

# RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

At last, a welcome break from the intense heat!

**Maths Curriculum:** On Thursday we had a local authority led 'Deep Dive' into our maths curriculum. The LA advisor visited some maths lessons across the school and looked at some of the children's maths books. She also spent time talking to Annalise (AHT) about our math curriculum with a particular focus on maths mastery. She was particularly impressed with how well year 1 & 2 children were articulating mathematical thinking. Maths Mastery has a strong focus on encouraging children to speak in sentences and use mathematical terms to explain concepts. The behaviour for learning was excellent and she was very happy with the progress she could see children making. I would like to say thank you to all our teachers for their hard work, to Annalise for doing a fantastic job representing the school and to John for leading the maths curriculum this year whilst Annalise was on maternity leave.

**Empathy:** Is the ability to understand and share the feelings of others and was selected as a school value as it encourages kindness, tolerance and good citizenship. On Tuesday Thames class took part in a workshop delivered by 'Apples and Snakes' as part of the Spine Festival organized by the London Libraries. The children explored the theme of empathy using storytelling, physical theatre, poetry and visual art. Ellen in Thames class really enjoyed the workshop.

It really got her thinking. She explained that the children were presented with the idea of recharging an 'empathy battery'. They worked in small groups and role-played scenarios and wrote empathy poems which they performed. She said, 'it made you feel really nice'. For more information about the work of Apples and Snakes please see their link: <https://applesandsnakes.org/>



Happy Father's Day! Have a great family weekend!

## Prohibited Items



**Fidget Toys:** We are having to talk to an increasing number of children who are bringing 'fidget' toys into schools. These are not permitted. Please do not send your children into school with these items.

**Fit bits:** We have also had requests for children to wear fit bits to school. This is not permitted. Only analogue or digital watches are allowed in school.

## Healthy Zones Project

Rotherhithe Primary School is becoming a Healthy Zone in partnership with the charity 'School Food Matters'. The Healthy Zones project is working with 80 schools in Lambeth & Southwark to create sustained changes to school food environments so healthy food is prioritised throughout the school day.

We have kicked off our work together focusing on making our breakfast club even healthier. In September '21, we will be looking at our school food policy where we will discuss packed lunches and other food brought into school, as well as other initiatives to make it easy for our children to be healthy. Teachers, school staff, parents and students will all be involved to ensure our policy is put into practice and celebrated throughout our school community.

If you would like to get involved and have your say on our policies, please get in touch with me at [lchristiansen@rotherhithe.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:lchristiansen@rotherhithe.southwark.sch.uk) and you will be invited to relevant workshops during the next academic year.

You can also find out more about the Healthy Zones project [here](#).



## COVID Update

I am sure you are all aware that full release from COVID related restrictions has been delayed due to the increasing transmission of the Delta variant. Thankfully, we have not had any recent COVID cases, (long may this continue) and many members of staff have now received at least their first COVID vaccination.

Can I please remind parents to continue to be vigilant and if children develop any of the COVID symptoms keep children at home and book a PCR test.

- New continuous/persistent cough
- High temperature
- Loss of taste or smell

## Future Men Project and Father's Day

RPS has been very fortunate to have worked with mentors from the 'Future Men' charity. Their focus is on supporting boys to improve their self-esteem and prepare for secondary school transition. To celebrate Father's Day on Sunday they have produced a short film clip promoting fatherhood. So we invite you all to think **"What does fatherhood mean to you in 2021?"** Watch the video to find out more - link: <https://bit.ly/3cOh2xy>

## Year 4 Multiplication Check

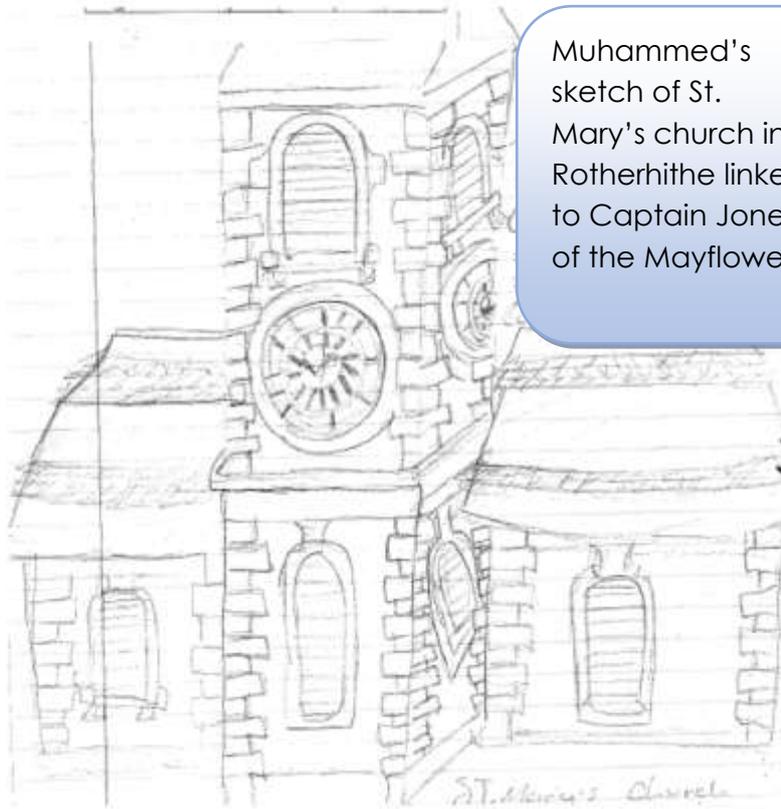
Children in year 4 took part in the multiplication check this week. These results will not be published nationally, and participation is voluntary. The children used iPads and found this far easier than using computers. All the children tried extremely hard. Please make sure your children keep practicing on Times Table Rock Stars!



# STAR OF THE WEEK

<b>Octopus</b>	Kamai	Kamai has been really focused this week. He has been trying his best in all subjects and we have seen a big improvement especially in his Maths. Well done Kamai!!
<b>Coral</b>	Logan	For trying hard in writing. He is using his phonics knowledge when writing a story based on 'The Pea and the Princess'. Excellent work!
<b>Seal</b>	Adela	For always trying her best in music. Adela listens very carefully to Kemi's instructions on how to improve her singing voice. She was very brave and sang in front of the whole class. Brilliant!
<b>Fleet</b>	Libaan	This week Libaan worked very hard across all areas of the curriculum. In writing he remembered his full stops, capital letters and finger spaces. Also, Libaan has shown focus and concentration in class and has been sharing his ideas using our star words. Keep up the hard work!
<b>Brent</b>	Joshua	Joshua has been working hard to participate in class discussions and answer questions. This was especially evident in science lessons. Keep it up Joshua!
<b>Walbrook</b>	Riley	For his amazing homework about Vikings. Riley created a fantastic model of a Viking longboat and was able to recite some interesting facts about Viking life. Amazing!
<b>Ravensbourne</b>	Nicolos J Frankie	For always trying his best in class to achieve his targets. Well done! For showing resilience when faced with a tricky mathematical problem which has resulted in good progress.
<b>Wandle</b>	Ayni	For being a consistently hard worker with a fantastic work ethic. She is showing she is ready for Year 6! Fantastic!
<b>Lea</b>	Cody	Cody is a fantastic writer, but this has been made especially evident in the story we have been retelling over the past weeks. Cody has a natural flare and his grasp of language and grammar has made such an engaging and cohesive piece! I especially loved the epilogue he decided to add at the end!
<b>Thames</b>	Riley	Riley showed enthusiasm during our drama workshop on Empathy. He had a positive attitude throughout and participated fully. He displayed real maturity by trying his best in a subject that he would previously have found challenging.

# Year 5 Star Work



Muhammed's sketch of St. Mary's church in Rotherhithe linked to Captain Jones of the Mayflower.

In Year 5 the children have been immersed with gruesome Greek Myths and are producing some great writing. They have also been learning about the journey of the Mayflower including its association with the slave trade.

As part of their humanities topic, they have looked at the local area and how it has changed. They have compared London Bridge after the Great Fire of London and how London Bridge looks today. The children then sketched pictures to show the past and present.

I am sure you will agree that these drawings are amazing!



Cashara

London Bridge

# Year 5 Star Work

In Geography year 5 children looked at the local area and Kieran Kirkham in Ravensbourne drew a map of Southwark Park. He burned the edges of the paper and stained it with teabags to make it look old. The results are brilliant!



## ★ Skills Challenge

Let's talk about leadership!

Consider who you think of as a good leader - it could be a friend, a family member, someone in your community or someone you have seen on television or read about. What strengths do you consider they have? Ask family and trusted friends who they think of as a good leader. Listen carefully to the way they speak about the person they have chosen. What strengths do they mention this admired leader has? Now think about whether you have any of the same strengths?

### Reflection Questions

**Getting Started:** How does this activity make you feel?

**Intermediate:** How can you identify strengths and weaknesses in others?

**Advanced:** How can you develop your own leadership skills?

**Mastery:** What are good leaders able to do?



<b>21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Year 5 & 6 start swimming lessons
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	Full Governing Body meeting
<b>24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 4 Police workshop – Keeping safe online</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 1 mock phonics screening check
<b>28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>KS1 Dance workshop</b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Stem Science workshop for Lea Class
<b>29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>KS2 Dance workshop</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Enterprise Projects in school
<b>12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	EYFS Sports Day
<b>13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	KS2 Sports Day year 5 & 6
<b>14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	KS1 Sports Day
<b>14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Travel bus training
<b>15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	KS2 Sports Day year 3 & 4
<b>15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Prom
<b>16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Reports sent home and new classes announced.
<b>19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Meet your new class teacher
<b>20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Parents Day appointments
<b>21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Parents Day appointments
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Year 6 graduation – children leave at 12:30 (only year 6)
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>Break up for the summer term.</b>

Red= new events added

**The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team.**

Phil Jackson

## Attendance

All children should aim to have above 95% attendance.

Class	Total	Best attendance
<b>Early Years</b>		
<b>Jellyfish</b>	<b>97.9%</b>	
<b>Penguin</b>	92.1%	
<b>Key Stage 1</b>		
<b>Whale</b>	94.8%	
<b>Octopus</b>	94.1%	
<b>Coral</b>	<b>98.3%</b>	
<b>Seal</b>	93.8%	
<b>Key Stage 2</b>		
<b>Effra</b>	<b>100%</b>	
<b>Fleet</b>	<b>97.3%</b>	
<b>Brent</b>	93%	
<b>Walbrook</b>	85.4%	
<b>Ravensbourne</b>	93.8%	
<b>Wandle</b>	85.2%	
<b>Lea</b>	93.2%	
<b>Thames</b>	91.4%	

Well done to the classes with the best attendance this week. Keep up the good work everyone!!

Please **do not** book holidays during term time. This negatively affects your children's education.

## RPS Fund Raising – ‘Go Fund Me’

As you all aware COVID has led to many restrictions in all of our lives and prevented many of the fun social activities we enjoy in and out of school. Fund raising opportunities of the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) have been limited too. With school budgets becoming increasingly tight across London schools this means funds to support special events are no longer available. Donna (a proactive support staff member and a parent) had the fantastic idea of raising funds by creating a 'go fund me page'. If you would like to make a donation you can at the following link:

<https://gofund.me/4811495a>

We would like to thank everyone who has made a donation to date. With especial mention to Alex Neil estate agents and Fisher Football Club who have made very generous donations. We are hoping to exceed our target!

### Help RPS children, have a fun time after covid.



Donna Powell is organizing this fundraiser.

Hi there, we are fundraising to host a prom for the children of Rotherhithe Primary School. Due to the pandemic, our precious Year 6 children have missed out on so much during their last two years of primary school i.e. trips, residential, production, SATS and many more things. So as you can see COVID-19 has taken so much away from them, even having to spend a lot of time at home, without friends. As it has also been for so many children around the world. Many of the students have had to grow up very quickly and support their families during this difficult year - they each deserve a evening of fun given the year they've had!

£745 raised of £700 goal

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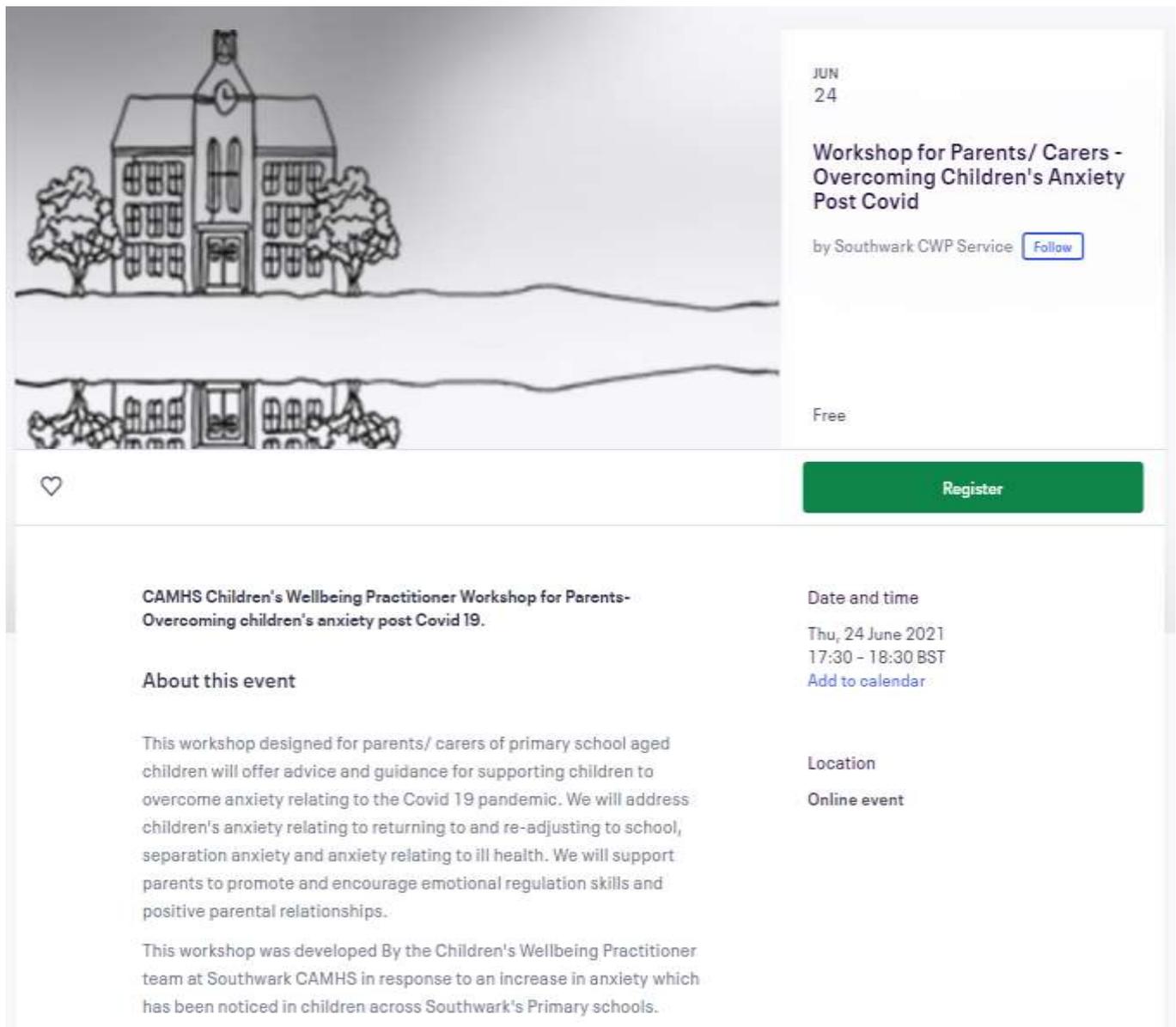
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See top donations



# Overcoming Children's Anxiety post COVID – Workshop for parents

CAMHS and the Children's Wellbeing Practitioners have developed a workshop for parents of primary aged children in response to concerns that children are experiencing general anxiety, separation anxiety and anxiety around both the health of themselves and their families post COVID. The workshop will be on Thursday 24th June at 5:30pm and is open to all parents who have children at primary schools in Southwark. Parents are able to sign up via this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/workshop-forparents-carers-overcoming-childrens-anxiety-post-covidtickets-156907327039> The registration page provides more details about the workshop. See below.



The image shows a screenshot of an Eventbrite event page. On the left, there is a line drawing of a school building with a clock tower and trees. Below the drawing is a reflection of the building in water. To the right of the drawing, the event title 'Workshop for Parents/ Carers - Overcoming Children's Anxiety Post Covid' is displayed, along with the organizer 'Southwark CWP Service' and a 'Follow' button. The price is listed as 'Free'. A green 'Register' button is prominent. Below the drawing, there is a heart icon. The event details section includes the title, date and time (Thu, 24 June 2021, 17:30 - 18:30 BST), and a link to 'Add to calendar'. The location is listed as 'Online event'. The 'About this event' section contains two paragraphs of text describing the workshop's purpose and development.

**JUN 24**

**Workshop for Parents/ Carers - Overcoming Children's Anxiety Post Covid**

by Southwark CWP Service [Follow](#)

Free

[Register](#)

**CAMHS Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Workshop for Parents - Overcoming children's anxiety post Covid 19.**

**About this event**

This workshop designed for parents/ carers of primary school aged children will offer advice and guidance for supporting children to overcome anxiety relating to the Covid 19 pandemic. We will address children's anxiety relating to returning to and re-adjusting to school, separation anxiety and anxiety relating to ill health. We will support parents to promote and encourage emotional regulation skills and positive parental relationships.

This workshop was developed By the Children's Wellbeing Practitioner team at Southwark CAMHS in response to an increase in anxiety which has been noticed in children across Southwark's Primary schools.

**Date and time**  
Thu, 24 June 2021  
17:30 - 18:30 BST  
[Add to calendar](#)

**Location**  
**Online event**



Southwark Children and Family Centres

# SENDSational Play (0-5 Years)



Borough wide offer for children with additional and educational needs to join an interactive and stimulating session.

5 week stay and play

From 18th June-16th July

Time: 10:30am-12:00pm

Venue: The Grove Children and Family Centre , Tower Mill Road,  
SE15 6BP.

To book, please email:

[ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk)

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## 50 Things To Do Before You Are Five



Download the brand new 50 Things App to your phone for free activities around Southwark to have fun, play and learn.

### Family Learning Packs (0-5 years)

Contact us to arrange a collection of free Family Learning Packs with resources, arts and crafts and physical activities to do at home with the children.

Email

[ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk)

### Rose Vouchers

Support to buy fresh fruit and vegetables for low-income families and living in **SE1, SE5 or SE17**

If you wish to register to please phone 0207 358 2878 or email

[ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk)

### Speech and Language support

Chattertime and Babbling babies.



Contact [gst-tr.contacts@nhs.net](mailto:gst-tr.contacts@nhs.net) for further information.

### Starting Solids Foods and Nutrition support

Contact [EYNutrition@gstf.nhs.uk](mailto:EYNutrition@gstf.nhs.uk) for further information.



### Free Vitamin D

Pregnant women, new mums, and children under four in the borough can get free vitamin D supplements.

## Contact us!

### Ellen Brown Children and Family Centre

145 Grange Road (Spa Park)  
SE1 3EU

### Pilgrims Way Children and Family Centre

Tustin Estate, Manor Grove,  
SE15 1EF

### Rotherhithe Children and Family Centre

Southwark Park (Hawkstone  
Road entrance) SE16 2PF

### South Bermondsey Children and Family Centre

Tenda Road, SE16 3PN

Telephone: 0207 358 2878

[ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk)

Please visit our websites for further information

<http://br-cc.org.uk/br-cc/>



Southwark Children and Family Centres  
Bermondsey and Rotherhithe



## Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Children and Family Centres

From 7<sup>th</sup> June-21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

**INDOORS AND OUTDOORS**

ALL sessions require a booking and are limited to numbers of families. If you are unable to attend, please contact us so we can offer the space to another family.

To book, please email:

[ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk)



Our registration form is now available to complete on our website

<http://br-cc.org.uk/br-cc/>

Please complete this if you are new to attending our Children and Family and Centres.



## MONDAY

### **Healthy Movers (18 months - 5 years) 9:30am-10:30am at Rotherhithe From 14<sup>th</sup> June**

Interactive and fun physical activities to help you and your child stay fit and healthy, both physically and mentally.

### **Early Words Together at Two (2-3 years) 14th June-12<sup>th</sup> July**

11:15am-12:15pm at Rotherhithe

Supporting families to develop home learning environments and supporting their child's language development.



## TUESDAY

### **Baby Group 'Sensory Play' (0-12 months) 10:00am-11:30am at Ellen Brown**

### **Baby Explorers (12 months-24 months) 1:00pm-2:30pm at Ellen Brown (New Session)**

A time and space for you and your baby to bond through fun and stimulating activities aimed at supporting the development of your baby.

## WEDNESDAY

### **Bookstart (0-5 years) 10am-11:30am at Pilgrims Way**

Have fun bringing stories alive through storytelling, arts and crafts and sharing books.

### **Toddler Time (2-5 years) 10:00-11:30am at Rotherhithe (New Session) From 16<sup>th</sup> June**

An opportunity for toddlers to learn and develop through fun by playing, exploring, being active and creative.

## THURSDAY

### **Stay and Play (0-5 years) 10:00am-11:30am at Pilgrims Way (New Session)**

**From 17<sup>th</sup> June** Join us for our fun and exciting session where you and your child/ren can play together, socialise with other children and families.

### **Targeted Early Years Sessions (0-5 years) 1:00-3:00pm at Pilgrims Way (Invitation Only)**

Families referred to receive targeted support to help meet individual needs.

### **Breastfeeding Café (Invitation Only) 10am-12:00pm at Rotherhithe**

A session offering information and practical support for pregnant and breastfeeding mums and their families.

### **Keeping Well Post Birth (Invitation Only) 9:30am-2:00pm at Ellen Brown**

A therapeutic early intervention programme for mothers, with infants under 6 months, experiencing or at risk of post-natal depression or stress.

## FRIDAY

### **Zumba Kids Jr (0-5 years)**

10am-10.45am at Rotherhithe

Get active! Twist, jump and move to the beat. A fun way to increase your fitness for all the family.

### **Family Music (0-5 years)**

11:15am-11:45am at Rotherhithe

You and your child can have fun signing together, be inspired and develop confidence in talking and building vocabulary.

### **Baby Massage (8 weeks-pre-crawlers) 11<sup>th</sup> June-9<sup>th</sup> July**

10:30am-11:30am at Ellen Brown

Baby massage promotes bonding and attachment, and helps to boost a baby's immune system, reduce stress, relieve colic, and encourage sleep.

### **SENdsational Play (0-5 years) 10:30-12:00 at The Grove (Invitation Only)**

Borough Wide offer for children with additional and educational needs to join an interactive and stimulating session.

### **Family Advisory and Information**



Telephone advice and support for families on parenting strategies, children's behaviour, accessing health and nursery, housing and employment.

To book a slot please email [ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk)

### **Stay and Play By Riverside (0-5 years)**

**Mondays 10:00-11:30am at Ellen Brown Children and Family Centre**

**Tuesdays 10:00-11:30am at Rotherhithe Children and Family Centre**

**Wednesday 10-11:30am at Ellen Brown (Baby Group)**

**To book, please email: [bookingsoftplayrpca@gmail.com](mailto:bookingsoftplayrpca@gmail.com)**

### **Family Fun Day Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June 10am-1:00pm at Rotherhithe**

**Children and Family Centre** To book please email:

[ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk)

### **7<sup>th</sup> June to 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

**Child Safety Week:** <https://www.capt.org.uk/> Child Accident Prevention Trust

**Infant Mental Health:** <https://parentinfantfoundation.org.uk/our-work/imhaw/>

**Ocean Week:** <https://www.oceanweek.eu/>

Packs are available at your request during sessions or look on the website links above.