

# RPS Weekly Newsletter

Happy  
**LONG  
WEEKEND**



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Look at how much our broad beans have grown!

RPS children have been busy tending to our vegetable plots. They have (with the help of Andrea our wonderful parent volunteer) been weeding and turning over the earth in preparation for sowing more seeds.



**RPS artists at work:** Year 5/6 children have applied their knowledge of celebrated British artist David Hockney's style by recreating one of his most beloved landscapes 'Garrowby Hills'. They focussed on perspective, using vivid contemporary colours and identifying the horizon line.



**Year 2 SATS:** This year the DfE has removed the statutory obligation to administer Year 2 SATS. However, they highly recommend that schools continue to deliver a SATs paper which they have provided. The NEST academy has taken the decision that all schools within the academy will deliver these SATs tests in the May assessment window. Data from these tests will not be published nationally and the assessments will be used to guide future teaching and planning. Therefore, year 2 will be having SATs tests this month. These will be delivered in smaller groups with their class teacher, or a familiar adult and we will maintain our focus on the children's wellbeing at all times.

**Year 6 SATs 2024:** May is upon us, which means it's time for our Year 6 children to sit their SATs examinations for 2024. The SATs tests start on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May and the children take tests each morning for a period of 4 days.

**Wellbeing:** The most important thing to focus on at this point is ensuring your child's wellbeing remains high. Praise them for their efforts and encourage them to have their best go. Please make sure they have a good bedtime routine each evening so that they get enough sleep each night and don't forget to send them to school with their water bottles!

**Science club:** Science club has expanded this summer term with the addition of the year 2 science ambassadors. This week, they investigated the effect of different liquids on the surface of water. They tested vinegar, milk, cooking oil, liquid hand soap, shampoo, conditioner, soy sauce and washing up liquid to see which one was best at weakening the bond on the molecules of water. Which do you think will be best?



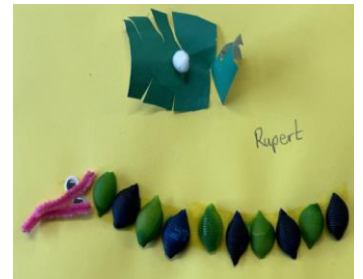
**Play Innovation Donate Mini Crossbar Shootout game:** A group of children were recently invited to a workshop/play date at the Silwood Estate MUGA to be involved in the filming of a short 30 second video for SAPCA (Sports and Play Construction Association). In return, Play Innovation donated a free 'Corner Skills' target game worth £2,400 plus free installation and delivery. You can see the children enjoying our new installation in the video here. [Mini Crossbar Shootout game - click here.](#)

I hope you have a wonderful weekend. Lisa HoS

# Nursery love learning!



Over the past week, our Nursery children have been making friends with a couple of new arrivals. Our Caterpillars! It has been a lot of fun and very interesting watching the caterpillars change from one stage to the next.



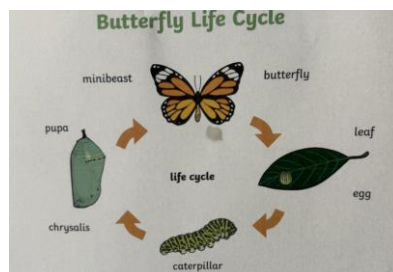
Butterflies and moths undergo a complete metamorphosis, which means there are four separate stages in the life cycle (egg, larva or caterpillar, pupa or chrysalis, and adult Butterfly/Moth).



Each stage looks completely different and serves a different purpose in the life of the insect. We are all looking forward to our new Caterpillar friends becoming beautiful Butterflies in the next few days!



May we take this opportunity to offer a huge thank you to our parents for donating the funds to make this happen. The children and staff are very grateful!



# Dates for your Diary

<b>29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Kings College Dental visit for some Reception and Nursery children Honeybee assembly
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	Maths parent workshop – supporting children with additional need
<b>9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Pedestrian training for year 3 children
<b>13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 6 SATS week starts
<b>20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Spanish Dress up day Year 6 Residential trip to Hindleap Warren
<b>24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	National Literacy Trust reading event for years 1 & 2
<b>24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Break up for half term
<b>Week starting 10<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Phonics screening check for year 1 Multiplication check for year 4 Bikeability for year 5
<b>14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Class photographs
<b>20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Apiary visit – Science and Gardening ambassadors
<b>25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Summer Reading event for KS1
<b>28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Rainbow Dress up Day
<b>1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Bikeability
<b>5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Bike Market and the Summer Fair
<b>Week starting 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Sports day events
<b>11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Prom
<b>15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Meet your new class teacher
<b>19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 graduation at 11:30 am Class parties Break up for the holidays

## Attendance Matters

This week's winners of the attendance award.



Seal Class 94%

Eden Class 94.7%

Well done and keep it up!  
Please do not book holidays during term time!

## Pupil Book Recommendations

**Pupil:** Deeqa (year 4)

**Book:** Brianna the Bee Fairy

**Author:** Daisy Meadows



This book, Brianna the Bee Fairy, is about two little girls, Rachel Walker and Kristy Tate. Both of them start a Bee Club called 'Bee Kind' because they realised innocent bees were disappearing. The first thing they did was place a water basin in the Peace Garden with bee friendly flowers. The Peace Garden was so quiet. When the morning came no-one was there. Not one person was in the Peace Garden. As they walked by, they saw that the gardener's tools were on the ground. They were pleased.

I recommend people who love bees and nature read this spectacular, phenomenal book. Why not try these other books written by Daisy Meadows.



## Quote of the week

You can discover more about a person in an hour of play than in a year of conversation.

Plato



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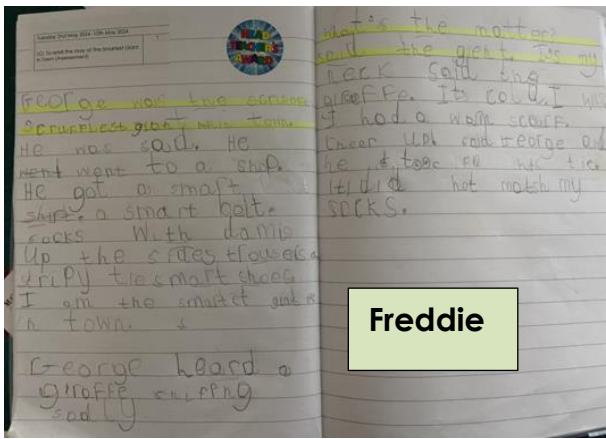


# Star of the Week



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<b>Whale</b>	Issa	Issa has been trying hard this week during maths lessons. He has really focussed on his numbers from 50-100 and has been confidently using his star words to aid his learning. Well done, Issa.
<b>Octopus</b>	Israel	For holding doors open for others and complimenting both children and adults alike. You've shown real kindness, well done!
<b>Seal</b>	Isata	Isata is an excellent role model for Seal Class. She consistently demonstrates excellent behaviour and an enthusiasm for her learning.
<b>Avon</b>	Christine E	Christine has welcomed our new pupil in the best way possible. She has shown kindness and support as well as demonstrated our school values. Christine has been a fantastic buddy. Keep it up!
<b>Eden</b>	Hosna	Hosna has matured and grown as an author. She is applying literary devices, such as similes, expanded noun phrases and adverbial phrases in her writing. It is a pleasure to read, and we frequently read it out loud to the whole class. Keep it up, Hosna!
<b>Tyne</b>	James	James has worked hard in swimming this week. He has grown in his confidence and is progressing well with the new skills and technique. Well done!
<b>Brent</b>	Lemuel	Lemuel has truly been dedicated to his studies. He has been attending early morning math classes consistently and approaching his work with a positive attitude.
<b>Lea</b>	Mahad	For 100% effort in music. He has worked hard to learn to play the recorder, learning the chords and rhythms and always sings with great enthusiasm.
<b>Thames</b>	Emma	For writing a captivating short story based on the animation 'Dream Giver'. She has used dialogue well to bring her characters to life. Well done!

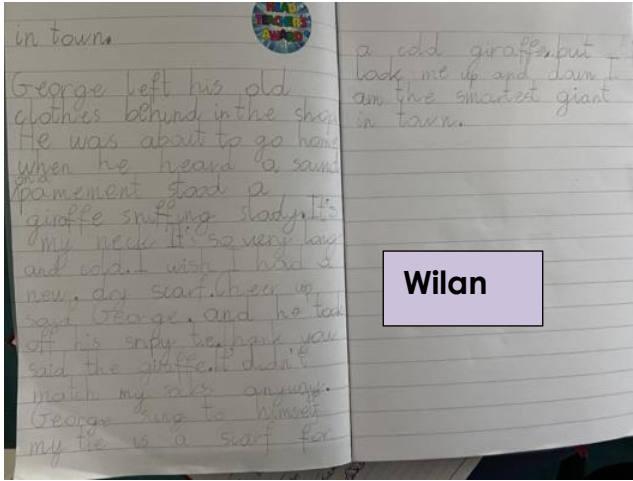
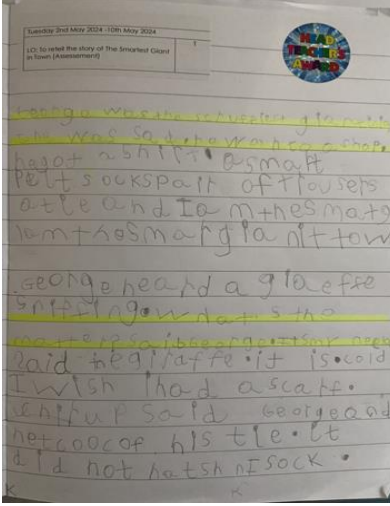


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# Year 1 Star Writing!

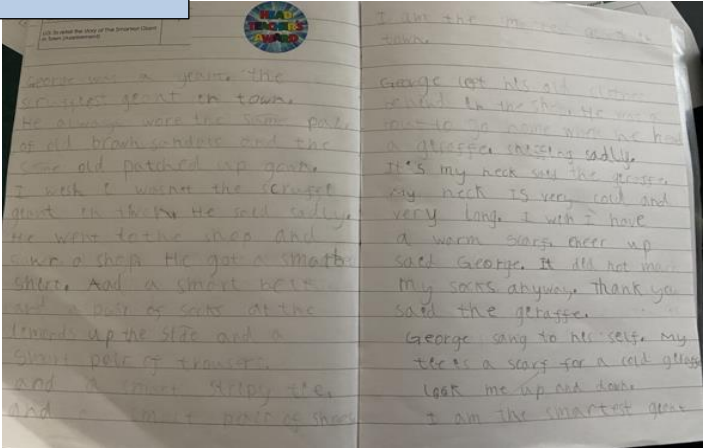


Kiona



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**Bede**  
 Believing in community.

**Summer Fair**

BBQ, raffle,  
 tombola, plants for  
 sale, nearly new  
 clothes, books, toys  
 & bric-a-brac

WEDNESDAY  
**29 MAY**  
 2024  
 OPEN AT  
 11AM - 2PM

BERMONDSEY  
 BEDE CENTRE  
 ABBEYFIELD RD  
 SE16 2BS

For More Information  
[www.bedehouse.org.uk](http://www.bedehouse.org.uk)

**Honeybee Programme**

Rotherhithe Primary School was visited by Rachel Corpus who is part of the Honeybee programme organised by School Food Matters.

She told everyone about the different types of Bees, which amounts to a very impressive 240 species. There are approximately 50,000 bees in a colony. They serve a huge and very important purpose to this planet by pollinating our plants and flowers. They also help pollinate our favourite fruits such as Strawberries and Apples.

**Bee-friendly Planting Visit:** As part of the programme, we have been informed that one of the programmes gardeners will be coming to our school to deliver a two-hour bee-friendly planting visit. The planned visit is scheduled for Friday 24th May 2024 from 1-3pm.

**Visit to the apiary:** As well as this, our Gardening and Science Ambassadors will have the opportunity to visit a London apiary, put on bee suits and see a hive opened up!



Southwark Children and Family Centres  
Bermondsey and Rotherhithe



## Timetable 16<sup>th</sup> April-24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

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

Sessions start on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April  
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: Various Dates across the year

This group has a long waiting list so please email us to go on the list.

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

#### Venue: Rotherhithe

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

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

#### Bookstart Sessions at local libraries

**Bookstart** (0-4 years) Term Time Only

**Canada Water Library** 10-11:30am  
21 Surrey Quays Rd, SE16 7AR

**Blue Anchor Library** 10-11am  
Market Place, London, SE16 3UQ

### 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: Rotherhithe

**Welcome to Parenthood!**  
10am-11:30am  
Dates: 30<sup>th</sup> April, 7<sup>th</sup> May, 14<sup>th</sup> May and 21<sup>st</sup> May

A new supportive group for families with babies 0-12 months aimed at exploring and discussing topics on the first year of your baby's life with the additional benefit of support around emotional and mental wellbeing for you and your baby.

### Wednesday

#### Venue: Ellen Brown

**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 **Re-starting from 24<sup>th</sup> April**

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 (0-5 years)  
10am-11:30am

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

### Thursday

#### Venue: Ellen Brown

**NO SESSIONS ON THE 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY**

**Boogie Miles** (0-12 months)  
Times: 10am-10:30am

Music programme to support babies' development.

**Mother and Baby Wellbeing Group**  
(Invitation Only)

Talking Therapies is delivering a 7-week group for mums with babies 0-14 months old to develop skills in managing mental wellbeing.

Dates: 9<sup>th</sup> May-27<sup>th</sup> June  
Time: 12pm-1pm

For more information and to book please contact:

[www.talkingtherapiesouthwark.nhs.uk](http://www.talkingtherapiesouthwark.nhs.uk)  
Telephone: 020 3228 2194

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

#### Venue: Rotherhithe

**Breastfeeding Café** 10:00am-12:00pm

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

#### Venue: Pilgrims' Way

**NO SESSIONS ON THE 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY**

**Boogie Miles** (From 6 months-5 years)  
10:00am-10:30am

Music programme to support children's development.

**Melodies for Mums** (Invitation Only)  
16<sup>th</sup> May-18<sup>th</sup> July 2x groups

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)

### Friday

#### Venue: Rotherhithe

**NO SESSIONS ON THE 19<sup>th</sup> OF APRIL**

##### Boogie Miles

Music programme to support children's language, brain development, communication, physical and social development. You and your child will benefit from the mood-boosting effect of sharing music together.

Times: 10:00am – 10:30 am

Ages: 0-12 months

Times: 11:30am-12:00pm

#### Venue: Ellen Brown

**NO SESSIONS ON THE 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

**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.

#### Healthy Minds Thrive Project

The Healthy Minds Thrive project aims to support parents and carers across Southwark (with 0-2 infants) thrive in their parenting journey. We understand that parents may experience isolation, low mood, and anxiety, worries around bonding with baby or shame about having these feelings.

For more information, please email: [premila.soobul@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:premila.soobul@southwark.gov.uk)



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**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? Speech and Language Support**

This is practical tool that the Early Years Team uses to discover children's level of communication, promote, and support the development of speech and language from as young as 6 months old- 5 years, through working together with parents/carers and completing fun activities.

Please speak with a member of staff for further information.



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.

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!**

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Tustin Estate, Manor Grove, SE15 1EF

**Rotherhithe Children and Family Centre**

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