

# RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week! It has been great to see how settled and eager to learn children are in their new classrooms. I have been particularly impressed with how quickly our new **Reception and Nursery** children have been settling in. They are also doing really well at learning to walk their scooters and bikes in and out of school at the end or start of the day. Thank you to parents for helping teach them this. Keep up the good work!

Year 1- 6 classes held their '**Meet the Teacher presentations**' throughout the week. If you were unable to make it, the teacher's PowerPoints will be uploaded to the school's website by next week.

**Run Kids Run:** As requested by Hudson in year 4, RPS will be getting involved in a fund-raising run on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October** between 1-4 pm in Southwark Park. This will be a great event and aims to raise money for our school. Dependent on age children will run either 1km or 2km in a fun filled event. We call all families to save the date and put on your trainers and get practicing. More details soon. In the meantime, you can explore the Run Kids Run website using the following link: <https://runkidsrun.org/>

**National Jeans for Genes Day** is taking place on **Friday, 22nd September**. We would like all children and staff to wear jeans and denim in support of Jeans for Genes Day. This is the day to wear double, even triple denim! Children and staff are asked to bring in a £1 donation for Jeans for Genes. The Jeans for Genes campaign raises awareness of the daily challenges faced by those living with genetic disorder, such as sickle cell, and raises money to fund projects

that make a difference to the lives of those affected.



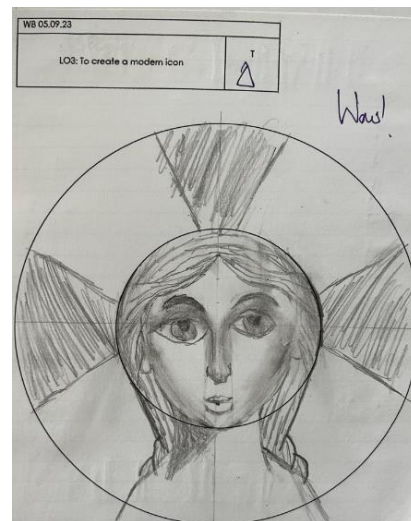
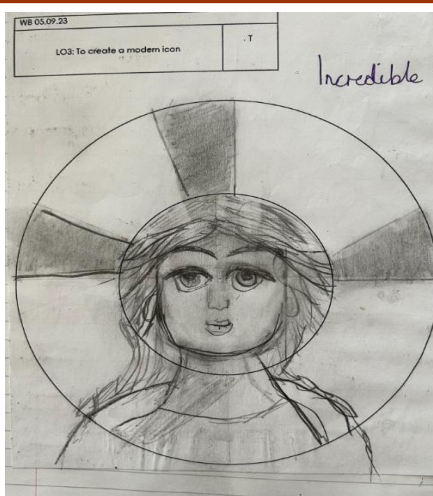
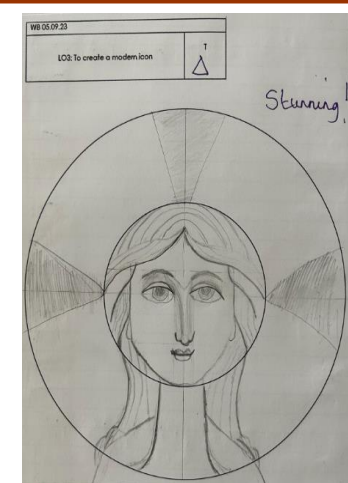
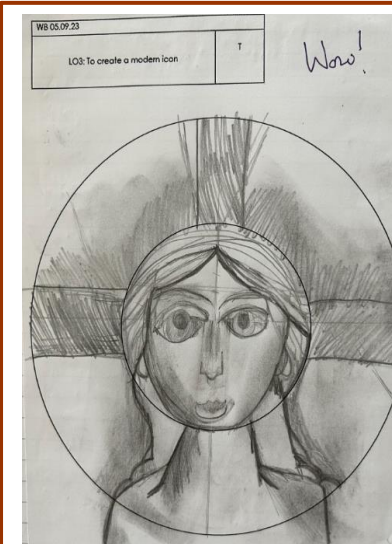
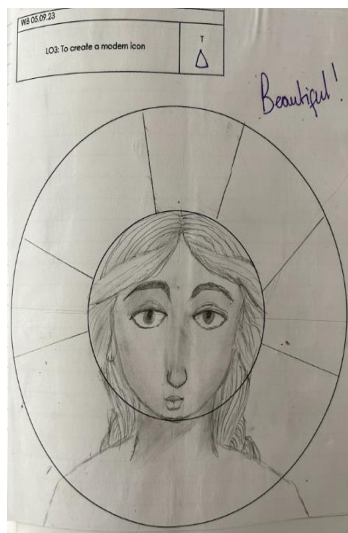
Year 1 and 2 children visited the **Creekside Discovery Centre** this week. As part of their science learning they explored animal habitats and identified a range of creatures. They loved exploring the natural world especially pond dipping hunting for bugs! The children found newts and crabs and all sorts of wriggly creatures!



**Secondary School applications:** It is now time for parents and children in year 6 to start making decisions about applying for secondary school. I hope you found the resources and presentation after school today helpful. You can find the presentation on the website if you were unable to make the meeting. Remember 31<sup>st</sup> October is the deadline to apply on e admissions.

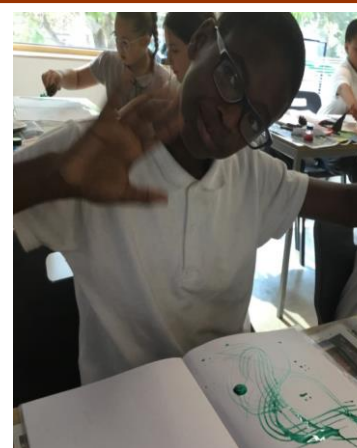
Have a fantastic weekend. Lisa HoS

# We love art!



As part of their Christianity unit in RE, Y5/6 learned how to do iconography. These examples from Lea have really captured an ethereal feeling.

As part of the first unit of art this year titled '**make my voice heard**', Year 5/6 children went on a nature walk and collected materials. They then created handmade tools, which they used to explore mark making in an expressive and experimental way.





# Dates for your Diary

<b>11<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Year 5/6 Meet the Teacher meeting at 3:30pm
<b>12<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Year 1 Meet the Teacher meeting at 3:45 Creekside Discovery Centre trip
<b>13<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Year 2 Meet the Teacher meeting at 3:45  Year 1 (Whale) trip to Creekside Discovery Centre  Groundwork Buddies starts
<b>14<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Year 3/4 Meet the Teacher meeting at 3:45  Year 1 (Octopus) trip to Creekside Discovery Centre
<b>15<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Year 2 trip to Creekside Discovery Centre Year 6 Secondary school transfer /Residential School Trip Information Meeting
<b>18<sup>th</sup> September</b>	School Council presentations
<b>19<sup>th</sup> September</b>	School Council Elections  Year 3/4 trip to Creekside Discovery Centre
<b>20<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Year 3/4 trip to Creekside Discovery Centre
<b>29<sup>th</sup> September</b>	TA/Thank a teacher Day
<b>6<sup>th</sup> October</b>	National Poetry Day
<b>13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Hello Yellow Day!
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Run Kids Run Fun run event in Southwark Park.
<b>20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Break up for half term

## Pupil Book Recommendations

**Pupil:** Ishraq (Year 5)

**Favourite Book:** Dork Diaries, Once Upon a Dork, by Rachel Renee Russell



This book is all about Nicky, a 13-year-old girl who has wild dreams and ambitions. She finds herself in the story of Candy Land and the Little Red Riding Hood. From there it is a tale of love and craziness! I would recommend you read it if you love gossip, drama, BFFs, Frenemies and Princesses (Rapunzel, Goldilocks, Aurora). But I won't spoil it too much for you drama lovers!

Credits to Rachel Renee Russel - I give it 5 stars.

## Attendance Matters

This week's winners of the attendance award.

**Tyne Class** 96.3%

**Seal Class** 99%

Well done and keep it up!

**Please do not book holidays during term time!**



"KEEP YOUR FACE ALWAYS  
TOWARD THE SUNSHINE,  
AND SHADOWS WILL FALL  
BEHIND YOU."  
— WALT WHITMAN

# Open Mornings 2023:

CLOS

We are delighted to invite any prospective parents and carers to our Nursery and Reception open mornings. They will run from 9.30am to 11.30am. They will consist of an introduction meeting followed by a tour of the school conducted by the head of Early Years.

As there is a limited number of space on our tour, we are offering the dates on a first come, first serve basis. Please book your visit by email on



[office@rotherhithe.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:office@rotherhithe.southwark.sch.uk)

## Tour Dates:

Tuesday 26th September 2023  
Tuesday 3rd October 2023  
Tuesday 10th October 2023  
Monday 6th November 2023  
Monday 13th November 2023  
Monday 20th November 2023



## Get Active Kids

HOLIDAY CLUB

Ages 4-11

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School  
Crossfield St, Deptford, SE8 3PH

Early  
booking &  
sibling  
discounts

All  
Childcare  
vouchers  
accepted

October Half - Term  
23rd October - 27 October

Arts & Crafts • Sports • Indoor Games

Your child will have an action-packed day at Get Active Kids Holiday Club. They will have a choice of over 30 different activities and sports throughout the week, all whilst developing their skills and making new friends!

Our experienced team are all enhanced DBS checked, first aid and safeguarding trained.



To book please visit our website:  
[www.getactivekids.co.uk](http://www.getactivekids.co.uk)  
07596 135900  
[info@getactivekids.co.uk](mailto:info@getactivekids.co.uk)



Are you struggling to make ends meet?  
Do you need help with your energy bills?  
Are you in debt or rent arrears?  
Do you need help with Universal Credit - or any other benefit?  
Do you need help with your Council Tax?

For expert help with any of these issues and more, come to our Cost of Living Crisis Support Roadshow.

## COST OF LIVING CRISIS SUPPORT ROADSHOW

Canada Estate Tenants Hall,  
Renforth St,  
London SE16 7BE

Thursday 21st September  
10am – 1pm

"Speaking to all the  
different people I got  
lots sorted - they were  
all so helpful and  
friendly"







## Autumn Timetable 14th September-20th October 2023

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@pilgrims.wy.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:ccadmin@pilgrims.wy.southwark.sch.uk)



### Monday

#### Venue: Rotherhithe

From 18<sup>th</sup> September  
**Stay and Play (1 year and above)**  
10:00am-11:30am

Learning and developing through play and fun stimulating activities by exploring, being creative and active.

From 18<sup>th</sup> September  
**Boogie Mites (0-12 months)**  
1:30pm-2:15pm

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

#### Venue: Pilgrims' Way

**Next Steps- Autism Parenting Training**  
(Invitation Only)

For families with children under 5, diagnosed with Autism.  
Dates: 18<sup>th</sup> September-30<sup>th</sup> October  
Times: 10am-12:00pm

#### Venue: Ellen Brown

**Baby Massage (8 weeks old-Pre-crawlers)**  
**Booking Required**

Dates: 25<sup>th</sup> September-23<sup>rd</sup> October  
Times: 10am-11:00am

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

#### Bookstart Sessions

**Bookstart (0-5 years) Term Time Only**  
10:00am-11:30am

**Canada Water Library**  
21 Surrey Quays Rd, SE16 7AR

**Blue Anchor Library**  
Market Place, London, SE16 3UQ

### Tuesday

#### Venue: Ellen Brown

From 19<sup>th</sup> September  
**Baby and Us (From birth up to 12 months)**  
10:00am-11:30am

Join this relaxed session and have an opportunity to bond, play and have fun with your baby and meet other parents.

From 19<sup>th</sup> September  
**SENSational Stay and Play (0-5 years)**  
1:30pm-3:00pm

A fun and playful session that encourages the development of early attention and social communication skills for children with additional, special educational or medical needs.

#### Venue: Pilgrims' Way

**Melodies 4 Mums (Invitation Only)**

Dates: 19<sup>th</sup> Sept-21<sup>st</sup> Nov 2023  
Times: 1:30pm-2:30pm and 3:30pm-4:30pm

Connect with your baby in a supportive space, unwind and de-stress through the joy of singing and music-making.

For more information and to register, email: [m4m@breatheahr.org](mailto:m4m@breatheahr.org) or visit: [breatheahr.org](http://breatheahr.org)

### Wednesday

#### Venue: Ellen Brown

From 20<sup>th</sup> September  
**Stay and Play (1 year and above)**  
10:00am-11:30am

Learning and developing through play and fun stimulating activities by exploring, being creative and active.

**Chattertime Plus (18 months and above)**  
From 27<sup>th</sup> Sept

Times: 1:30pm-3:00pm

A stay and play group that is tailored to support children with complex communication needs who need help with several areas of communication, such as attention, social interaction, behaviour, understanding language and talking.

#### Venue: Pilgrims' Way

From 20<sup>th</sup> September

**Stay and Play + Bookstart (0-5 years)**  
**Term Time Only 10:00am-11:30am**  
Learn and develop through play, have fun bringing stories alive through storytelling, arts and crafts and register with the library.

### Thursday

#### Venue: Ellen Brown

**EPEC Baby and Us (New Parenting Programme) (0-9 months old)**  
(Invitation Only)

Dates: 5<sup>th</sup> Oct-7<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Times: 10am-12pm

A 9-week peer-led group which helps parents feel confident for parenting and everyday life with your new baby.

From 14<sup>th</sup> September

**Boogie Mites (12 months and above)**

1:30pm-2:15pm  
Music programme to support children's language, brain development, physical and social and emotional development.

#### Venue: Rotherhithe

From 14<sup>th</sup> September  
**Breastfeeding Café (Drop in)**  
10:00am-12:00pm  
A session offering information and practical support for pregnant and breastfeeding mums and their families.

#### Venue: Pilgrims' Way

From 14<sup>th</sup> September  
**Parents and Peanuts (From pregnancy up to baby 12 months old)** **Booking Required**

**Young Parents Group-Under 25yrs**  
Time: 12:00pm-3:00pm

A space for parents under the age of 25 to ask questions and discuss hopes and fears, take away some of the parenting unknowns and meet other parents.

To book, email: [shella@stmichaelsfellowship.org.uk](mailto:shella@stmichaelsfellowship.org.uk)

### Friday

#### Venue: Rotherhithe

From 15<sup>th</sup> September  
**Boogie Mites**

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

Times: 10:00am - 10:30 am

Ages: 0-12 months

Times: 11:15am-11:45pm

Ages: 12 months and above

#### Venue: Ellen Brown

From 15<sup>th</sup> September

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

Engage with your baby in play and help them discover the world through fun and engaging activities.

#### Venue: Pilgrims' Way

**Cygnat Workshop- Autism Parenting Training (Invitation Only)**

Dates: 22<sup>nd</sup> September-3<sup>rd</sup> Nov

Times: 12pm-2:00pm

Workshop for parents/carers of children over 5 years old with a diagnosis of Autism

**Autumn Timetable 14<sup>th</sup> September-20<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**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 virtual session with a speech and language therapist

To book on, email: [gst-tr.contacts@nhs.net](mailto:gst-tr.contacts@nhs.net)

Website:

[www.evelinalondon.nhs.uk/communityspeechandlanguage](http://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.

For more information, please visit

<https://www.henry.org.uk/>

To book please email:

[gst-tr.hvsupportanddevelopmentworker@nhs.net](mailto:gst-tr.hvsupportanddevelopmentworker@nhs.net)



**Rose Vouchers**

Support to buy fresh fruit and vegetables for low-income families and living in SE1, SE15, 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)



**What is WellComm?**

The WellComm can be used with children from 6 months to 6 years to identify if there are any areas of speech, language, communication, and interaction development that may need further support. During this session we will observe children's understanding of what is being said to them and how they communicate verbally.

Come to our drop-in sessions for more information and support.

We kindly ask everyone **NOT** to use their mobile phones whilst in our sessions. This is for safeguarding purposes, and it is an opportunity to spend quality time with your child/ren.



We have gone paperless to help save the environment.

Please scan the QR Code to download the timetable and find out updates.

[br-cc.org.uk](http://br-cc.org.uk)



**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 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. Sign up and make bedtime fun.

For more information please email:

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

Telephone: 0207 358 2878

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Please visit our websites for further information

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



# **TGI Mixed Age Sports Club Starting 6th September 2023**



Children in Reception to Year 6 can take part in a TGI Mixed Age Sports Club at RPS.

Available Monday to Friday, term time only.

**All payments to be made on PARENT PAY**

**All payments to be made in 24 hours in advance of attending the booked club.**

*Please note, bookings are non-refundable and cannot be transferred.*

*Children should wear trainers and are encouraged to bring a healthy snack.*

Cost	
1 hour (mixed age sports) 15:30 - 16:30	£5.50
1 hour (games skills) 16:30 - 17:30	£5.50
2 hours (mixed age sports and game skills) 15:30—17:30	£9.50
10 hours Monday to Friday (mixed age sports and games skills) 15:30—17:30	£38.00



TGI Wake and Shake club available from 7:45 am until it is time to line up for class Monday to Friday at RPS.

The club is a mixed age club, for children in classes from Reception to Year 6.

**£3.00 per day, per child.** All payments must be made in **advance** on **Parent Pay**.

Food is **not** provided but children are permitted to bring a healthy breakfast to eat at the club.