Cafe this week. It was lovely to see so many of you working with your children.

Year 1 and Year 2 went to the Unicorn Theatre this week to watch a relaxed showing of "The Three Little Pigs".





THE UK'S THEATRE FOR YOUNG AUDIENCES

They said it made them laugh and feel scared all at the same time, especially the Big Bad Wolf.



next week's newsletter about what we







Robert Browning Primary School



History



The children in year one explored a range of objects, sorting them into 'past' and 'present' They discussed what each item was used for and compared them to modern day alternatives.



Festival of Sports

Some of our pupils took part in this week's Festival of Sports - a fun inclusive event full of teamwork, enthusiasm and smiles!



Autumn Fundraising Event

This will be on Wednesday 22nd October at 3.30pm. There will be lots of yummy cakes, warm food and other autumnal treats!

Donations of food needed and volunteers to help with setting up and selling items that will be on sale. All proceeds raised will go to cooking club with Shanaz on a Wednesday.

Pioneer Dance Half Term Workshop @Snowsfields
Pioneer Dance, led by Chantal our dance specialist
is running a half term workshop at Snowsfields
Primary School. Also open to Robert Browning
children in Year 1 - 6 to attend.
Lots of DANCE, FUN and ACTIVE activities!

Monday 27th October 2025, 9am - 4pm Limited Spaces

Payment Link:

https://pioneerdance.bigcartel.com/product/pioneerdance-half-term-workshop-south-london-1-day

Reading Buddies



Year 3 and year 6 had a brilliant reading buddy session this week. The children were fully engaged and really enjoyed reading their books.



	Absences	Lates	Total
Year 1	4½	13	250
Year 2	6	2	375
Year 3	0	2	625
Year 4	7	10	300
Year 5	8	9	100
Year 6	14 ½	7	100



Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 06/10/2025: 95.13%

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

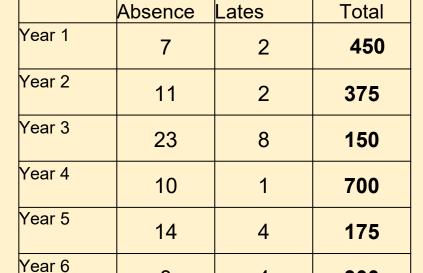


Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 6/10/2025:

96.9%

1st Place Attendance: Y3
1st Place Punctuality: Y2, Y3 & Y4

	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	5	4	96.88%
Year 2	12	2	94.29%
Year 3	2	2	99%
Year 4	5	2	98.21%
Year 5	11	4	95.77%
Year 6	3	3	98.66%



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Overall whole school attendance for week beginning:6/10/2025:

94.55%

1st Place Attendance: Y1 1st Place Punctuality: Y4









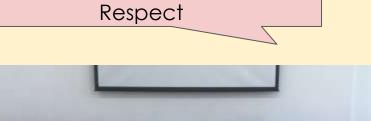
Our school value this week is: B - Be the best you can be - believe!



Reading and Times Table Rockstar Raffle Winners

Our core value this week is:

Respect



Reading Raffle Winners







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Times Tables Rock Stars

Our school value this week is: F - Fun and Friendly



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

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



How to keep children safe this Halloween and Firework safety tips

Halloween can be an exciting time of year for children, dressing up and going out after dark. But, whilst Halloween is supposed to be spooky there are some horrors that families will want to avoid.

The <u>Child Accident Prevention Trust</u> has some <u>top tips for a safe Halloween</u>.

Did you know sparklers can burn 16 times hotter than a kettle? Or how easy it is to buy powerful rockets unsuited to family back gardens? With Bonfire Night and Diwali quickly approaching, Child Accident Prevention Trust's Firework safety advice hub covers all the safety essentials.



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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

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 schoolopen days and evenings| Southwark Council



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CADOGAN STREET CHELSEA LONDON SW3 2QS

OPEN EVENINGS

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

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



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

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www.habsborough.org.uk/admissions/open-events

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









Open Evening From 16.45 lins

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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

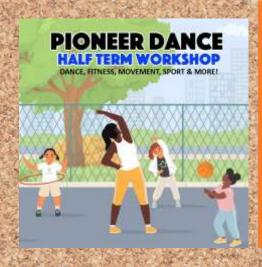
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a half term workshop at Snowsfields Primary School.

Open to children Year 1 - 6 in the Bridges Federation.

Lots of DANCE and FUN, ACTIVE activities! Wednesday 29th October 2025

9am - 4pm Cost: £24.99 Limited Spaces Payment Link:

https://oioneerdance.bigcartel.com/product/pione er-dance-half-term-workshop-south-london-1-day











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





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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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Half Term Family Workshops with London Wildlife Trust



Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th October 10am till 3pm

Two days to learn how to survive in the wild! On the first day you will make shelters and filter water and on the second you'll seek wild food and make fires. Crafts and activities. You can book for either day or both.



Natural Inks and Scrapbooks

Thursday 30th October

Have fun making inks from turmeric, wild grapes and oak galls, and grind charcoal to make paint to produce your own unique art pieces to take home. Make a scrapbook with inspiration from the garden.

All courses are for families living in Southwark. Suitable for primary aged children but you are welcome to bring your younger and older ones too. If a booking lies but let us know if this is too much for you. Only one free Southwark workshop per academic year (Seps-July)

Booking required: visit our website www.mildlondon.org.uk/events or use the QR code email: doistlace@wildlondon.org.uk for any queries.

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To book please scan the Qfl code .org.uk/tamiti



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

Search learning experiences · Eequ



What's On at St Margaret's House for Children and Families

Join us for free workshops, a low-cost performance for families and find out about our term-time activities



FREE Half Term Circus sessions

Sessions support the development of new skills, communication and creative thinking! Children will learn different juggling and balancing techniques.

Free to attend thanks to funding from the Tower Hamiets Mayor's Community Fund.

Sessions are aimed at children aged 5-8 years. Click the picture to find out more and book your ticket

Venue: Tramshed Community Hub, Digby Street, £2 0LS Dates & Time:

- Tuesday 28th October, 10am-12noan
- Thursday 30th October, 2-4pm
 Friday 31th October, 10am-12noon



Dan of All Tricks - Family Show

Roll up, roll up! Dan's got some circus tricks to share with you! Prepare to be waw-ed! Join us for a whistle-stoptour through juggling, balancing and much, much more. This show will amaze as you travel through the many tricks Dan has got up his sleeve. This is a family experience not to be missed. Click the picture to find out more and book

Venue: Mulberry Hall, St Margaret's House, 21 Old Ford Road Date: Saturday Ist November

Times: Ilam and 2pm

Running Time: 35mins plus 15 mins of circus play

Suitable for children 3+ and their familie

St Margaret's House Arts and Wellbeing Centre, 21 Old Ford Road, E2 9PL

www.stmargaretshouse.org.uk







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Halloween Community Litter Pick

Put on your best costume and join the fun as we work together to keep our neighbourhood clean and litter-free!

Costumes are encouraged, and all children dressed up will receive a bag of sweets!

We provide the litter-picking equipment you need

Venue: Meet at St Margaret's House, 21 Old Ford Road Date: Thursday 30th October

Time: 2-3pm



Term-time: Saturday Circus

Our low-cost Circus sessions for children take place every Saturday during term-time. Join us and learn new circus skills led by professional juggler and National Centre for Circus Arts teacher, Dan Rose.

Click the picture to find out more and sign up

Venue: Mulberry Hall, St Margaret's House, 21 Old Ford Road Dates: Saturday 8th November to Saturday 6th December Time: 8.45am - 10.45am (School Years 1-3, younger children can attend if accompanied by an adult) Tiam-12noon (School Years 4-6)



Term-time: Hilarity Academy

Our free, fun space for young people to learn and engage in the skill of making people laugh. Workshops include learning how to tell jokes creating sketches, writing stand up material and clowning. Sessions are for local young people in school years 3-6

Click the picture to find out more and sign up

Venue; The Chapet, St Margaret's House, 2f Old Ford Road Dates: Monday 3th November to Monday Ith December Time: 3.45-5pm







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







Free Workshops for Parents and Carers



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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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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