

# RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 8th July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are in!! It has been a jam-packed week, but we finally made it. Balloons of gold and burgundy arched across the main entrance as the children entered their new school for the first time. Their smiling faces were a joy to see as they walked through the door. Their comments brought tears to Galiema's eyes. It was a very special day!

Morning nursery children (and their parents) were the first to enter the school. Walbrook class was the first class to walk through the main school entrance. All children have really enjoyed settling into the new school which feels very calm and beautiful.

**Lunch time:** We have used the money raised through our athlete fund raiser to purchase new playground toys for the children (swing ball, bats, hoops etc.) and the children have had a lot of fun playing within the new playground space which is blissfully protected from the pollution and noise of the traffic.

We still have a lot of unpacking to do but we are getting there. There will be teething problems that will be resolved over time. Don't forget to come and visit it during your allocated tour time.

**Drop off and Collection Times:** We kindly request that parents are **on time** to drop off and collect children as this enables new systems to run smoothly. Thank you for your patience as we work out the best way to organize adults and parents at home time.

**Uniform:** Sharon will be sending jumpers home with children in year group batches. Please look out for a text telling you when your free jumper is coming home. You are now able to order new uniform on parent pay. Sharon will contact you when it is ready for collection.

**Sports Day:** As part of our Healthy Living fortnight, we ran a number of Sports Day events this week. The events for year 1 to 6 took place on the sports track in the park. The weather was sunny, and it was a fun, activity packed morning on each day. We hope parents enjoyed it. I heard a number of children commenting that it was the "Best Sports Day ever". The children in Early Years took part in a carousel of activities held in our new hall. They were amazing and very cute! We have taken lots of photographs and have given you a little snapshot of some below. We will load many more to the website soon. A huge thank you to Coach Jahmal and Colleen for organizing these events.

**Sports Slam:** On Friday children from year 1-6 developed their skills in tennis, basketball, track and field while improving their fitness and agility in a special sports slam event held in the park. Sports Direct donated the balls to the school to enable us to participate in this fitness activity. The children loved it.

**Healthy Eating:** Next week we are continuing with our healthy living activities. Dance workshop on Monday and Tuesday followed by circuit training on Wednesday. On Thursday and Friday, the children will get to work in our new practical room, cooking up a range of healthy menus. We are asking parents to send in a donation to help teachers purchase the ingredients. Please donate on Monday. Thank you for your support.

Have a relaxing weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

Happy Eid to our Muslim parents.

Lisa Christiansen (HoS)

# We are in!



I can't wait to explore my new home!



The first class through the front door was Walbrook Class!



We did it!

I can't believe this is all for us!



I love the smell of the wood!

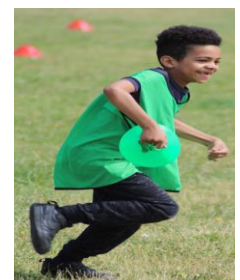


This is a dream come true. A dream of brick, glass and wood!





# Sports Day Events 2022





# We love art!

Octopus Class have thoroughly enjoyed visiting the Tate Modern gallery. They have been exploring British artist **Lubaina Himid**. Her art focuses on themes of cultural history and reclaiming identities. The children were so inspired that they produced some fantastic writing and artwork themselves!



On Tuesday 2nd July 2023  
We went to the Tate Modern gallery.  
We got on the 381 bus  
I was to lunch  
We saw paintings and we were  
home by bus 381 to back to  
school. It was fantastic!

By Wizzie



On Thursday we went on a school trip to the Tate Gallery. First we were waiting in about twenty minutes. I was playing games like I spy and when we got there I was so excited that I was so happy. We went to look at Lubaina Himid's exhibit. Her favourite painting was a house and a treehouse in a tree. We had a picnic and we had a little play outside.

By Janae



Finally we got in a room because we were in so many groups the trip was amazing.



On Thursday we went to the Tate Modern. We were on a school trip. First we took the x51 to I had the painting with the duck had because he was grey. Next we had our lunch. I had a choice of sandwiches and we took the x51 to school. We had a lovely trip.

By Chyanne





<b>11<sup>th</sup> &amp; 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Healthy Living Dance Workshops
<b>13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Year 3 &amp; 4 Young Readers Event</li> <li>➤ Circuit Training</li> </ul>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Year 6 prom</b> 5-7 pm</li> <li>➤ Concero filming children and staff.</li> <li>➤ Healthy eating and cooking</li> </ul>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Reports home and new classes announced.</li> <li>➤ Healthy eating and cooking</li> </ul>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Meet your new teacher
<b>19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Parents Evening- open session
<b>20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Jubilee celebrations/class parties
<b>21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Last Day of term. 11:30 – year 6 graduation Award ceremony.

### Hellos and Goodbyes:

As the year starts to draw to a close, we need to say goodbye to some of our fantastic staff. It is with sadness that we say goodbye to **Matt** (SENCO) and **Sarah** who are setting off on an overseas adventure to teach in China. We also say goodbye to **Rochelle** and **Leah** who have accepted teaching posts nearer to their homes. They will all be missed, and I would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication to our children.

We will be welcoming back Emily from her maternity leave and also a new teacher called Amina. Nina Hall will be returning to the classroom full-time from September.

Jennifer Cristobal will once again be SENCO for the whole school.

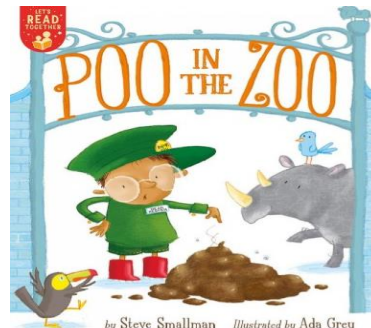
### Thought of the Week

This is a wonderful day. I've never seen this one before. Maya Angelo

## Teacher Book Recommendations

**Learning Mentor:** Lisa Salkeld-Townsley

**Book:** Poo in the Zoo by Steve Smallman



This is one of my favourite books, it is sooo funny! There is just too much poo in the zoo and the zookeeper Bob just can't keep up with clearing it. To make matters worse a cheeky lizard escapes from its cage and a monkey throws poo at Bob! Then one day a mysterious glowing poo appears! Where has it come from? Could it be a poo from outer space!

This has had my children in fits of giggles, and I am sure all children will love it as much as they do. Why not try some of Smallman's other books too.



### Attendance Matters

This week's winners of the attendance award.

Coral Class 97.6%

Wandle Class 98.3%

Well done and keep it up!





## School Parent Tours

At last it is time! We cordially invite parents to attend a parent tour of our fantastic new school. See details below setting out the allocated date and time. There will be a short talk delivered by Galiema and then a tour of the school building. We look forward to seeing you all soon. Parents with children in more than one year group should attend one tour only.

Date	Time	Year Group / Classes
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	9:15 – 10:15	Nursery / Reception
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	2pm – 3pm	Year 3 / 4
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	9:15 – 10:15	Year 1
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	9:15 – 10:15	Year 2
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	9:15 – 10:15	Year 5
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	10:30 – 11:30	<b>Year 6</b> this time was selected so that parents can do the tour and then attend Year 6 graduation directly after.



**14th July**

**Morning Nursery: 9am–10am**

**Afternoon Nursery: 12:30pm–1:30pm**

**Reception: 2pm–3pm**

**BE READY FOR...**

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PRIMARY SCHOOL  
IT'S TIME TO TALK**

**WITH SALT**

**AIM**

Speech and Language Coffee morning for Early Years and Foundation skills (all parents from nursery, reception and lower key stage 1 are welcome)

Encouraging your child's language development through the holidays.

RSVP to **Matt Kenney** by 13th July 2022

## Family Learning Fun

At the Centre for Wildlife Gardening

Join us this summer to discover the wildlife that lives in our garden.

**Sunday 24th July 10 - 3**

**Brilliant Butterflies**

Have fun exploring our garden to find caterpillars and butterflies.

Find out about their lifecycle and paint your own butterfly.

**Monday 25th July 10 - 3**

**Make a Mini Wildlife Garden**

Explore the different habitats in our wildlife garden: the ponds, the long grass, the log piles and bushes and make your own mini wildlife garden.



Suitable for mums and dads and their children of any age. Southwark residents only. Places are limited so to book visit [www.wildlondon.org.uk/events](http://www.wildlondon.org.uk/events)

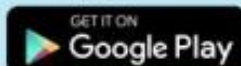
Only one session per family. These sessions are free but donations are welcome. All profits are invested into London Wildlife Trust's conservation and education work and the care of its nature reserves.





## 50 Things App is now available in Southwark!

Download the app on your phone to make best use of Southwark's local libraries, museums and parks.



Scan the QR Code with your smartphone to take you to the 50 Things App!



Scan Me!



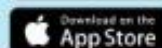
## Contact

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## What is 50 Things To Do Before You're Five?

50 Things App is a collection of 50 fun activities you can try with your child. All activities listed on the app are either free or at low cost.

Each and every one of these activities will uniquely challenge your child to develop their confidence, build their communication and language skills and encourage learning. The activities have been written by education experts and early years practitioners to meet pre-school literacy priorities and help schools respond to Ofsted's challenge to improve low literacy levels in children.

50 Things aims to provide inspiration for parents and carers to connect and bond with children through a range of activities. All suggestions we have included are low-cost or no-cost experiences that include indoor, outdoor, seasonal, home-based activities that are not only fun but will get your child to a flying start with their learning and language development. The app will help you understand the significant impact of playtime on children's development.



## Making Memories

Take a picture of your child while doing the activity and upload it onto the memories section on the app to have your own personal archive of your child completing the 50 activities. Click on the activity you want to complete, switch to the memories tab, click the '+' sign to add photo. Revisit, reflect and look back on those special moments you created with your child



Don't forget to explore the additional sections listed under the activity for more information.

## 50 Unique, Fun & Free activities, accessible to all!

### Special Educational Needs

The 50 Things activities have been designed to be accessible for children of all abilities, including those with Special Educational Needs. All of the ages and stages listed for the activities are suggestions only as all children have unique tastes, interests and abilities. You can try out activities which may be targeted toward different age groups if you think your child might enjoy it. The main priority is to have fun! Read tips and suggestions on the app on how you can personalise activities to be more suitable for your child's needs and make the activities as enjoyable and beneficial as possible for your child.

### Languages & Translation

We want our Mobile App to be as accessible and usable as possible for everyone in Southwark. Visit the 50 Things website at [Southwark.50ThingsToDo.org](http://Southwark.50ThingsToDo.org) which can be translated to over 200 languages. Read more to find out about resources available to you and your child to help make the best out of the 50 activities.

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# AUTISM PUBERTY, SEXUAL WELLBEING AND RELATIONSHIPS

For parents of a child on the autistic spectrum, coping with the onset of puberty and their child's emerging sexuality can be challenging. Knowing what to teach, how/when to teach it and what to expect can be daunting.

These three sessions have a different delivery style to the Cygnet core programme. Because of the nature of the subject matter it was felt that a far more activity-based approach would put parents at ease more quickly and therefore enhance learning and mutual support.

- It is available to parents with children over the age of 9
- It is being run as a whole day session or three separate sessions
- It is run face to face at 160 Tooley St, London, SE1 2TZ

## Whole day session

Monday 15th August 2022 – 9.30-4.30pm

**Or**

## Three separate sessions (attendance at all sessions required)

Puberty - 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2022 – 3.30pm-5.30pm

Sexual wellbeing - 9<sup>th</sup> August 2022 – 3.30pm-5.30pm

Relationships - 16<sup>th</sup> August 2022 – 3.30pm-5.30pm

**Register your interest [here](#)**



# ROTHERHITHE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## HOLIDAY DATES 2022-2023

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

