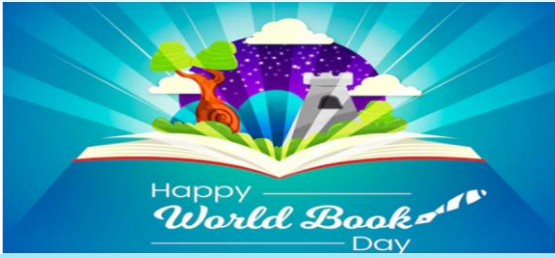


# RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025

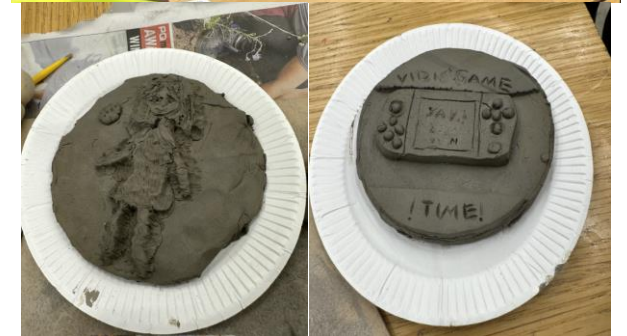
Dear Parents and Carers,

How lovely it has been this week to finally see some consistent sunshine and what better way to finish a very busy week than with a 'girls football awareness' day. All children were invited to wear their favourite football t-shirt and to get excited about football... I even saw a few teachers playing! Tomorrow 8<sup>th</sup> March is International Women's Day and an opportunity to reflect on the achievements of our very own lionesses! Our girls football team played in a local football tournament. They had a fantastic time and came third in the competition only just being beaten in their final game. A huge well done to the girls: Roselyn, Whitney, Annabel, Iman, Ishraq, Perwa, Skylah-Rae and Elaf.



On Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, Ravensbourne class had an exciting opportunity to visit the V&A Museum as part of their studies on the Victorian era. During this trip, they participated in a ceramics workshop that allowed them to explore the fascinating properties of clay. The students learned why clay is such a valuable material for designers. Whilst at the museum, they examined various objects from the V&A collections. Each piece told a unique story about our identity, the world around us and the aspects of life that we celebrate or remember. The experience was enriching; the students enjoyed the gallery visit and engaged in creative work with clay. Overall, the trip to the V&A Museum was both educational and inspiring. It helped the children connect their classroom learning

with real-world applications in art and design.



On Monday, year 4 girls travelled to Harris Girls Bermondsey and completed a science workshop. The children's behaviour was impeccable and we are very proud of them. The workshop was fascinating and was a great way of getting the girls excited about lessons at secondary school.

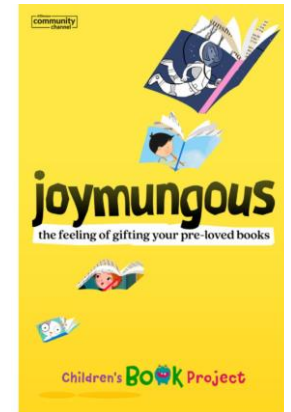
Don't forget to start planning your costume ready for STEAM week. Dress up to represent a STEAM subject, maybe a scientist or artist. How creative can you be!

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine! Lisa (HoS)

# World Book Day 2025!



World Book Day was a huge hit again this year! The day started with a special assembly lead by Nina (English Lead) who presented the children with a 'Masked Reader' film and the children had to guess the mystery reader. They then took part in a range of online live author focussed workshops. Year 1 had fun learning how to draw characters like an illustrator.



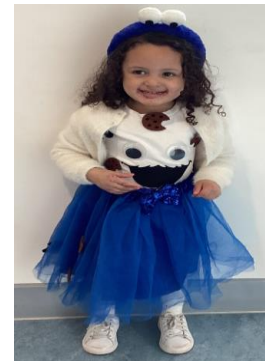
In the afternoon, 'buddy reading' was the focus. Children in Key Stage 2 were paired with a younger reader from Key stage 1. This was definitely one of the highlights of the day.



Each class focussed on improving their book corners across the week and completed fun, book related craft activities.

What amazing and creative costumes we saw displayed. The school council had the tough decision of choosing a worthy winner from each class to win a book prize. Well done to everyone! We know you all had fun!

All children were able to choose 2 books from the Children's Book project to take home and treasure. We hope you enjoyed sharing these books at home!





# Star of the Week



<b>Whale</b>	Nico	Nico is this week's 'Star of the Week' for having an excellent attitude to learning and showing determination to succeed. Nico works extremely hard throughout the day, and we couldn't ask for more. Keep it up!
<b>Tyne</b>	Jordan	Jordan has shown exceptional dedication and hard work in his assessments, diligently answering questions and taking his time to ensure each response was carefully considered. His efforts paid off as he achieved excellent marks in his tests.
<b>Eden</b>	Anna	Anna is a kind a thoughtful girl, who always shows our school values. She is a pleasure to have in the class, working hard and being ambitious.
<b>Avon</b>	Ruben	For his great work and fantastic attitude toward his learning. He has been focused and keen all week. Well done!
<b>Ravensbourne</b>	Safiya	For her exceptional creativity and meticulous attention to detail demonstrated during our ceramic workshop. Her innovative approach to working with clay not only showcased her artistic talent but also inspired her peers to explore their own creativity.
<b>Wandle</b>	Adel	We have been working on self-portraits. Adel created a mixed-media piece using multiple layers and an interesting colour palette. He was focussed and attentive to this piece. Well done Adel.
<b>Severn</b>	Mohamed	Mohamed has shown fantastic Maths skills this week. Especially the lesson on coordinates during which he happily shared his knowledge with the children on his table. Great work Mohamed.
<b>Trent</b>	Leah Rose	Leah Rose has shown excellent dedication to learning her times tables this week and has made superb progress. Keep up the great work!



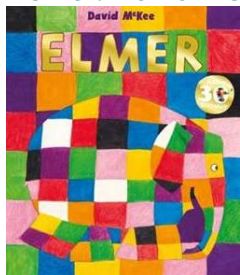
Arisha and Anaiah in year 2. Both girls showed kindness in the playground towards other children. They were asking the children if they would like to play a game and were also helpful with sharing equipment out with others.

# Dates for your Diary

	Half Term Break
<b>24th February</b>	Children return to school
<b>4th &amp; 5th March</b>	Parents Evening
<b>6th March</b>	World Book Day – dress up as a book character.
<b>Week starting 10th March</b>	STEAM week  Artist Kandace Siobhan Walker working with groups of children in Avon class.
<b>13th March</b>	Scholastic Book Fair  Science Workshops for classes
<b>17th March</b>	Mock SATS year 6
<b>24th March</b>	SEND parents meetings
<b>2nd April</b>	Easter Bonnet Parade
<b>4th April</b>	Break up for the Easter Break
	Easter Break
	Children return to school

## Staff Book Recommendations

**Staff:** Lisa S  
**Book:** Elmer  
**Author:** David McKee



I dressed up this World Book Day as Elmer the patchwork elephant. He is one of my favourite book characters because he is so beautiful and colourfully different to all the other elephants. We share a love of laughter and Elmer plays lots of amusing jokes in this book. Unfortunately, one day Elmer starts to feel like the odd one out and so leaves the elephants to go off on his own. Finding a berry bush, Elmer shakes the berries from the tree and rolls in them until he's covered all over in their purply-grey juice. Now he's elephant colour, Elmer can return to the herd and fit in unnoticed. But everyone misses their colourful friend. Elmer finds out it is rather boring being the same as everyone else and everyone loves him, just the way he is.

## Attendance Matters

Class	Weekly percentage	Star attendance winners
Penguin	98.3%	★
Jellyfish	82.4%	
Octopus	97.1%	
Whale	93.2%	
Eden	98.4%	★
Tyne	87.1%	
Avon	94.1%	
Fleet	90.3%	
Ravensbourne	93.9%	
Wandle	95.7%	
Severn	97.2%	★
Trent	96.5%	

Please do not book holidays during term time! These may lead to a penalty notice.



Parents can now log in to Arbor to book and pay for trips, uniform, and clubs. We hope you found it advantageous to book your parent evening appointments on the app too.

You can also see your child's attendance information including their attendance percentage.

If you are having trouble accessing Arbor, please speak to Sharon in the school office.

“The more you **read**  
the more **things** you know.  
The more that you **learn**  
the more **places** you'll go.”  
-Dr. Seuss

# SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY

You can choose to dress up as your favourite scientist of choice!

You can dress up as your favourite technologist!

• Albert Einstein  
• Galileo  
• Marie Curie

• Alexander Graham  
• Steve Shirley  
• Guion Bluford

## STEM March

14<sup>th</sup> Week

You can be your favourite engineer!

or even your favourite Mathematician!

• Brunel  
• Wright brothers  
• Willis Carrier

• Pythagoras  
• Fibonacci  
• Sophie

# ENGINEERING MATH

### PE Uniform Reminder

**PE Uniform:** Please make sure your children are wearing the correct PE uniform. These are **black joggers and a white t-shirt** (this can be long or short sleeved) and trainers.

In the summer they can wear black shorts. **No logos** on the joggers or t-shirts. Children should also wear their **school uniform jumper or cardigan** to keep warm throughout the day.

Tracksuit jumpers are **not** permitted and are not part of the school uniform.



Please remember that long hair needs to be tied back for PE lessons.



Teachers will remind children and parents if children are not wearing the correct PR uniform. Please see our policy on the website.

Thank you for your cooperation.

**BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK**  
7-16 March 2025

## Poster competition

The theme for 2025 is **'Change and Adapt'** – there are loads of STEM topics to be explored. Pupils could create a poster showing how plants and animals adapt to changing surroundings or how technology's place in our lives has changed, and how we have adapted. They could look at climate change and how we can adapt our behaviours to protect the environment, or their favourite science experiment and how it shows change. The more creative the interpretation of the theme, the better!

**CHANGE & ADAPT**

- Entries must be one page of A4 or A3 paper only
- Work must be original and created by the student(s) – please do not use any templates.

**Prizes will be given to the most creative posters in each class!**

**POSTERS DUE BY FRIDAY 14TH MARCH**



## GIRLS PLAYER PERFORMANCE PATHWAY

YEAR 4 - YEAR 9

HARRIS ACADEMY,  
BERMONDSEY

REGISTER NOW FOR  
A TRIAL

SESSIONS EVERY  
FRIDAY  
4:30 - 6:00PM

SIGN UP TODAY



## LEWISHAM PLAYER PERFORMANCE PATHWAY

U6-UT3 YEAR  
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PENDERGAST  
LADYWELL SCHOOL

SESSIONS EVERY  
MONDAY  
19:00PM - 20:00PM

REGISTER NOW FOR FREE  
A TRIAL

SIGN UP TODAY VIA:

[BIT.LY/LEWISHAM\\_PPP\\_TRIALS](https://bit.ly/lewisham_ppp_trials)



INTERNATIONAL  
WOMEN'S DAY EVENT  
(INTERGENERATIONAL)

# CELEBRATING WOMEN'S DIVERSITY -OUR STORIES!

SATURDAY 8TH MARCH 2025  
TIME: 11AM - 4PM

VENUE: THE APPLEBY BLUE ALMS  
HOUSE 94 - 116 SOUTHWARK PARK ROAD  
LONDON SE16 3RR (OPPOSITE AGE CONCERN UK)  
REVERDY BUS STOP

Activities: Arts and crafts, Massage,  
Poetry, Dance, Food and more!

FOR DETAILS & TO REGISTER

02035369609, 07394662602

Admin@parentskills2go.com  
parentskills2go.org

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### ART & ECOLOGY SCHOOL RESIDENCIES: THE EXHIBITION

5 APRIL - 11 MAY 2025 // LAKE GALLERY

PREVIEW: 4 APRIL 2025, 1 - 3PM

EXHIBITION OPEN: SALTER SPACE | WEDNESDAY - SUNDAY, 12 - 5PM

This exhibition celebrates our public engagement work in local schools, a popular annual programme bringing free art sessions that address the themes of environment and climate change through the process of art. Our professional Artist Associates spend two weeks in residency at a local primary school, delivering high quality creative and educational sessions with local children.

Artworks produced by a mixed group of students across Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 at **St James' CE Primary School**, created with **Anne Ogazi** and Year 3 students at **Rotherhithe Primary School**, created with **Kandace Siobhan Walker**, will be presented together in our Salter Space dedicated to community focused projects. Through the workshops, students explore the theme of ecology to include marginalised perspectives around how migration has shaped the green spaces around us and beyond.

### ART & ECOLOGY SCHOOL RESIDENCIES: THE WORKSHOPS

#### Thriving Migration

with Artist Associate Anne Ogazi  
St James CE Primary School  
28 January to 5 February 2025

#### The Forest of Wonder

with Artist Associate Kandace Siobhan Walker  
Rotherhithe Primary School  
10 to 20 March 2025



# REVISED Tuesday 25th Feb-28th March Timetable 2025

## Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Children and Family Hubs

To book on sessions please email us below

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

### Monday

Venue: Ellen Brown

**Toddler Time  
(2 years and above)**

**10:00am-11:00am**

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

Venue: Rotherhithe

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

### Tuesday

Venue: Ellen Brown

**Baby and Us  
(From birth up to 12 months)**

**10:00am-11:00am**

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.

### Wednesday

Venue: Ellen Brown

**Stay & Play  
(1-5 years old)**

**10:00am-11:00am**

**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: Rotherhithe

**Baby Boogie Mites  
(0-12 months)  
2:00pm-2:30pm**

### Thursday

Venue: Ellen Brown

**Boogie Mites  
(0-12 months)  
10:00am-10:30am**

Venue: Pilgrims' Way

**Stay and Play  
(0-5 years)  
10:00am-11:00am**

Venue: Rotherhithe  
**Breastfeeding Café  
Infant feeding Drop-in**

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

**Baby Sensory Group  
(0-12 months)  
2:00pm-3:00pm**

A relaxed space for you and your baby to explore their new world together through their senses.

Venue: Ellen Brown  
**Melodies for Mums group**

**From 30th January to 3rd April**

**(INVITATION ONLY)**

For more information and to register email: [m4m@breatheahr.org](mailto:m4m@breatheahr.org)

Venue: South Bermondsey  
**National Energy Action Advice  
Thursday 13th March  
10.00am-12pm**

### Friday

Venue: Rotherhithe

**No sessions on 7th March- Staff meeting**

**Toddlers Boogie Mites**

Music programme to support children's development holistically

**Ages: 12 months and above**

**Group 1: 10:00am – 10:30 am**

**Group 2: 11:30am-12:00pm**

Venue: Ellen Brown

**No sessions on 7th March- Staff meeting**

**Little Explorers**

**(12 months-24 months)**

**10:00am-11:00am**

Venue: South Bermondsey

**HENRY Programme (Booking Required)**

**To book email:**

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

- Starting Solids- Friday 21st March 10am-12pm
- Fussy Eating- Friday 28th March 10am-12pm

Venue: South Bermondsey

**Save a Baby's Life Workshop**

**Weds 12th March 1pm-3pm**

**To book, please email us:**

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

### Saturday

Venue: Rotherhithe

**Gardening Workshop  
(2 years plus)  
10.00am-11:30am**

**15th March 2025**

**Email to book**

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

### 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, SE16, SE5 or SE17. If you wish to register please phone 0207 358 2878 or email [ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk](mailto: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/>

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)

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.

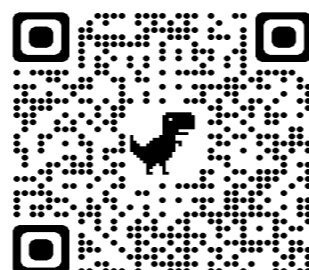
We kindly ask everyone **NOT** to use their mobile phones whilst in our sessions. This is for safeguarding purposes, and it is an opportunity to spend quality time with your child/ren.



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 5th 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

#### South Bermondsey Children and Family Hub

Tenda Road, London, SE16 3PN

Telephone: 0207 358 2878

[ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk](mailto: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](mailto:julia.tropiano@southwark.gov.uk)