

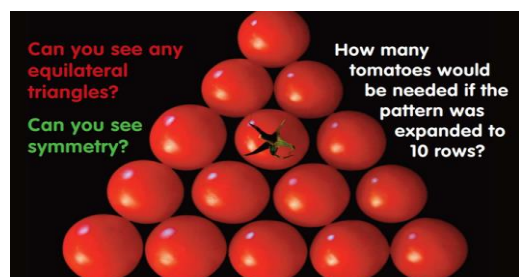
RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 2nd December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Maths Week: In assembly on Monday, I launched Maths week. The children warmed up with a few calculation problems and then were asked to put on their 'Maths Eyes' to consider maths in their environment. They were asked to consider and create mathematical questions to match images. Can you answer the questions below? Do you think there is a line of symmetry?



We also considered some famous mathematicians such as Albert Einstein who created various mathematical algorithms and Katherine Johnson, one of the 'human calculators' who helped launch the Apollo to the moon. We use maths all the time. It is all around us and is used in most professions. The children had a lot of fun solving puzzles and creating art using Maths. You can see some samples of children's work further in the newsletter.

Christmas Performances: The sound of music has been filling the school as children practice for their final performances. They have tried on their costumes during this week's dress rehearsals. Each year group has performed the show for another year group. The children are very excited to welcome parents next week.

Filming: It has been sometime since we have had live Christmas performances. Can I please remind parents to be sensitive to those around them that are trying to watch. We will permit filming, but parents are not allowed to post any recordings on social media. The recording is for your own memories and to view at home. Please also ensure that you are positioned near the doors if you have a young child who may start crying during a performance as this will allow you to take them out for break if needed.

Christmas Jumper Day: Don't forget your Festive Jumpers on the 8th of December. We are looking forward to a fun packed lunch time.

Christmas Raffle: Have you bought a Christmas raffle ticket yet? There are some fantastic prizes on offer – including a hamper that is worth £100. Don't miss your chance to be a winner. You can purchase tickets from Sharon in the school office at £2 per strip of tickets.

Parent Conduct on school premises: Can I please remind parents not to approach other parents if there is an issue between your children. This often leads to disagreements. We expect all parents to follow our parent code of conduct and to be respectful towards staff, children, parents, and visitors while on our premises.

Health and Safety Audit: I am pleased to tell you that we had a very successful health and safety audit on Tuesday.

Have a fun filled weekend. Lisa (HoS)

Year 2 amazing maths art!

As part of the maths artwork, Seal Class have been making Geometric Mosaics, influenced by Paul Klee's painting 'the Castle and Sun'. We cut squares, triangles and rectangles out of coloured paper and stuck them onto black paper to make our own scenes.

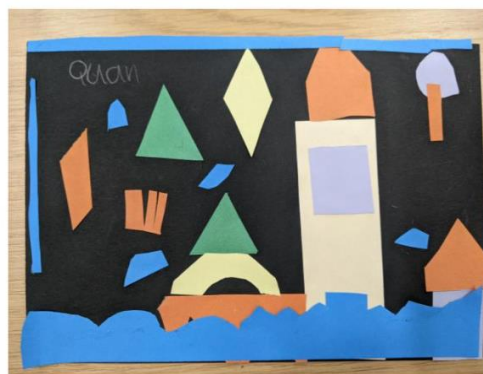


Paul Klee



'Church at Night' by Amelia

'Boat on the River' by Quan



'The Sun and Blue Houses' by Ruben



'Two Moons' by Reggie

Starting Reception in 2023?

If you or your friends have a child born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019, they will start Reception in September 2023. Parents can request a tour by contacting the school office.

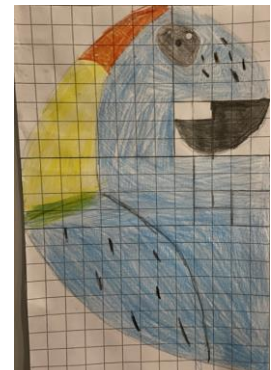
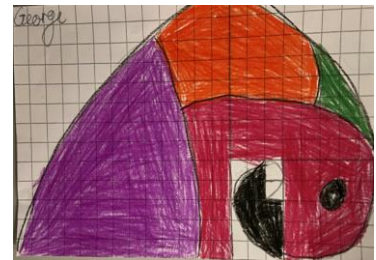
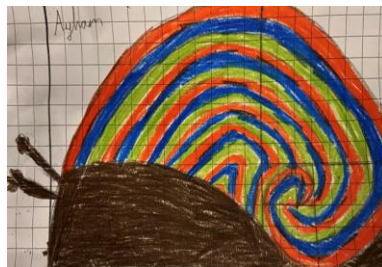
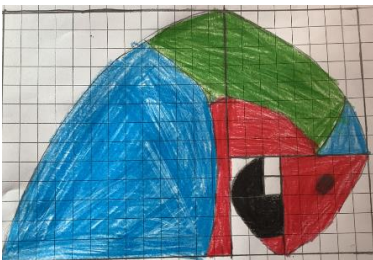
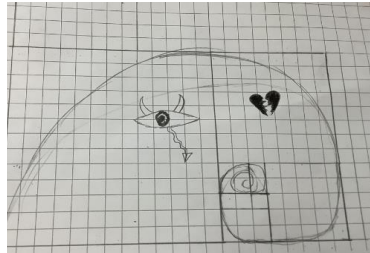
To help you make your choice for your child's first steps onto their school learning journey, we have created a video of our Early Years learning environment for you. [Click here.](#)

Parents must apply online for Reception places. The deadline for applications to be completed is the **15th January 2023**. For more information about applying for a school please read the Southwark brochure on our website.

<https://rotherhitheprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Starting-Primary-School-in-Southwark-Brochure-2023-24.pdf>

Year 6 love maths!

Year 6 have explored Fibonacci's formula (a series of numbers where each number is the sum of the two that precede it (e.g., 0,1,1,2,3,5,8,13,21) and create spiral art.



Collaboration and Problem solving



Key questions

Discuss the way that you are making these shapes.

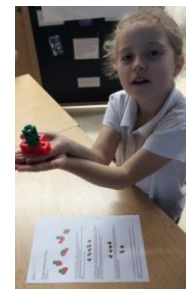
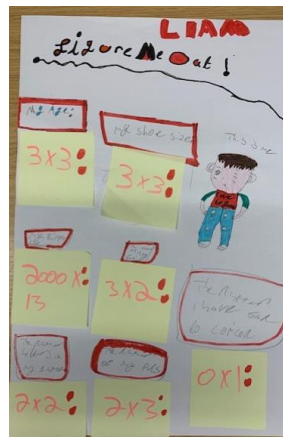
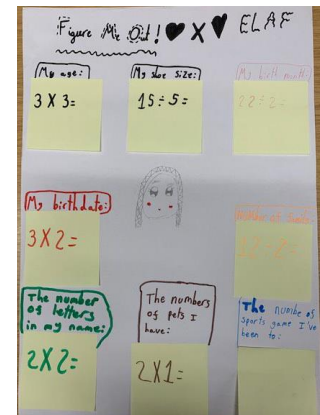
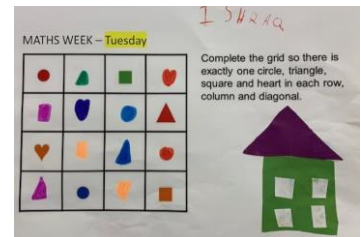
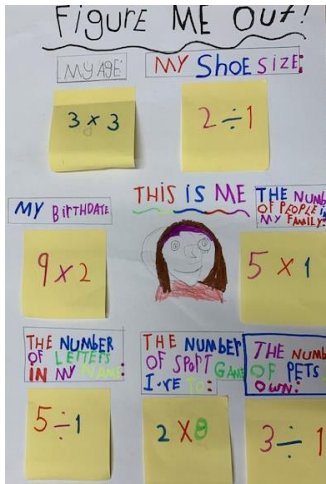
How do you know you will have them all?

Check if you have a method for making more and more shapes – explain it to your partner.

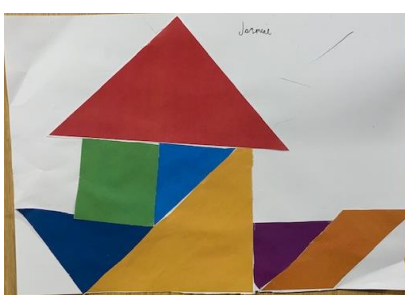
Is this shape the same or different compared to the others on your table? Why?

We love maths!

Puzzles are very mathematical. The children have completed a range of puzzle and problem-solving tasks including creating their own problems.



Tangram is an ancient Chinese shape puzzle. A square is divided carefully into 7 shapes (square, triangles and a parallelogram) these shapes can then be used and moved to create wonderful patterns and pictures. Can you guess what the children have created?





Rotherhithe Primary School Christmas Performances 2022

All parents and carers are warmly invited to join us
on the following dates and times:

Tuesday 6th December

Year 3 at 9:30 am

Year 4 & 5 at 2:20 pm

Wednesday 7th December

Year 1 at 9:30 am

Year 6 at 2:20 pm

Thursday 8th December

Nursery am children at 9:30 am

Nursery pm children at 2:20 pm

Friday 9th December

Year 2 at 9:30 am

Reception at 2:20 pm

Entrance is free.

We will collect any donations that parents are generous enough to make and these will go towards providing additional, enriching activities for pupils at RPS.

Exhibition Express

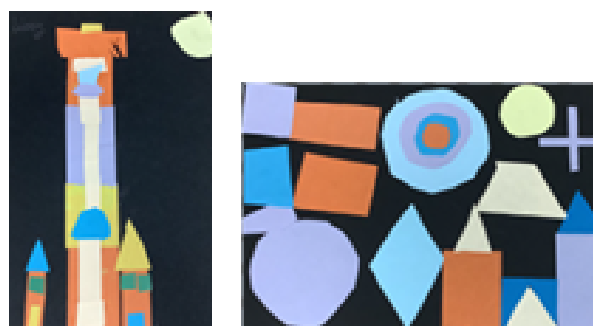
Rotherhithe Primary School's Art Ambassador's Newsletter

Friday 2nd December 2022

Issue 3

Greetings all, this week is Maths Week! This week the children have been creating wonderful pieces of math related art in celebration of the highly anticipated Maths Week. The whole school have been making a huge variety of art pieces using varied strategies such as Paul Klee's Geometric Mosaic patterns, or Dot Grid Art. Overall the children have been making wonderful art but these in particular were the best of all of them. We hope you like our school's amazing art!

Year 2 Seal Class Paul Klee's Geometric Mosaic Patterns



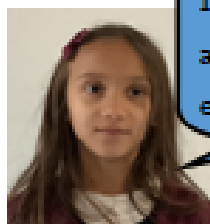
In KS1, the children have been learning about famous artists such as Lubaina Himid with her surrealism work. In Addition, they have been using Paul Klee's Geometric Mosaic patterns to create landscape artwork using the geometric patterns. Also, the Year 2 children have been creating comic books, making observational drawings, drawing their favourite toys, and forming clay-snail sculptures.

In KS2, the Year 4 / 5 children have been using the 'Dot Grid Art' method to create their pieces of work which is using a dotted grid and drawing shapes on the grid, then colouring the various shapes to make artwork. In Year 3, they have been using the method 'Rotational Symmetry' to create their pieces of art, where you make a shape out of card or paper, holding it still, then rotating the shape slightly, until it has made a full rotation where at that point, you have created a wonderful piece of art!

I really enjoyed Paul Klee's picture!

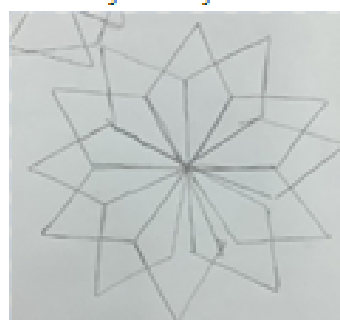


I really liked painting and using lots of different colours!

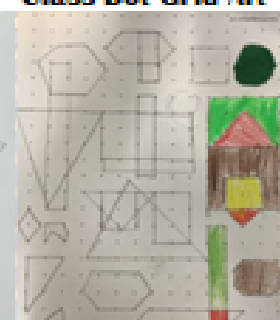


REMINDER: The Christmas Card Competition is due on the 10th of December, Friday, the last day of term. For more information of this subject, visit our website

Year 3 Effra Class Rotational Symmetry



Year 4/5 Wandle Class Dot Grid Art



Contributors: Alexander, Zara, Sabawoon, Sophie, Godwyn, Cristina, Niko, Jade, Liam, Iqra, Jena, Daniel, Jahzi, Kloe, Kodi, Amelia, James, Faith, Anwar, Thea



Get Ready for some festive fun!

Christmas Jumper Day is on **Thursday 8th December**. So get designing a new jumper for Christmas. How creative can you be? Can you add tinsel, baubles or even lights? We will be dressing up to raise money for Save the Children. We will also be holding our **Christmas Dinner** on this day. If your child normally has a packed lunch but would like to join in the festivities and have a delicious roast dinner, please let Sharon in the school office know.



Dates for your Diary

21st November	Carbon-zero – special guest speaker
23rd-25th November	Marc Craig art workshops
22nd November	School Photographer taking individual pictures and pictures of siblings
28th November	British Math's Week
29th November	Health and safety audit
Week beginning 5th December	Christmas performances
5th December	Bowling competition Carbon Zero club starts
8th December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Dinner
13th December	Christmas Fair 3:30-4:15 pm
14th December	Achievement Awards
15th December	Christmas parties All after school clubs finish
16th December	Break up for Christmas holidays (Early Closure at 2pm)

The Southwark Food Action Alliance is a resource for anyone who cannot afford to buy food or cannot access food by applying to crisis support, find ways to increase their money or by using local food banks, community pantries or low-cost food options. If you are unable to afford enough food, there is support available in Southwark.

Free and confidential advice and support is available, including for those who are refugees, asylum seekers or have NRPF. There is also help to make sure that you're getting all the money that you are entitled to as well as vouchers to help pregnant women and parents of young children to afford healthy food. You can contact the alliance by completing the Southwark Community Support online referral or by emailing communitysupportalliance@southwark.gov.uk or by Telephoning them on 020 7525 5000 and choosing option 3.

Teacher Book Recommendations

Teaching Assistant: Emma Evripidou

Favourite Book: 'The Tree that's meant to be' by Yuval Zommer



This is one of my favourite Christmas stories. It is a tale of a little Christmas tree too small and imperfect to be chosen at Christmas time. But being all alone in the forest isn't as bad as it seems when the animals of the forest decide to adopt the tree as their own, showing it more love than it could have ever imagined. Proving that anyone and anything is worthy of love.

It's not that I'm so smart; it's just that I stay with problems longer.
~Albert Einstein



Attendance Matters

This week's winners of the attendance award.

Coral class 100%

Ravensbourne Class 95.5%

Well done and keep it up!

Please do not book holidays during term time!



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Whale	Anilah-Sky	Anilah-Sky has been chosen this week for her excellent singing in our Christmas performance and she has also made exceptional progress in her writing and has become very independent. Well done, Anilah-Sky
Effra	Rawdah	For fantastic swimming. Rawdah worked hard this week to overcome the fear of floating in the water on her back. She moved onto kicking her legs and swimming on her back with confidence.
Walbrook	Rayan	Rayan has been resilient with his handwriting this week and has really put effort into improving it. He has shown great progress with his writing by being patient and has avoided rushing through his work. Keep it up!
Ravensbourne	Lauk	Lauk is the image of perseverance. He is constantly working towards improving his work. He does not do this sporadically, but consistently. This week he's been revelling in a new book and generally just maturing as a student. Keep up the good work, Lauk!
Wandle		Jaida has made huge progress in her Maths group with Abigail this week. She is now able to confidently multiply and divide by 10 and 100. Fantastic work Jaida!
Fleet	Andrew	Andrew always completes his home learning to a very high standard. He often chooses to do extra homework to deepen his understanding and challenge himself. Keep up the hard work!
Lea	Sophie	For being a team player and enjoy all physical activities. She is a role model to her peers in PE.
Thames	Joannie	For excellent participation in our writing lessons. She has worked hard on using appropriate noun phrases and figurative language in her character description. Well Done!



RPS CHRISTMAS



Fair



TUESDAY 13TH 2022

DECEMBER 3:30-4:15 PM

Santa's Grotto

Face Painting

Tattoos



Christmas Food and drinks

Brass band



Merry

Christmas!



Learning With Parents (LwP)

As parents you are your children's first teacher. Learning With Parents is a great interactive homework program that encourages mathematic learning through a range of practical activities around the home. Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 have access to this platform. If you haven't accessed the program with your child yet, please do. Speak to your child's teacher if you require any further advice or assistance.

LwP are running their Winter Winners competition once more. Please see on the right for what you need to do to get involved.

I look forward to seeing who earns a certificate after the Christmas holidays.

Winter Winners Competition!

What do you need to do?

Complete at least **one activity for every topic** set for you on Learning with Parents this term.

When do you need to complete them by?

Friday 6th January

What do you win?

A certificate and a virtual trophy!



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HOW DO CHILDREN JUDGE THE CONVERSATIONS OF OTHERS?



1

Do you have a child aged between 9 and 13 years that would be interested in participating in research?

2

Are they either neurotypical (no developmental diagnoses), or do they have a diagnosis of Autism?

3

Do they speak English as their primary language, and have no known hearing or learning impairments?

4

Would they be willing to attend two 1-hour online sessions via Zoom in return for a £25 voucher?

5

Do you have a stable internet connection (at least 10Mbps) and a device that supports video and audio?

FIND OUT MORE HERE:
RESEARCH.KENT.AC.UK/KENT-CHILD-DEVELOPMENT-UNIT/STUDIES/

IF YOU CAN ANSWER 'YES' TO ALL 5 QUESTIONS, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH AT:

CHILD@KENT.AC.UK
SUBJECT LINE: 'COMMUNICATION STUDY'



Southwark Children and Family Centres
Bermondsey and Rotherhithe



Autumn Timetable 31st Oct-16th December 2022

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

Venue: Ellen Brown

Stay and Play (1-5 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.

Boogie Mites (0-5 yrs)

Times: 1:30pm-2:15pm

Music programme to support children's language, brain development, physical and social and emotional development.

Venue: Rotherhithe

Drop in 'Warm Welcome' (0-5 years) 9:45am-12:00pm

From: 14th November

Come to our centre and keep yourself and your child/ren warm, whilst meeting other families and accessing information and support.

Bookstart Sessions

Bookstart (0-5 years) Term Time Only 10am-11:30am Have fun bringing stories alive through storytelling, arts and crafts and sharing books.

Canada Water Library

21 Surrey Quays Rd, SE16 7AR

Blue Anchor Library

Market Place, London, SE16 3UQ

Tuesday

Venue: Ellen Brown

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, and any other additional needs.

Baby Massage (8 weeks old-pre-crawlers) Booking Required

Dates: 8th Nov-29th Nov (4 weeks)

Times: 1:30pm-2:30pm

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

Venue: Rotherhithe

Drop in 'Warm Welcome' (0-5 years)

9:45am-12:00pm

From: 15th November

Come to our centre and keep yourself and your child/ren warm, whilst meeting other families and accessing information and support.

Venue: Ellen Brown

Communication and Play (18m-5 years) 1:30pm - 2:30pm

6th/13th/20th December

Booking Required

A session that encourages the development of early communication skills through play.

Wednesday

Venue: Ellen Brown

Toddler Time (2-5 years) 10am-11:30am

An opportunity for toddlers to learn and develop through fun by exploring, being active and creative, supporting next steps into nursery education.

Chattertime (18 months-5 years) 1:30pm-3:00pm Booking Required

A session that encourages the development of early communication skills through play with a top tip every week and support from a Speech and Language Therapist.

Session cancelled on 30th Nov due to training

Venue: Ellen Brown

Save a Baby's Life and Mental Health Workshop

30th November ONLY 1:30-3:30pm

For parents/carers with children under 1.

To book please email:

ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk

Venue: Pilgrims' Way

Bookstart (0-5 years) Term Time Only

10am-11:30am Have fun bringing stories alive through storytelling, arts and crafts and sharing books.

Venue: Rotherhithe

Drop in 'Warm Welcome' (0-5 years)

9:45am-12:00pm

From: 16th November

Come to our centre and keep yourself and your child/ren warm, whilst meeting other families and accessing information and support.

Thursday

Venue: Ellen Brown

Baby and Me (0-12 months) 10:00am-11:30am Booking Required

Bond, play and have fun with your baby and meet other parents.

Baby and Me (0-12 months) 12:30pm-2:00pm Booking Required

Bond, play and have fun with your baby and meet other parents.

Please read below

Bookings will open on Mondays 9am until Tuesdays 4pm. You will be informed of your space on Wednesdays by email.

To book, please email:

ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk (Your name, child's name, and child's date of birth) and indicate which session you would like to attend.

Venue: Rotherhithe

Breastfeeding Café (Invitation Only) 10am-12:00pm

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

Venue: Rotherhithe

Drop in Breastfeeding Café

From 8th December

10am-12:00pm (Please arrive by 11:30am)

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

Venue: Pilgrims' Way

Melodies 4 Mums (Invitation Only)

1:30pm-2:30pm 10 weeks programme

Dates: 6th October - 8th December

Contact the centre for more details

Friday

Venue: Ellen Brown

Baby Explorers (12 months-24 months) 10:00am-11:30am

An opportunity for you and your child to play together and actively explore the environment through stimulating learning opportunities

Venue: Rotherhithe

Boogie Mites (0-5 years)

Times: 10:00am-10.45am

Music programme to support children's language, brain development, physical and social and emotional development.

Healthy Movers (0-5 years)

OUTDOOR SESSION- Weather permitting

11:30am-12:15pm

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

Babies/Non walkers: Please bring a sling to carry your baby for safety reasons.

Speech and Language Additional Support

Are you concerned about your child's communication skills? Contact us to book an appointment for the WellComm session to receive one to one support and advice on next steps.

Email:

ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk

Autumn Timetable 31st Oct-16th December 2022

Speech and Language support

Virtual Chattertime and Drop In Sessions

Are you worried that your child is not talking or doesn't understand you? Do you have questions or concerns about your child's communication skills? Please book onto a session with a speech and language therapist

To book on, email: gst-tr.contacts@nhs.net

Website:
www.evelinalondon.nhs.uk/communityspeechandlanguage

Facebook: @EvelinaSLT



Free Vitamin D

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



HENRY Programme

This programme aims to help you feel more confident as a parent, physical activities for the little ones, what children and the whole family eats, family lifestyle habits and enjoying life as a family.

To book please email:

gst-tr.HVsupportanddevelopmentworker@nhs.net

For more information, please visit
<https://www.henry.org.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@pilgrimsbay.southwark.sch.uk



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@pilgrimsbay.southwark.sch.uk

Please visit our websites for further information

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



We have gone paperless to help save the environment. Please scan the QR Code to 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 5th birthday. Sign up and make bedtime fun.

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



Cygnat Parenting Programme (Families with children over 5yrs) Booking Required

Venue: Pilgrims' Way Children and Family Centre **Time:** 12:00pm-2:00pm **Dates:** 14th November-19th December 2022

6-week course delivered by the Autism Support Team to provide you with support, understanding and advice following a diagnosis of Autism.

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.

Sign up to our mailing list and be the first to know everything that is happening in the Children and Family Centre.