

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

We survived the heatwave! We were very relieved that the air filtration system did a great job of protecting us from the extreme temperature outside. On Tuesday a couple of upstairs classes reached 32 degrees so we moved the children downstairs where it was cooler. Thank you to all parents, staff and children for your patience with altered arrangements.

Jubilee: On Wednesday we finally had our belated jubilee party. The children had a special jubilee menu for lunch and then danced, sang, played games and ate the afternoon away. Thank you, parents, for donations of money or food. Some classes even had a visit from the queen! Reception certainly looked like they had fun!



Children in Key Stage 1 and 2 then brought home their special free book all about the queen – we hope you enjoyed reading it. Thanks to Amber our history lead for organizing activities.

Friday 22nd July 2022

Goodbyes: It was time to say goodbye to our year 6 pupils on Thursday. To round off their time at RPS we finished with the year 6 graduation and it was lovely to have parents attend. We shared a slide show of some of our memories of the children and then presented them with a special RPS t-shirt – hopefully they will keep it forever! They have been a unique year group, who have had to manage 2 years of COVID and then be the first-year group to sit SATs exams. They are a fantastic, resilient bunch. We will miss them and wish them well at secondary school. Well done, year 6!



Summer Reading Challenge: On Wednesday children took part in a special assembly delivered by a visitor from Canada Water Library. She informed the children all about the summer reading challenge, so I encourage you all to visit the library and get reading!

I wish all parents and children a fantastic summer holiday and look forward to seeing you again on Monday 5th September.
Lisa Christiansen (HoS)

Achievement Awards July 2022

Turtle	Carter	Carter always has a good attitude towards his learning. He loves to try new activities and approaches tasks with enthusiasm and positivity. Well done, Carter!
	Jamal	Jamal has made excellent progress towards his targets. He is learning to share, take turns and use his words with others when he is feeling upset. Well done, Jamal!
Jellyfish	Majid	Majid has made great progress this year particularly in reading. He now confidently puts his hand up to answer questions during carpet sessions. We are very proud of you Majid!
	Aiya	Aiya's attitude to learning has been amazing this term. She has been resilient and committed to trying her best and taking as long as she needs to ensure that she does her best always. Well done, Aiya!
Octopus	Sawda	Sawda has achieved so much this year. She is a friendly reliable member of the class who loves to share her incredible ideas. She is always willing to support others with their learning. Keep it up, Sawda!
	Dawoud	Dawoud has such an amazing positive attitude to his learning and always has a smile on his face. Because of his excellent attitude he has made so much progress with his learning. I am very proud of him!
Whale	Mary	Mary has excelled in her learning and progress. She has really shown that she can achieve a lot with fantastic participation and listening in class. Well done, Mary!
	Madison	Madison has really improved her attitude to learning and as a consequence, has excelled in her learning skills this year. Well done, Madison!
Coral	Tony	Tony has made wonderful progress in writing and has tried his best which has enabled him to become a truly creative writer. He can now use different sentence starters and conjunctions. Keep it up!
	Shamsu	Shamsu has had a positive attitude towards his learning. He actively takes on board feedback and then implements this in his work. He has been a kind and helpful friend. Well done, Shamsu!
Seal	Rawda	Rawda has made so much progress this term. She is now confident in her abilities and tries her best at everything she does. Her writing composition skills are amazing, and she uses noun phrases, connectives and different sentence starters. Well done, Rawda!
	Kostaintyn	Kostaintyn has shown great resilience this year. He is keen to learn and always gives 100% to everything he does. Keep it up!

Achievement Awards July 2022

Effra	Amelia	Amelia has made fantastic progress this year in all subjects. This is due to her amazing attitude to learning and how she conducts herself during independent learning tasks. Keep up the hard work!
	Dexter	Dexter has grown this year in terms of his attitude to learning and his resilience. He has become a confident, independent learner who shows great maturity. Good luck in year 5!
Walbrook	Vina	For her positive attitude towards every subject. Vina has become more confident in class and regularly contributes to class discussions. She has shown a real flair for acting and has a good stage presence. Vina tackles news challenges with a positive attitude and consistently makes good choices during the school day. She is a good friend and positive role model for pupils in her class. Well done!
	Precious	Precious has shown excellent ability to set goals and be persistent in achieving them. At the start of the year Precious found swimming a little tricky. However, she worked hard to listen to her instructor and as a result made fantastic progress. She has overcome her fear of going under the water and has used this skill to improve her swimming skills by swimming a width with just one float on her front using the correct breathing technique. Well done!
Brent	Cristina	Cristina has a love for learning. She is super inquisitive and very hard working. Across the board she has achieved extremely highly particularly in English where she has developed into a very sophisticated writer. Keep it up!
	Isaiah	Isaiah has an awesome attitude to work. He approaches everything with diligence and always tries his best. He has acquired lots of skills and tactics to help him achieve and he should be proud of himself, just as we are! Well done, Isaiah!
Ravensbourne	Riley	Riley has shown great progress in his attitude towards his physical and academic journey. He has changed a fixed mindset to a growth mindset and approaches the day with positivity and a 'can do' attitude. Keep it up Riley!
	Precious	I am very proud of Precious' growth in maths this term. At one time she struggled to master some concepts and seemed deflated by the experience, however, this term she has been more optimistic and in turn happier and more successful with learning new maths skills. See you can do it! Well done!

Achievement Awards July 2022

Wandle	Tyler	Tyler has made outstanding progress in his reading this year. Through his reading interventions, hard work in class and dedication to his learning and effort during assessments, he has shown progress far above what was expected – an incredible achievement Tyler. Well done!
	Al	Al's attitude to learning is commendable. He goes above and beyond expectations in every subject and even asks to take home additional revision materials in preparation for assessments. He even used online recorder tutorials at home to teach himself tricky high notes. Wow! Al you are amazing, keep it up!
Lea	Evelyn	Evelyn has an amazing attitude to her learning. She has made amazing progress and achieved very good results. Your perseverance and resilience should be admired, and you do not shy away from a challenge. I am super proud of you Evelyn! Remain the respectful person you are at RPS.
	Adam	Adam has had such a positive attitude to his learning that his results mirror his achievements this year. You have shown great resilience in your learning, and I am so proud of you! Remain the polite, respectful student you were at Rotherhithe. Good luck for the future!
Thames	Jimmy	Jimmy's perseverance and resilience this year in the core areas of the curriculum have led him to make excellent progress – particularly in Reading. Excellent achievement Jimmy!
	Ufuoma	Throughout this academic year Ufuoma has displayed great dedication and commitment to her progress across all areas of the curriculum – particularly in reading. This has been complimented by her mature behaviour choices in and out of the classroom. Keep it up Ufuoma!

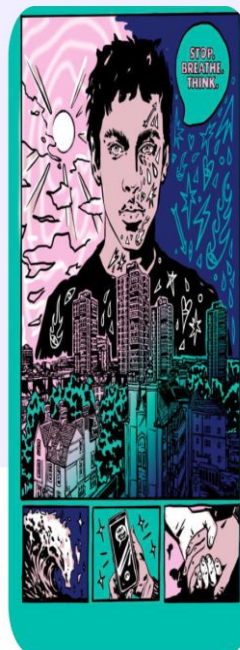




Monday 5th September	Children Return to School
Week beginning 5th September	Teacher parents' meetings for nursery children. Home visits for Reception parents.
8th Sep	Year 4 & 5 Meet the teacher meetings
9th Sep	Secondary School transition meeting 3:30pm
12th September	Year 6 Meet the teacher meetings
13th September	Year 2 Meet the teacher meetings Roald Dahl Day
14th September	Year 1 Meet the teacher meetings
	SENDCO Jenni hosting meetings with nursery parents.
15th September	Year 3 Meet the teacher meetings
16th September	TA appreciation Day Jeans for Genes (dress in jeans for charity)
29th and 30th September	Harvest Festival
3rd October	Black History Month starts Harvest Moon
5th October	World Teacher Day
6th October	National Poetry Day
10th October	Hello Yellow Day (world mental health day)
21st October	Break up for half term (close normal time)
24th-28th October	Half Term break
31st October	Children return to school
8th and 9th October	Parents evening
Week beginning 14th October	Children with SEND parent meetings
Week beginning 5th December	Christmas performances
15th December	Christmas parties All after school clubs finish
16th	Break up for Christmas holidays (Early Closure at 2pm)

Whatever you are facing, whatever you are worried about, we are here to help.

No problem or issue is too big or small, talking about how you're feeling with a counsellor can help.



Stop Breathe Think are offering **FREE**, remote (phone or online video) charity-funded counselling service. If you are a young person aged 8 to 21, click on the button below and fill out your details to request support.

A member of our team will then text or email you to arrange a time to talk.

[Click here!](#)

Get well soon!



Some of you may have noticed that Kofi has not been in school of late. This is because he was involved in an accident. He is recovering and we thank parents for their kind words and thoughts. We all wish you a speedy recovery Kofi!

Welcome to the final newsletter of the school year from Southwark's Autism Support Team (AST).

As is usual at this point in the year, our attention in the team shifts towards transition planning for children moving from nursery to reception as well as all children moving up into a new academic year. Much of our advice to schools at the present time highlights this and encourages that transition planning begins now.

We encourage this to be a collaborative conversation between all those supporting the child.

As well as transition planning, we are also mindful of the long holiday period, which can be a daunting time for many families.

In this newsletter we have tried to compile some information of what is available locally to access over the holidays.



Training & parent support

Contact family courses [more info](#)

Autism Voice support groups [more info](#)

Spring community club [more info](#)

Cygnets parent course (over 5) [flyer](#)

Next Steps parent course (under 5) [flyer](#)

Primary transition course from SIAS [flyer](#)

Secondary transition course from SIAS [flyer](#)

Transition Supports

A visual calendar can be used to support children knowing when they will be in school. [here](#) is a guide for parents. [Here](#) is an editable calendar for July and August, [here](#) is one for September. [Here](#) are instructions and symbols for the calendar.

A one page profile is a simple summary of what is important to a child and how best to support them, it allows information to be shared quickly.

How to write a one page profile guide is [here](#) with examples [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#). Twinkl also have guides and proformas. A parent information gathering sheet is [here](#).

Book to support in year transitions [here](#)

Secondary Transition Guide and [workbook](#)

Passport to support transition from nursery to school [here](#)

Transitions

Transition activities to try at home:

- Practice your journey to school (make a map, take pictures along the way).
- Look at pictures/school website to familiarise the child with the new school setting.
- Meet up with/video chat with friends from school.
- Make a list of things they are looking forward to at school.
- Write a letter/draw a picture to share with your teacher.
- Take some photos of your child with favourite things to show the teacher.
- Practice putting on school uniform.

What's On

SPRING HOLIDAY CLUB/ SPRING COMMUNITY HUB

A summer programme specifically for children with SEND.

Ages: 4-16

Location: 64 Wilson Rd, SE5 8PE

Email: office@cschub.co.uk

Website: www.cschub.co.uk

BETHWIN ROAD PLAYGROUND

Free Adventure Playground, they also run activities that require registering for.

Ages: 6-16

Location: 4 Bethwin Rd, Camberwell, SE5 0HF

Email: B.R.A.P.G@hotmail.com

Website: [click here](#)

AUTISM FRIENDLY/ RELAXED CINEMA

Cinema's throughout London and the U.K. offer special screening of films in a more relaxed and autism friendly environment. For the most up to date information on cinemas, films and times click [here](#)

Southwark Summer Food and Fun school holiday activity and food programme for children aged 5 to 16 on benefits related free school meals [here](#)

PECKHAM PULSE LEISURE CENTRE

Swimming for the whole family. Under 16's cost £1.75 and one carer can go for free. Your child must be registered at Peckham Pulse and swimming spots need to be booked.

Location: 10 Melon Rd, London, SE15 5QN

Website: [click here](#)

SPLASH PAD/ SPRINKLER PARKS

List of free parks near Southwark Council with Splash Pads/Sprinkler Parks:

- Northwood Park
- Myatts Field Park
- Ruskin Park
- Sydenham Wells Park

Autism Friendly outdoor activities around London [here](#)

AUTISM IN MUSEUMS Relaxed museum events throughout London. Information [here](#)

Performing visual art and music clubs [more info](#) Sports clubs [here](#)

Short breaks available in Southwark [list](#)

For more suggestions check the local offer, click [here](#)

A club for young people with learning disabilities and young autistic people aged 10-25 and their family and friends [poster](#) and [letter](#)

Super Seven

DIY sensory fun! [here](#)

Back to school bingo [here](#)

Fun games to get ready for starting school [here](#)

BBC Bitesize online game about starting school [here](#)

Practice playing playground games [here](#)

Practice Fine Motor skills and continue/get ready for sensory circuits at school [here](#)

Make a calm down box and practice using it [here](#)



Summer Reading Challenge 2022



Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

This summer, visit your local library this summer to complete the Summer Reading Challenge You need to read 6 books to complete the challenge. You can register at any library from Saturday 9th July and have until Sunday 11th September to finish. For each book you read you will collect stickers, prizes and receive a medal and a certificate for completing the challenge. If you read more than 6 books you will be entered into a special prize draw to win an Android tablet! This year the theme is Gadgets, meet the characters who are learning that science is all around them. Whether you like baking, music or helping the environment, you can use your imagination to make something new.

Find out more on the website <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Events are taking place in all Southwark libraries throughout the summer. You can see all the listings on the Southwark Presents What's on diary or ask at your local library

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/events-cultureand-heritage>

For details of activities going on in Lewisham visit their website using the following link:

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/socialcare/children/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/find-things-to-do>



Hosted at:
Deptford Park Primary School
 Evelyn Street
 SE8 5RJ

The Adventurers Play Scheme Ltd

presents...

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th August 2022

Summer Play Scheme


8.30am – 3.30pm

For 5 years and over

Activities and fun provided by qualified teachers!


Book your place now, or for more info and prices
 call: 07595335227 or email: theadventurersplayscheme@gmail.com

twinkl www.twinkl.co.uk



Summer Holidays Timetable 1st August-26th August

We are now operating a system on first come, first served basis with a limited capacity in each centre.
 A few sessions still require a booking so please check our timetable and email us to book on
ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Venue: Pilgrims' Way</p> <p>Baby Massage (8 weeks old-pre-crawlers) 10:00am-11:00am From 1st Aug-22nd Aug Booking Required Baby massage promotes bonding and attachment, and helps to boost a baby's immune system, reduce stress, relieve colic, and encourage sleep.</p> <p>Free Vitamin D Pregnant women, new mums, and children under four in the borough can get free vitamin D supplements.</p>	<p>Venue: Rotherhithe</p> <p>SENsational Stay and Play (0-5 years) 10:00am-11:30am Booking Required A session that encourages the development of early attention and social communication skills for children with additional and special educational needs such as Autism, Global Developmental Delay, Social Communication Delay, ADHD, or any other additional needs.</p> <p>To book, please email: ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk 02073582878</p>	<p>Venue: Rotherhithe</p> <p>Stay and Play (0-5 years) 10am-11:30am Learning through play and stimulating activities whilst meeting other families with our team on hand to support you with any queries.</p> <p>Stay and Play (0-5 years) 1:30pm-3:00pm Learning through play and stimulating activities whilst meeting other families with our team on hand to support you with any queries.</p> <p>Older siblings are welcome</p>	<p>Venue: Rotherhithe</p> <p>Breastfeeding Café (Invitation Only) 10am-12:00pm A session offering information and practical support for pregnant and breastfeeding mums and their families.</p> <p>Venue: Rotherhithe</p> <p>Transition to nursery/school Stay and Play sessions (2yrs-5yrs) 1:30-3:00pm 11th, 18th and 25th Aug Booking required due to limited spaces An opportunity for your child/ren to explore the environment with stimulating activities that will prepare them for those first few weeks in nursery/school. The practitioners will be available to answer queries and provide you with tips to help with transitions.</p> <p>To book, please contact us ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk 02073582878</p>	<p>Venue: Rotherhithe</p> <p>(Family Yoga 0-5 years) 11:00am-11:45am From 5th-26th Aug Booking required due to limited spaces Older siblings are welcome</p> <p>Let's keep active by strengthening our minds and bodies through this relaxed and fun session whilst spending a healthy quality time together.</p> <p>Speech and Language support</p> <p>Babbling Babies Contact gsl-tr.contacts@nhs.net to book.</p> <p>Website: www.evelinalondon.nhs.uk/communityspeechandlanguage Facebook: @EvelinaSLT</p>

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
 Please visit our websites for further information
<http://br-cc.org.uk/br-cc/>

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 Centres.

We have gone paperless to help save the environment.

Please scan QR Code to visit the website and download the timetable



50 Things To Do Before Five!

Download the app or visit the website for free fun activities to do with your child and have fun, play and learn.
 Website: <https://50thingstodo.org/>

Dolly Parton Imagination Library

If you live in Southwark and have a child under 5, you can register to receive a FREE book every month until their birthday. Sign up and make bedtime fun.

For more information please email:
ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk

ROTHERHITHE PRIMARY SCHOOL

HOLIDAY DATES 2022-2023

AUTUMN TERM 2022	Events / Days	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
	INSET DAY 1 & 2 Thursday 1 st & Friday 2 nd September	School Closed
Children Back	Monday 5 th September 2022	
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	Monday 24 th October 2022 Friday 28 th October 2022	School Closed
Children Back	Monday 31 st October – Friday 16 th December 2022	
	INSET DAY 3 Tuesday 3 rd January 2023	School Closed
SPRING TERM 2023		
Children Back	Wednesday 4 th January – Friday 10 th February 2023	
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	Monday 13 th February 2023 – Friday 17 th February 2023	School Closed
Children Back	Monday 20 th February – Friday 31 st March 2023	
SUMMER TERM 2023		
	INSET DAY 4 Monday 17 th April 2023	School closed
Children Back	Tuesday 18 th April – Friday 26 th May 2023	
MAY DAY	Monday 1 st May 2023	School Closed
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	Monday 29 th May 2023 Friday 2 nd June 2023	School Closed
Children Back	Monday 5 th June – Wednesday 19 th July 2023	
	INSET DAY 5 Thursday 20 th July 2023	School Closed

Attendance Matters!

All parents and carers want the very best for their children and for them to get on well in life. Having a good education is important to ensure that children have the best opportunities in their adult life. They only get one chance at school, and your child's future may be affected by not attending school regularly. If children do not attend school regularly they may:

- Struggle to keep up with schoolwork. In a busy school day, it is difficult for schools to always find the extra time to help children to 'catch up' with lost learning.
- They may not achieve their full potential.
- Children miss out on the social side of school life. Poor attendance often affects their friendship groups. Children with lower attendance are more likely to find it difficult to make and keep friends – a vital part of growing up.

Setting good attendance patterns from an early age, from nursery and through-out their school journey will also help your child later on in their life. Children who have poor school attendance records may have less chance of securing a job when they are adults.

We are here to help and want to work in partnership with you. Please contact the school office and ask to speak to Kofi Danquah, if you need support or are concerned about your child's attendance.

Persistent Absence: Please note that parents have a legal responsibility to inform the school of any absences. If a child's attendance drops below 90% they are considered to be 'persistently absent' and the school will request a meeting with parents or carers. At this point the school may consult with the Education and Inclusion Team to discuss attendance concerns.

