

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 10th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to all our families! I hope you had a wonderful holiday and that those of you who celebrate Christmas enjoyed the festivities. Thank you for all the gifts that staff received. The weather certainly took a frosty turn but hopefully will start to warm up next week. Please ensure children are wrapped up warm in the cold weather.

The children have launched vigorously into their new learning this term. You can find out what they will be learning via the termly planners on the school website: [Click here.](#)

New Year Resolutions: In assembly this week we talked about New Year traditions including the setting of goals as part of a new year resolution. We considered whether our school values could help the children to set a goal for themselves. We looked at a story called the Curious Garden by Peter Brown and considered how Liam, the main character, demonstrated our school values. This is a lovely book that shows how Liam helps to improve his environment when he starts to look after some ailing plants.

School Uniform: To make it easier for families and children I have agreed that children can wear their PE kit to school on the days they have PE but I have noticed that some children are wearing kit that does not meet our uniform policy. Please make sure t shirts are **white only** with **no logos** unless it is a school uniform logo. Children should wear **black joggers** in the cold weather and **black shorts** in the summer. They should then wear their **school jumper or cardigan** so they can keep warm when not doing PE. Please make sure that children's PE kit is complying with our school policy.

Jewellery: Wrist watches may be worn if a child is able to tell the time. If desired one small sleeper or stud earring in each ear will be allowed. **Smartwatches should not be worn to**

school. If children arrive at school wearing a smartwatch, we will ask them to remove it and it will be returned to parents at the end of the day. This is to ensure that we remain GDPR compliant and to safeguard all our pupils.

Apple Store Trip: Ravensbourne class visited the Apple Store in Covent Garden today and participated in an exciting "Create a Theme Song" workshop utilizing GarageBand on iPads. During this engaging session, students learned the fundamentals of rhythm and had the opportunity to experiment with drums, incorporate pre-recorded loops, and remix their very own theme song. The experience was not only enjoyable but also inspired our young musicians to pursue their passion for music creation. We look forward to seeing the innovative musical projects they produce in the future! In the meantime why not sample two of the melodies that were created by Charlotte and Tony at the following link: <https://rotherhitheprimary.co.uk/rps-news/create-a-theme-song-workshop/>



Have a relaxing weekend! Lisa (HoS)

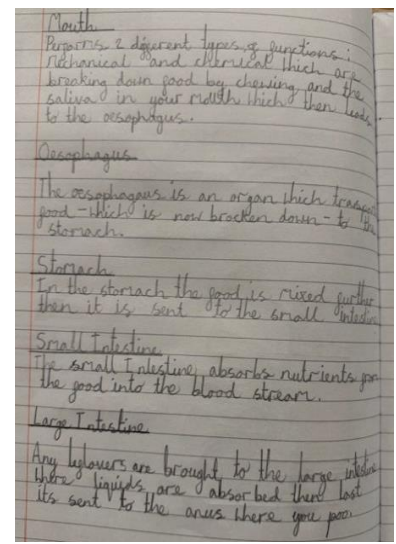
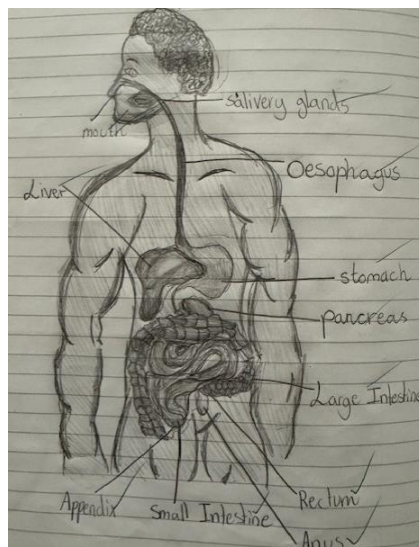
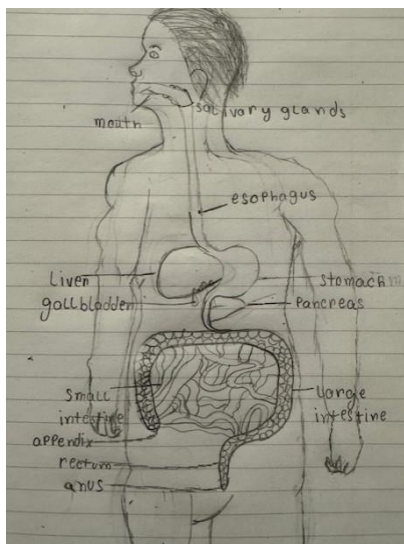
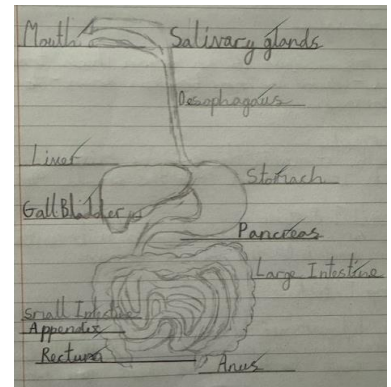
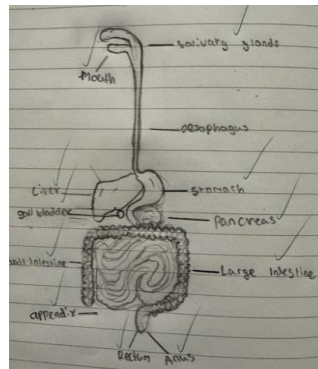
Pop-up book magic!

Wandle and Fleet class have been making some fabulous Pop-up Books as part of their Design Technology project. The book that they have based their design on is "The Highwayman". Once their books were complete, they organised a peer reading afternoon to share their newly designed books with children from Octopus and Eden class. We took some pictures of our designers reading to their excited onlookers. A huge well done to our amazing book designers and a special thank you to our younger children for showing some great listening skills.



We love learning!

Year 6 have commenced their unit on 'Animals including Humans' by identifying the main organs of the human digestive system. They then created an accurate diagram and explained the role of the digestive system and the organs within it.



Dates for your Diary

6 th January	Children return to school
Week starting 13 th January	Children's Book Project
16 th January	Brain buddies start for Wandle class
27 th January	Eden class to Creekside Year 6 maritime Museum
30 th January	Height and weight check for Reception and Year 6 children
31 st January	Tyne class to Creekside
6 th February	Year 4 & 5 trip to Ragged School Museum Time to Talk Day
7 th February	Year 4 & 5 trip to the Ragged School Museum
10 th February	Amber returns from maternity leave
11 th February	Internet Safety Day
14 th February	Break up for half term Half Term Break
24 th February	Children return to school
4 th & 5 th March	Parents Evening
6 th March	World Book Day – dress up as a book character.
Week starting 10 th March	STEAM week Artist Kandace Siobhan Walker working with groups of children in Avon class.
13 th March	Scholastic Book Fair Science Workshops for classes
17 th March	Mock SATS year 6
24 th March	SEND parents meetings
2 nd April	Easter Bonnet Parade
4 th April	Break up for the Easter Break Easter Break
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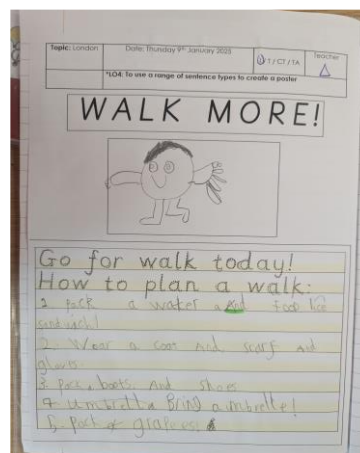
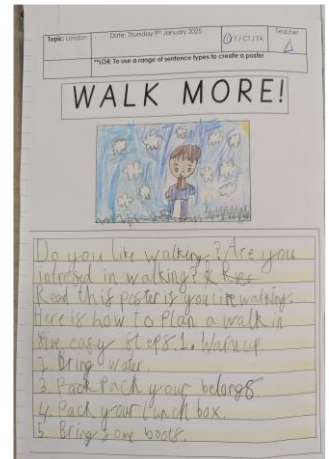
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live for today,
hope for
tomorrow.

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Star Writing!



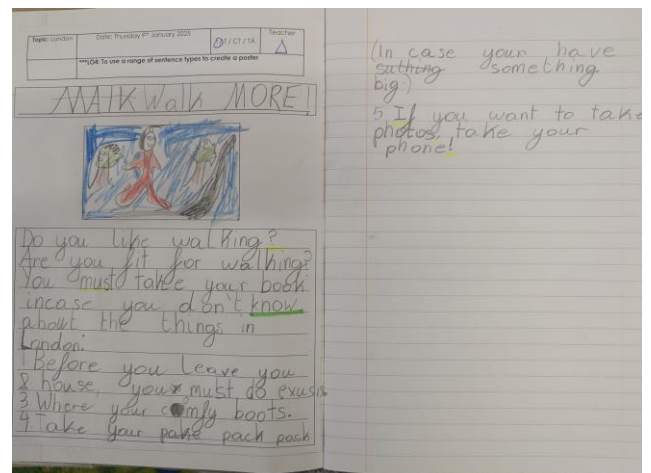
Tyne class take sustainability very seriously and as part of their learning, they have created a poster to encourage everyone to walk more. They have used a range of sentences within their writing. Well done Tyne class.



Sapphire

Freddie

Wilan



Attendance Matters

This week's winners of the attendance award.

Upper phase (year 4, 5 & 6)
Trent Class 96.1%%

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

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Star of the Week

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Whale	Simon	This week for working incredibly hard across all areas of the curriculum. Simon has shown great progress in writing and created a marvellous poster about toys. Keep it up!
Octopus	Nathanael	Nathanael has made a fantastic start to the new term, particularly in writing sessions. He is very engaged in our new non-fiction unit 'Toys'; he has created excellent invitations and posters for our class Toy Museum. Keep it up!
Tyne	Sapphire	This week, we're thrilled to celebrate Sapphire, who has truly amazed us with her incredible knowledge of London! Her passion for the city's culture, landmarks, and history is truly inspiring. Thank you, Sapphire, for sharing your expertise and making our class more knowledgeable about this wonderful city.
Eden	Maliyah	Maliyah has made a great start to the new term. She has been displaying an excellent attitude towards all her learning. Well done and keep it up!
Avon	Mohammed	For his increasing effort in English, making sure to reflect back to his success criteria and ensure he is taking on board feedback given to help improve the quality of his work.
Fleet	Madison	Madison worked very hard completing her pop-up book, made whilst studying mechanisms in DT last term. She showed real resilience, missing her playtime to practice and improve the skills she needed for her book.
Ravensbourne	Janae	For demonstrating exceptional drama skills while employing strong adjectives and dynamic verbs to describe the Little Match Girl. Well done!
Wandle	Ayana	Ayana is a strong student all round. She easily could compete for Star of the Week every week! I have been impressed with her writing of late and her attention to the editing process. Her conversations with her Writing Buddy are thoughtful and precise.
Severn	Mohamed	For consistently calculating a wide range of arithmetic questions accurately and at great pace, particularly with fractions. Well done
Trent	Jace	Jace is a fantastic learner and role model in the class. He listens well, shares his ideas confidently and is ambitious in his work. I'm impressed!

We love art!

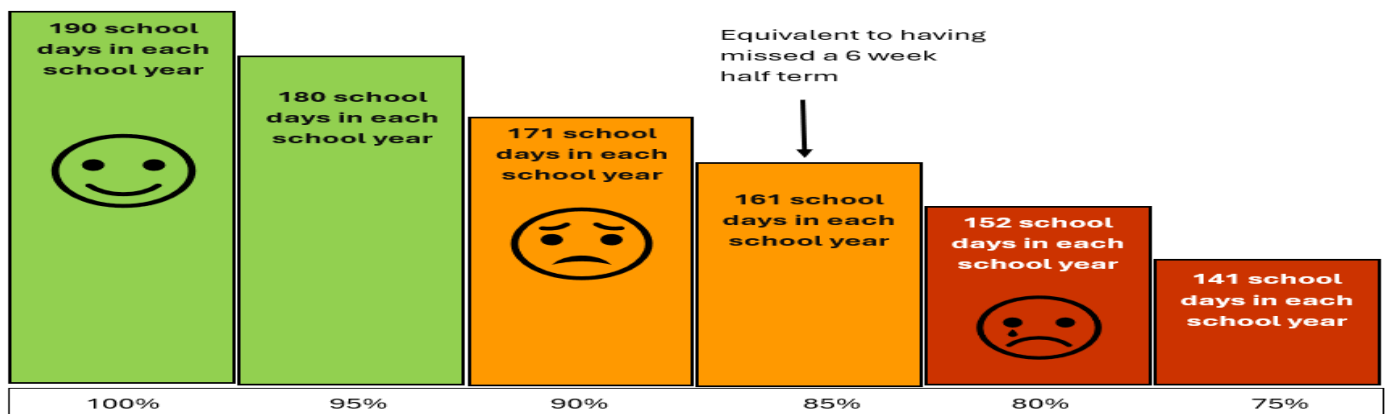
We love art at RPS and the school are in the process of working towards achieving an arts mark. This is acknowledgement of the great teaching and learning that exists in the school in this subject. Here you can see pictures of Year 6 who have started their unit on 'Paint and Mixed Media' creating a wide range of colours by mixing tints (adding white) and shades (by adding black). They then applied these skills to create a three-dimensional effect when painting an object.



Attendance Matters

The government has a national focus on improving attendance in schools and have created stages and systems that schools are required to follow when children's attendance becomes a concern. All local authorities and academy trusts have reviewed and adjusted their responses to high absences. A child whose attendance falls below **90%** is considered to be '**persistently absent**' and will require the school to meet with parents to work towards improving attendance. Taking holidays within school time is not permitted and runs the risk of being fined by the local authority, so please do not book holidays within term time. Regular absences lead to gaps in learning and subsequently, children finding return to school more challenging.

Good attendance is extremely important. There is evidence that children who have good attendance achieve better academically and are more likely to have secure friendship groups.



Timetable – Wednesday 8th Jan – Friday 14th February 2025

Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Children and Family Hubs

To book on sessions please email us below
ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Venue: Ellen Brown</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Baby Massage (8 weeks Old-Pre-crawlers) Booking Required</p> <p>Various Dates across the year Starts</p>	<p>Venue: Ellen Brown</p> <p>Baby and Us (From birth up to walkers) 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</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Venue: Ellen Brown</p> <p>Stay & Play (1-5 years old) 10:00am-11:30am</p> <p>Parent Drop In A member of staff is available for help and advice for parents that are experiencing difficulties. We are here to help!!</p> <p>Chattertime Plus (18 months and above) 1:30pm-3:00pm starts 15th Jan 2025</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Venue: Ellen Brown</p> <p>Boogie Miles (0-12 months) 10:00am-10:30am</p> <p>Venue: Pilgrims' Way</p> <p>Stay and Play (0-5 years) 10:00am-11:30am</p> <p>Venue: Rotherhithe</p> <p>Breastfeeding Café Infant feeding Drop-in</p> <p>10:00am-12:00pm Information and practical support for pregnant and breastfeeding mums and their families.</p> <p>NEW GROUP</p> <p>Baby Sensory Group (0-12 months)</p> <p>1:30pm-2:30pm A relaxed space for you and your baby to exploring & discovering their new world together through touch, sound, vision, taste and smell</p>	<p>Venue: Rotherhithe</p> <p>Toddlers Boogie Miles</p> <p>Music programme to support children's language, brain development, communication, physical and social development.</p> <p>Ages: 12 months and above Group 1: 10:00am – 10:30 am Group 2: 11:30am-12:00pm</p>
<p>Venue: Rotherhithe</p> <p>Stay and Play (1 year and above) 10:00am-11:30am</p>	<p>Venue: Pilgrims' Way</p> <p>Stay and Play en Español (Spanish speaking parents) 0-5 years</p> <p>10:00am-11:30am</p>	<p>Venue: Rotherhithe</p> <p>NEW GROUP</p> <p>Baby Boogie Miles (0-12 months) 2:00pm-2:30pm</p>	<p>Venue: Rotherhithe</p> <p>Little Explorers (Newly Walkers-18 months) 10:00am-11:30am Engage with your child in play and help them discover the world through fun and engaging activities.</p>	<p>Saturday</p> <p>Venue: Rotherhithe</p> <p>Gardening Workshop (2 years plus) 10.00am-11:30am</p> <p>25/01/2025 22/02/2025 Email to book ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk</p>
<p>HENRY WORKSHOPS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday 16th January (1pm-2:30pm) Eating Well for Less at Ellen Brown Friday 7th February (1pm-3pm) Starting Solids at Ellen Brown Thursday 13th February (10am-12pm) Fussy Eating at South Bermondsey <p>To book email: gst.tr.HVsupportanddevelopmentworker@nh.s.net</p>	<p>Venue: TBC</p> <p>'Welcome to Parenthood' 1:30pm From 21st Jan-10th Feb</p> <p>INVITATION ONLY</p> <p>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.</p> <p>lulleralph@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk</p>	<p>Venue: Rotherhithe</p> <p>NEW GROUP</p> <p>Melodies for Mums group (0-12 months) 2:00pm-2:30pm</p> <p>Venue: Ellen Brown</p> <p>Melodies for Mums group From 30th January to 3rd April (INVITATION ONLY)</p> <p>For more information and to register email: m4m@breatheahr.org</p>		



Southwark Family Hubs



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-fr.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.

For more information, please visit

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

To book please email:

gst-fr.hvsupportanddevelopmentworker@nhs.net



Rose Vouchers

Support to buy fresh fruit and vegetables for low-income families and living in SE1, SE15, SE16, SE5 or SE17. If you wish to register to please phone 0207 358 2878 or email ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk



Southwark Start for Life offer includes help with:

- Feeding your baby ✓
- Mental health & wellbeing ✓
- Support for children special needs & disabilities ✓
- Early education at home ✓
- Accessing information, advice, and your free childcare offer ✓
- Making friends and connections ✓
- Building relationships with your baby ✓
- Everyday parenting challenges ✓

<https://services.southwark.gov.uk/>

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



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@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk



Contact us!

Elen 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 Hub

Tenda Road, London, SE16 3PN

Telephone: 0207 358 2878

ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk

Please visit our websites for further information

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

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: julia.tropiano@southwark.gov.uk