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Newsletter 7th November 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Over half term you will have seen the devastation in Jamaica caused by Hurricane Melissa. We know that many of you will have family and friends who will have been affected. Our thoughts are with those in Jamaica who have lost everything, and as a federation we would like to do something to help. If you would like to donate any of the following you can bring these to school and place them in the donation box in the school office. Suggested items include: non-perishable food, bottled water, hygiene products and toiletries, nappies and baby supplies and cleaning supplies.

Tuesday 11th November is Remembrance Day which honours those who serve to defend our democratic freedoms and way of life. The children will be spending some time learning about Remembrance Day and take part in Remembrance events.

You should have booked your times for the parent and pupil review meetings which are on Wednesday 12th November. Please contact the school office if you have not done so. Please can your child attend the meeting with you so that they can also celebrate the progress made and their next steps.

We kindly remind parents that while we encourage children to enjoy their time in their local park, it is important that they are supervised by a responsible adult at all times. We appreciate your support in ensuring a safe and positive environment for all children.

Remember to vote for the new parent governor - see email sent earlier this week.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday, gates open at 8:45am.

Parents of Children in Nursery

If your child is in Nursery and born between 01.09.2021 and 31.08.2022 you will need to complete the e-Admissions online application for Reception and make your 6 choices. The e-Admissions deadline 15/01/2026. Please click on the link: eAdmissions

Dates For Your Diary

Tower Bridge

Wednesday 12th November - Parent Teacher Meetings - school closed

Thursday 13th November - Children in Need Bake Sale 3.30pm

Tuesday 18th November - Groundwork coffee morning 9am Thursday 4th December - Lantern Parade Tuesday 16th December - EYFS Winter Concert 9.30am Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Dinner Friday 19th December - Festive Jumper Day - School Ends at 1.00pm

Friday 14th November - Children in Need Fundraising Day

Robert Browning

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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



This year, School Council have decided to raise money for BBC's Children In Need Charity.

Thursday 13th November - Bake sale 3.30pm - any cake donations are welcome

Friday 14th November - for £1 donation to Children In Need children can dress in yellow or spotty clothes - you can pay the donation now via the school shop on the Arbor App.



A reminder - PE Kits should be worn on the days where children have their PE lessons.

PE Kits consist of:

- School Jumpers (no hoodies or other tops)
- · White t-shirt or polo shirt
- Dark (black, blue) jogging bottoms or shorts
- Trainers

Please do not wear your own clothes on PE days.



Don't forget to vote for Tower Bridge Primary School every time you shop in store at Tesco so we can win the largest grant award in 2026 for the children.



On the last day of term, some of our Year 5 and Year 6 girls went to Snowsfields to take part in a football tournament. They played brilliantly and scored many goals. We are so proud of them!

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independent learners shine

[value of the week] TOWERBRIDGE



Don't forget to attend your meeting on Wednesday. School will be closed to children, but children must come with a parent to their meeting.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, you must inform us straight away. Older siblings and other family members cannot attend on your behalf. These meetings are for parents and pupils. Please arrive to the classroom at least 5 minutes before your meeting is due to start.



Arbor
Please ensure you check
the Arbor app each day to
check for updates and
messages. This is how we
communicate with you
about important school
events.



With the weather getting colder, please ensure coats, scarfs, hats and gloves are clearly named. Any items not named are put into Lost Property which is placed outside in the playground each day at 3.30pm.



Thank you for all the donations you have brought in already! We are collecting donations in the school office to support the relief work for Jamaica. If you can, we are taking donations of:

- · Non-perishable food
- · Bottled water
- · Hygiene products and toiletries
- · Nappies and baby supplies
- Cleaning supplies

You can also help by donating money. An email was sent to you this week with more details on how to donate to support those affected by Hurrican Melissa.



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Fundraising

Our school leaders organised a special fundraising day on Thursday to support Cancer Research UK. Everyone was invited to wear something pink, purple, or blue and bring in £1 to help people who are affected by cancer. The school was filled with bright colours and together we raised an amazing £124!

A big **thank you** to everyone who joined in and donated. Your kindness will help to make a difference.

Southwark Heritage Workshop

Year 3 enjoyed an exciting visit to the local library where they took part in a **Southwark Heritage workshop**. The children learned all about the history of the area and discovered fascinating facts about how Southwark has changed over time. They explored old photographs, maps and artefacts, and asked lots of great questions. Everyone had a fantastic time learning more about the place where they live!





PESSN Trip

T4 PESSN sports event this week. The children represented our school brilliantly, showing great teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the day. They took part in a range of fun physical activities and worked together to try new challenges. Everyone had a fantastic time being active and meeting children from other schools.



	Absences	Lates	Total
Year 1	92.7%	12	350
Year 2	95.8%	5	625
Year 3	96.3%	3	1050
Year 4	96.7%	5	500
Year 5	93.6%	14	150
Year 6	96.6%	12	275



Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 20/10/2025: 95.23%

1st Place Attendance: Year 4
1st Place Punctuality: Year 3



Year 6

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 20/10/2025:

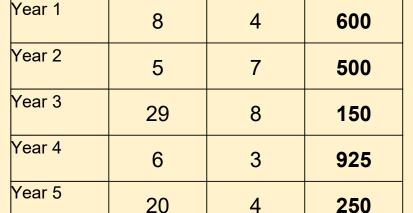
95.56%

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

Absence

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	Absence	Lates	Total
Year 1	17	3	86.88%
Year 2	18	2	91%
Year 3	1	2	99.5%
Year 4	28	2	88.21%
Year 5	12	5	95.38%
Year 6	9	3	94.64%



Lates

5

Total

450



Overall whole school attendance
for week beginning:20/10/2025:

94.25%

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









Our school value this week is: I - Independent Learners Shine



Reading and Times Table Rockstar Raffle Winners

Our core value this week is: Creativity



Reading Raffle Winners







Times Tables
Rock Stars

Our school value this week is: **E - Empowering Everyone**



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/

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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ON THE FARM

FREE HOLIDAY CLUB ON AT SURREY DOCKS FARM SEIG

TAKE PART IN NATURE BASED ACTIVITIES AND MEET THE FARM ANIMALS UP CLOSE!

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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 fixing in Southwark. Suitable for primary agad children but you are welcome to bring your younger and older ones too. £3 booking her but let us know if this is too much for you. Only one free Southwark workshop per academic year (Sept-July)

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

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To book please scan the QR code or visit .org.uk/tamiti



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For parents of children with additional needs their are a wide range of activities that take place in Southwark in the holidays and at the weekend. Please click on the link to find out more information:

https://localoffer.southwark.gov.uk/leis ure/

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

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 - (0.45am (School Years I - 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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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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Privates are private

Always remember your body belongs to you

No means no

Talk about secrets that upset you

Speak up, someone can help



1st Place Family Hub are holding an even as they celebrate International Men's Day 2025. It's a special day dedicated to recognising, celebrating and appreciating the fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and male carers who make a difference in children's lives every day. We are inviting fathers and carers to join us and meet award-winning children's author, Ken Wilson-Max (About - Ken Wilson-Max), enjoy free health checks, fun games and activities, and delicious food and refreshments.

Here's the link to our event: <u>International Men's Day</u>
<u>Event at 1st Place — 1st Place UK</u>

Saturday 15th November 2025

11:30am - 2:00pm

1st Place Family Hub, 12 Chumleigh Street, SE5 0RN London

<u>Celebrating Men and Boys with author Ken Wilson-Max</u> in Southwark

Please share this across board with fathers and male carers that you are connected and working with. Our slogan for the fathers and male carers in Southwark is "Men Matter: Celebrating Strength, Care and Connection."

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 olan 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 lives along.

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.