

# RPS Weekly Newsletter



**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a rather stormy week! As part of our ongoing work on promoting sustainable travel some of our STARS children have worked with Southwark council to promote new 'Walking maps'. You will see our Walking map in the noticeboard outside the school gates. This map shows walking routes that are ten and 15 minutes away from our school.

Some of the children have worked with the local authority to create films to promote walking or cycling to school. This film is now live and you can see Hal, Zakhar, and Leo at the following link: [click here](#).

Hal walks with his mum every morning: "I like walking to school as a family as it gives us a nice chance to connect. We really like doing things like spotting nature. And it's a quick way of getting to school without using a car."

Zakhar enjoys time talking with his parents as he walks to school. Leo enjoys cycling to school because it is fast, and he always remembers to travel safely by wearing a cycling helmet.



We would like to thank them all for continuing to promote sustainable travel. This helps to improve the air quality around our school.

**Getting Gold:** We are also proud to announce that all our work on promoting sustainable travel means we have achieved a Gold accreditation STARS award which remains valid until 2026.

**How does your garden grow?** Although we don't have any silver bells and cockle shells, we do have a very plentiful garden taking shape here at school. The children's hard work and perseverance is starting to pay off as the early signs of a bountiful crop start to emerge. It won't be long before we can start harvesting our crops and reaping the rewards for our hard work!



**Fireworks:** In assembly this week we talked about the history behind Bonfire Night on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November when a plot to blow up the king and parliament was prevented, leading to Guy Fawkes being arrested and convicted of treason. We also talked about Diwali, the festival of light which is due to take place on the 12<sup>th</sup> of November. The children learned about Rama and Sita who are two characters within a Hindu story which shows good overcoming evil and lights being used as a symbol of good which guide Rama and Sita on their journey home. As part of both celebrations', fireworks are often used and it was lovely to see the firework drawings that Reception class have been creating to mark these events this week.



We hope all of our community enjoy the upcoming festivities and remember to use fireworks safely. Lisa (HoS)

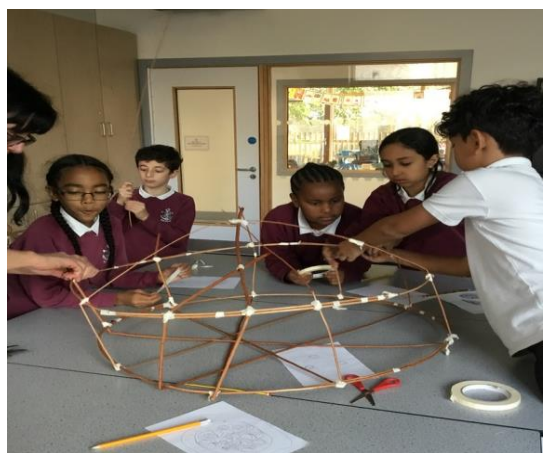


# Illuminate Rotherhithe Lantern Parade is coming!

In preparation for the forthcoming "**Illuminating Rotherhithe**" event this month, we have been very excited to welcome back the team from the event organisers. They have been working with some of our year 3 & 4 children to prepare our lanterns for the event. You can find out more about the event by reading our [blog here](#).

The children took part in a Willow lantern workshop to make the lanterns. The willow rods can be bent and fixed into a huge range of shapes (globes, boats, flowers, moons, diamonds, houses, etc.) and children are encouraged to come up with their own shapes with guidance from the organisers. The children planned their designs and then got started. You can see how focussed they are at work. The large willow lanterns take around 2 – 3 hours to make plus drying time.


We can't wait to see the finished lanterns. We are hoping as many families as possible get involved in this amazing event. See QR code below to sign up for free family making workshops.




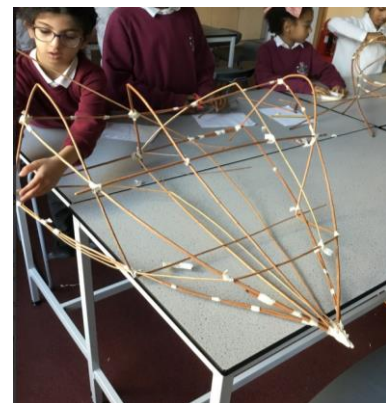
ILLUMINATE BERMONDSEY & ROTHERHITHE 2023

# Lantern Procession

from The Blue Market to Southmark Park  
5pm Friday 24th November 2023



 **Make Your Own Lanterns**  
ILLUMINATEROTHERHITHE.CO.UK  
ALL FREE! ALL WELCOME







## We love learning!

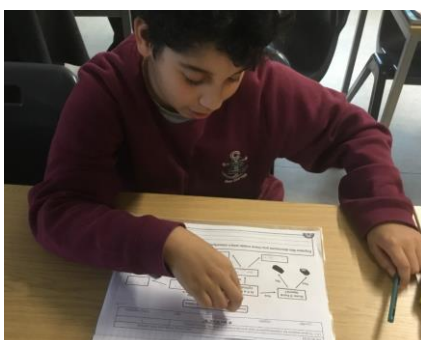
In preparation for their next Science unit of 'Living things and their habitat', Year 5/6 have truly embraced their half-term project to create a diorama of a habitat of their choice. They have amalgamated prior Science, DT and Art knowledge and skills in their representations. It was lovely to see the amount of care and attention to detail in their work.



Year 5/6 have commenced their DT unit 'Steady Hand Game' by exploring the key design elements of form, function and 'fit for purpose'. After analysing a selection of existing children's toys, they conducted a survey to gather responses from Year 2 children to broaden their research. They asked the following:

- What do you think about the form of the toy?
- Does the toy have more than one function?

In Science this week, Year 5/6 have been learning about classifying different living organisms according to their characteristics. They demonstrated their understanding of how living things are classified by designing their own chart using liquorice allsorts!





## Year 1 love computing!

Pupils worked to construct a track and took it in turns to program the toy to reach the end of the track. They had to learn about algorithms to do this. They used this rhyme to help them:

Alien algorithm, 1 2 3,  
Tell me how to do it, be bossy.

We can make a hat (hands pointed on head),  
We can make a line (arms straight in the air).

Alien algorithm, 1 2 3, what are the steps?  
Tell me!



## Sponsor Hal!

Before half term I shared Hal's amazing efforts to raise money to support his peers to attend our year 6 residential school trip. If you missed it this is his message to you all:

*'Hi, my name is Hal,*

*I'm 10 years old and in year six at Rotherhithe Primary School. I want to raise money so that everyone in my year can go on a residential trip next year, to do this I'm going to walk around my local park 150 times!*

*After our SATS we can go on a week long residential school trip in Kent. When we are there we will be able to do archery, running, rowing and lots of other outdoor activities. I'm looking forward to trying new activities and getting more skilled. I want everyone in Year 6 to go together and share these exciting experiences. I'm worried that with the cost of living this will not be possible, as the trip is expensive.*

*I decided to do 150 laps around Southwark Park to raise money, so that everyone can attend. Each lap is about 2.5km so by the end I will have done 375km (233 miles). I have walked most of them but have also run and cycled (if I cycle I go two times round as it's easier, but it only counts as one). By the start of the September term, I had already done 38 laps!'*

*Please sponsor me and help my friends.*

Hal has been relentless in his efforts because he knows that his efforts can make a difference. So far, he has raised a magnificent:

**£1,145** raised of £5,000 target

39 donations

### Year 6 Residential trip 2024



You can sponsor Hal by going to the following link:  
[Hal's go fund me page.](#)

Keep walking Hal! You are amazing!

# Dates for your Diary

7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent's Evening
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Brent Class school trip Apple Workshop
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Armistice Day
Week beginning 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-bullying week
14 <sup>th</sup> November	School photographer  Phonics Workshop for Reception parents after school
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Thames Class school trip Apple Workshop
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Flu vaccinations
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	NEST Impact of Education Review
24 <sup>th</sup> November	Brent Class school trip Apple Workshop
Week starting 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas performance rehearsals
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
Week starting 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Year group Christmas performances
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Judo finishes for the term
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Achievement Awards
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Class parties
20 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 multisport club finishes
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for the Christmas holidays. Finish at the normal time.

## Attendance Matters

This week's winners of the attendance award.

**Jellyfish Class** 98%

**Brent Class** 97.8%

**Whale Class** 95.8%

Well done and keep it up!

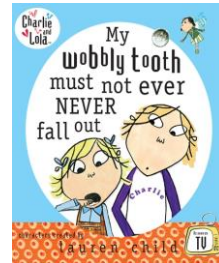
**Please do not book holidays during term time!**



## Teacher Book Recommendations

**Teacher:** Lisa Christiansen (HoS)

**Favourite Book:** My Wobbly tooth must not ever never fall out by Lauren Child



I used to love reading Lauren Child's books to my children when they were younger. The illustrations in her books are very stylised using magazine cuttings, collage, material and photography as well as traditional water colours to create quirky illustrations.

Lola, a rather stubborn character, wakes up to find that her tooth is wobbly, and she is very perturbed by this. When Marv, her brother's friend, explains that she currently has baby teeth and that they will all fall out to be replaced with grown up teeth, she becomes determined that this will not happen to her. She likes her teeth 'completely the way they are...wobbly'. But when Lola's friend Lotta explains about the 'tooth fairy' Lola rethinks her position. The idea of having a special coin to buy something is very alluring.

Charlie and Lola stories explore lots of concerns that children may have when they are younger and are a must read. I also love 'That Pesky Rat'.



**DR. MAYA ANGELOU:**  
TRY TO BE A RAINBOW  
IN SOMEONE ELSE'S  
CLOUDS



<b>Whale</b>	Marcus	Marcus has had a great week in Y1. He has made great improvements in his handwriting, and he has shown great behaviour for learning.
<b>Octopus</b>	John	John is an excellent listener. He looks at the person who is talking and responds appropriately. He encourages his peers and builds on what they say. Thank you for encouraging your peers and being respectful.
<b>Seal</b>	Eliora	Eliora for always having a resilient attitude to her learning. Even when she finds things tricky – she never gives up!
<b>Avon</b>	Jayden S	For being a great role model and being a fantastic member of the class. He is ever so polite and respectful. Jayden is always so kind and caring to towards his peers and is always ready to give a helping hand.
<b>Eden</b>	Adel	Handwriting is important to communicate ideas and thoughts. Adel has worked hard to improve his handwriting so that it is consistently cursive and legible to the reader. Adel, thank you for making the effort to improve yourself.
<b>Tyne</b>	Janae	Janae has beautiful writing, as it is wonderfully descriptive and shows a wealth of imagination and attention to detail. I really enjoy reading her writing.
<b>Brent</b>	Amelia	For her informative post card to a friend describing her virtual field trip to the Mojave Desert.
<b>Lea</b>	Leah-Rose	For being such a positive presence in Lea class. She is always helpful around the class and is the first to praise and celebrate her peers. Her kindness is admirable!
<b>Thames</b>	Maya, Lemar, Adela, Niko, Daniela, Taisia, Leandro, Kaiden and Elizabeth	For truly embracing their half-term project in creating a diorama of a habitat of their choice. They have amalgamated prior Science, DT and Art knowledge and skills in their representations. It was lovely to see the amount of care and attention to detail in their work. Thank you and well done!



<b>Amara</b>	For being a great role model who is always kind to others.
<b>Antonella</b>	For always being helpful and out of the classroom. And Looking after her friends.



# Phonics

**Read Write Inc.**  
Phonics

# Workshop

Reception families come  
and join us for a phonics  
workshop on Tuesday 14th  
November at 3.30

Learn how to  
support your child  
with their reading  
and writing.



## How to be referred for a food parcel from Southwark Foodbank



Southwark Foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust network of foodbanks. We provide emergency food parcels to clients referred to us. You must have a referral/food voucher before using our service. You can receive up to six food parcels over a 6-month period. There are many referral agencies in Southwark that you may be engaging with. These include schools, employment support agencies and housing providers. There are also council services, churches and local charities but, if you don't know where to go, please try one of the services below.

General advice and support services		
Southwark Community Support Alliance	Mon-Fri 9am-5pm	020 7525 5000 option 3 020 7525 4856
Help Through Hardship – Citizens Advice Helpline	Mon-Fri 9am-5pm (closed bank holidays)	0808 208 2138 (free)
Citizens Advice Southwark – Peckham, 97, Peckham High Street, SE15 5RS	Mon-Fri 10am-2pm	080 8278 7849 (free) Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri – 9.30am-4.30pm; Tues 9.30am-7pm
Citizens Advice Southwark - Walworth, 6-8 Westmoreland Road, SE17 2AY	Mon-Fri 10am-2pm	080 8278 7849 – see above
Deptford Reach (Thamesreach)	Mon-Fri 9am-4pm	020 8692 6548
Big Local Works, SE16	Mon-Thurs 10am-4pm	020 7237 5221
Southwark Wellbeing Hub – Together for Mental Wellbeing	Mon-Fri 9am-5pm	020 3751 9684 <a href="mailto:southwarkhub@together-uk.org">southwarkhub@together-uk.org</a>
Children and Family Centres		
Pilgrims' Way Children's Centre, SE15	Mon-Fri 9am-4pm	020 7358 2878 <a href="mailto:pcadmin@pilgrimsaway.southwark.sch.uk">pcadmin@pilgrimsaway.southwark.sch.uk</a>
Rotherhithe Children and Family Centre, SE16	Mon-Fri 9am-4pm	020 7358 2878
Rye Oak Children and Family Centre, SE15	Mon-Fri 8am-5pm	0203 848 5780
1st Place Children and Parents Centre, SE5	Mon-Fri 9am-4pm	020 7740 8070
Camberwell & Dulwich Children and Family Centres	Mon-Fri 9am-5pm	020 7274 8543

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Services for older people		
Age UK Lewisham & Southwark	Tues-Fri 10am-5pm	020 7358 4077
Southwark Pensioners Centre	Mon-Fri 9am-5pm	020 7708 4556
Services for Southwark council housing residents		
Housing Resident Services (Ledbury Estate Office), SE15	24-hour service	020 7732 2886
Services for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness		
Southwark Housing Solutions	Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9am-4pm; Wed 10am-4pm	020 7525 4140
Services for carers		
Southwark Carers	Mon-Fri 9am-5pm (check bank holidays)	020 7708 4497 <a href="mailto:info@southwarkcarers.org.uk">info@southwarkcarers.org.uk</a>
Spanish-speaking services		
Latin American Disabled People's Project	Mon-Fri 10am-4pm	020 7793 8399



**Pay £4.50 per shop for £15 worth of food**



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The Peckham Pantry is a membership scheme shop open to everyone who wants to join.

**Fresh & healthy food for less**

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We partner with local suppliers to source fresh, healthy vegetables, meat, pantry staples, and much more for our members to supplement their food shops and get more for less.

**Become a member today and get access to at least £15 worth of food, for just £4.50 per visit**

Join our community by popping into the pantry and signing up to become a member, it takes 5 minutes and you can shop right away!

**Peckham Pantry Peckham Park Road**  
49-53 Peckham Park Road  
SE15 6TU

Monday 9AM - 4PM  
Tuesday 9AM - 4PM  
Wednesday 9AM - 4PM  
Thursday 10AM - 7PM  
Friday 9AM - 4PM  
Saturday 9AM - 3PM  
Sunday **CLOSED**

**Peckham Pantry St Luke's**  
St Luke's Church  
Chandler Way, SE15 6DT

Monday **CLOSED**  
Tuesday **CLOSED**  
Wednesday **10AM - 3PM**  
Thursday **CLOSED**  
Friday **CLOSED**  
Saturday **CLOSED**  
Sunday **CLOSED**



We partner with Tropical Sun and Supermalt to bring a wide range of world foods to the pantry every week

**SUPERMALT**



lest we forget



**POPPY APPEAL**

★ We will be outside **TESCO** ★

**26th OCT - 11th NOV**  
10am-6pm

★ Then at **THE RANGE** ★

**28th OCT ONLY**  
11am

**For the official launch**  
The Mayor of Southwark will be in attendance  
Sea Cadets, our amazing singer, Jay O'Callaghan  
will be entertaining us, The Blackout Buddies  
(Dad's Army reenactors), a display of work  
from the City of London Academy

## North Bermondsey Branch



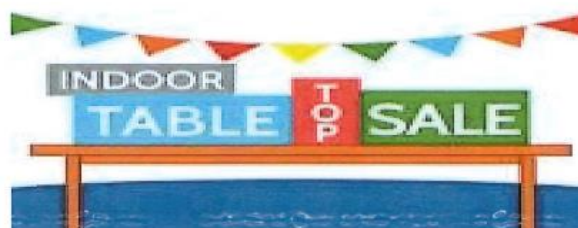
We are having a Table top sale to raise funds for our standards



Galleywall Road Tennants Hall starts at finishes at

Tables are £10

Tombola



Please contact Branch Chairman – Jill Merrett to book a table

Mobile 07305 144908 Email Northbermondseybranch@gmail.com



Help to get a club minibus  
gofund.me/e6b987f2

Scan to donate



## New Cross Martial Arts

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### Judo Club – Rotherhithe Primary School

New Cross Martial Arts are offering your children a Judo after school club. Children will have the opportunity to learn a Japanese martial art and Olympic sport in a fun and exciting way learning Discipline, Self-Control and Respect. By children learning the fundamental principles of judo will improve fitness, flexibility, co-ordination, strength and also self-confidence. Children will take part in regular gradings to gain their belts to progress through the ranks. New Cross Martial Arts also offer and run national and international competitions in which children will be able to participate in.

Judo sessions will run every Wednesday & Friday afterschool 3:30pm – 4:30pm.

**Start & Finish Date:** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

(payment is required in advance per term)

Wednesday – Years 1-6 (7 x sessions)	£35
Friday – Years 1-6 (7 x sessions)	£35

(Please tick which sessions you require)

For both days £70

All fees must be paid by the deadline above. Your child will not be allowed to attend any sessions after deadline date. Due to a long waiting list places are now offered on a first come first served basis throughout the school

**NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Please note as from 2022 New Cross Martial Arts will only accept payment via  
**bank transfer**

### Rotherhithe Primary School Registration Form

Child's (Full) Name..... (Please PRINT clearly)

Childs Class .....

Does your child have any medical / special needs that we should be aware of?

.....

**Parental contact details – (please print clearly)**

Parent/Career Name.....

Telephone Number.....

Email .....

Please return form to the judo coaches.

**METHOD OF PAYMENT (please tick)**

Bank Transfer ☐ Date paid .....

**Name on account:** New Cross Martial Arts LTD

**Account number:** 92214229

**Sort code:** 40-43-36

Please Leave your child's full name and school as a reference.

For example: Sam Smith – Rotherhithe Primary School.

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### Important information

- We are unable to offer refunds once payment has been made and sessions started.
- Refunds will not be given for sessions that have been missed by the child.
- Should Payment not be received by the given deadline you will be asked to collect your child but will still be charged for the sessions attended. By missing the payment deadline your child may also lose their space at this club due to current waiting list.



Southwark Children and Family Centres  
Bermondsey and Rotherhithe



## Autumn Timetable 30th October- 15th December 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@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk)



### Monday

#### Venue: Ellen Brown

Stay and Play (1 year and above)  
10:00am-11:30am

Parent/Carers exploring, learning, and developing through fun and stimulating play activities.

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

Dates: 6th November - 4th December  
Times:  
Group 1 - 12.45pm- 1:45pm  
Group 2 - 2.30pm- 3:30pm

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

#### Venue: Pilgrims' Way

Next Steps- Autism Parenting Training  
**(Invitation Only)**  
For families with children under 5, diagnosed with Autism.

Dates: 13th Nov- 18th December  
Times: 10am-12:00pm

#### 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 3UG

### Tuesday

#### Venue: Ellen Brown

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.

SENsational Stay and Play (0-5 years)  
1:30pm-3:00pm

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

#### Venue: Pilgrims' Way

Melodies 4 Mums **(Invitation Only)**

Dates: 19th Sept-21st 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@breatheah.org](mailto:m4m@breatheah.org) or visit: [breatheah.org](http://breatheah.org)

### Wednesday

#### Venue: Ellen Brown

##### NEW SESSION

Toddler Time (2 years and above)  
10:00am-11:30am

A session for families with toddlers to explore their curiosity, learn through play and supporting next steps into nursery.

Chattertime Plus (18 months and above)  
1:30pm-3:00pm

A stay and play group tailored to support children with complex communication needs and areas such as attention, social interaction, behaviour, understanding language and talking.

#### Venue: Pilgrims' Way

Stay and Play + Bookstart (0-5 years)  
10am-11:30am

Parent/Carers exploring, learning, and developing through fun and stimulating play activities.

##### NEW SESSION

Boogie Miles Music (12 months and above)  
1:45pm-2:15pm

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

### Thursday

#### Venue: Ellen Brown

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

Dates: 5th Oct-7th Dec  
Times: 10am-12pm

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

Boogie Miles Music (0-12 months)  
2:00pm-2:30pm

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

#### Venue: Rotherhithe

Breastfeeding Café (Drop In)  
10:00am-12:00pm

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

### Friday

#### Venue: Rotherhithe

##### Boogie Miles

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

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

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

For families with children over 5, diagnosed with Autism.

Dates: 17th Nov- 22nd Dec

Times: 12pm-2:00pm

## POLITE NOTICE

Due to our popularity of our groups please note that priority will be given to families trying to access our sessions. We would like to keep EVERYONE safe and healthy, and some groups have a limited number of families permitted in our centres.

#### Are you expecting a baby, or new to Parenting?

Parents and Peanuts is a space for parents to ask questions and discuss hopes and fears, take away some of the parenting unknowns and meet other parents.

For further information and support, email: [shella@stmichaelsfellowship.org.uk](mailto:shella@stmichaelsfellowship.org.uk)