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Find us at: www.thebridgesfederation.org.uk

Newsletter 3rd October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our thoughts are with all those affected by the devastating incident at the synagogue in Manchester on Thursday morning.

Please take a look at the dates for your diary box for important dates including those linked to International Week which is taking place from Monday 20th to Friday 24th October. We will share more information about the theme in the coming weeks.

Please find our updated policies in this link including our Attendance Policy: Policies & GDPR -The Bridges Federation. Your child can only miss school if they are too ill to go or you have advanced permission from the school. Please ensure routine medical appointments are always be made outside of school hours.

Children who read regularly and have their reading record/journal signed by a parent (at least three times a week) will be entered into the weekly reading raffle. You can see the weekly winners on page 6 of the newsletter. Please support your child to read regularly at home.

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: <u>eAdmissions</u>

Dates For Your Diary

Tower Bridge

7th October - Groundwork parent coffee morning at

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 **Wednesday 12th November Parent Teacher Meetings**

Robert Browning

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 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 3pm

Snowsfields

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

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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**







Don't forget, the Groundwork Coffee morning will take place on Tuesday 7th October at 9am - all welcome to join.

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ESTABLISHED BOROUGH MARKET

SCHOOL



Quite a few parents have been asking about all the exciting produce from our school garden. This week, some of our pupils harvested it and took it to Borough Market to sell to the public as part of the School Food Matters Young Marketeers Programme. We have been so lucky this year to have a gardener to help us. Thank you to Tammy and Jim for looking after the plants so well and all the children who kept up the watering since the seeds were planted. Over £50 was raised for charity.

WATER

[value of the week] TOW ERBRIDGE

Thank you to all the parents who ensure their children have water bottles in school. We have noticed that the hard plastic bottles are quite easily damaged when dropped or knocked over. We recommend chosing metal or soft plastic bottles (that move when you squeeze them) as they can withstand the knocks.















This week, some of our old pupils came back to lead an assembly about what it is like to start secondary school We are so proud of how well they spoke and the confidence they showed.



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Young Marketeers at Borough Market

A group of our children had the wonderful opportunity to take part in a trading project at Borough Market this week. They prepared and sold a range of handmade products, including handmade wild plum jam and cordial, cherry juice, sloe cordial, crochet roses and home grown vegetables. All the jams and juices were made with fruits from our gardening club.

The children engaged confidently with members of the public, they demonstrated excellent entrepreneurial skills and raised £168.72 for charity. Robert Browning raised the highest amount of all the 10 schools who took part in this charitable event. It is important to note that every penny raised helps to prevent surplus food from going to landfill and instead contributes to feeding those in need.

This experience not only supported a vital community cause but also gave our pupils valuable real-world learning opportunities.

Well done to our children, Shanaz and parent





	Absences	Lates	Total
Year 1	5 ½	12	200
Year 2	1	12	275
Year 3	0	9	475
Year 4	7	16	250
Year 5	7	13	100
Year 6	12	19	100



Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 22/09/2025: 95.54%

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



Year 6

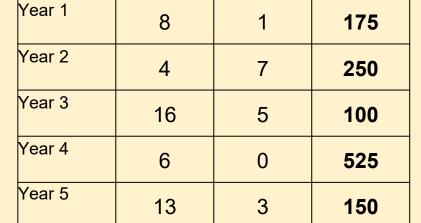
Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 22/09/2025: 96.4%

1st Place Attendance: Y6
1st Place Punctuality: Y2

Absence

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	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	17	4	88.67%
Year 2	6	1	97.14%
Year 3	2	2	98.95%
Year 4	11	3	96.07%
Year 5	18	3	93.08%
Year 6	0	2	100%



Lates

4

Total

200



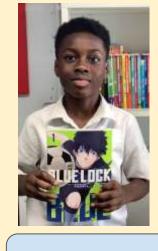
Overall whole school attendance
for week beginning:22/09/2025:

95.3%

1st Place Attendance: Y2 1st Place Punctuality: Y4









Reading Raffle Winners



Our core value this week is: Independence



Reading Raffle Winners





Times Tables Rock Stars

Our school value this week is: W - Working Together



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





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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



TUBE: SLOANE SQUARE STATION BUS: DUKE OF YORK SQUARE









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

Thursday, 18th Santambar 2025

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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

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

LFB























School's out, time to play!

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



LOCATION

OPEN SPACES







27° October 13.00-15.30



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Access GLL











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





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

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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

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Children eat for £1 with any adult main BILLS

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

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Kids Eat FREE with Newsletter Voucher this Summer

BREWDOG

Save e 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 - 31st 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

LAS IGUANAS

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

MARCO PIERRE WHITE Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

MORRISONS

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 adul

PUREZZA

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

TOBY 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) Copyright of MONEY SAVING CENTRAL

LITTLE FISH THEATRE LIMMER PROGRAMME 28TH JULY - 8TH AUG 2025 (MON-FRI) AT RYE OAK PRIMARY SCHOOL

FREE

YEAR 6

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

Search learning experiences · Eequ



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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









Let's talk PANTS with Pantosaurus! | NSPCC

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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

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



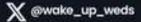
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