

# RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a fantastic break. As the weather is set to get warmer over the next week, please remember to apply sun cream protection to your children in the morning. Sun hats may also be helpful, but please make sure you include your child's name. If you are buying summer dresses, please ensure that these are the correct school uniform colours. To make this easier for parents, summer dresses can be purchased from the school office. Please speak with Sharon in the school office.



On Tuesday children learned all about the legend of **St George, the patron saint of England** and many other countries too. We considered what a legend is and how these stories have been passed down over time. They were surprised to hear that although fire breathing dragons don't exist, there is an animal called a Komodo dragon, a very large reptile from the lizard family that can reach speeds of 20 mph.



The children learned that the legend of St George is believed to have been inspired by a soldier in the Roman army from Turkey. It is

believed he refused to kill Christians when he was ordered to under the rule of the Emperor Diocletian. He is believed to have been executed on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April in 303 AD. He became remembered for his bravery and became a symbol of standing up for the rights of others.

**Central School of Ballet:** On Thursday the children were treated to a visit by Maxine from the Central School of Ballet. All key stage 1 and 2 children participated in a special assembly during which they learned all about how to become a ballet dancer and what it is like being a student at the ballet school based in London. Maxine showed them film clips and talked about performances. She also showed them different types of outfits worn by ballet dancers and explained the important jobs of the costume designers and dress makers.



We were very lucky to have been selected by the ballet school to participate in two teacher training sessions attended by Conor and Annalise just before the Easter break. They have been learning about an exciting dance curriculum that the ballet school have been devising to help improve dance teaching across London. Fleet class will also get the opportunity to visit the ballet school later this term. A huge thank you to Maxine for this exciting opportunity.

Have a lovely weekend. Lisa (HoS)



# We love Creekside Discovery Centre!

The children in Jellyfish Class thoroughly enjoyed a trip to the Creekside Discovery Centre in Deptford. On arrival we were welcomed by Paddy and then immersed straight into fun activities. Our day ranged from exploring various habitats for different living things (on land and in water), going on a colour nature hunt, going on a bug hunt, viewing the river from the bridge and drawing various creatures we had seen. Paddy finished off the session by allowing us to make our own art collage from natural resources and then he read us all a story. We had so much fun, what a brilliant trip!

Thank you to our superb parent helpers who made this trip possible. You are all superstars!



# Dates for your Diary

	<b>Easter Holiday Break</b>
<b>23.4.25</b>	Penguin class trip to Creekside
<b>24.4.25</b>	Central School of Ballet assembly MTC parent workshop for year 4
<b>5.5.25</b>	<b>Bank holiday Monday school closed</b>
<b>2.5.24</b>	Fire brigade workshops for year 2 and year 4 & 5
<b>9.5.25</b>	Presentation for new nursery parents at 9:30 am
<b>Week starting 12.5.25</b>	<b>Year 6 SATS</b> SPaG, Reading, Maths exams Whale class trip to Creekside
<b>13.5.25</b>	Octopus class trip to Creekside
<b>19.5.25</b>	New Nursery parents visit at 3:30pm
<b>21.5.25</b>	Reception children national eye test screening
<b>23.5.25</b>	London History Day
	<b>Half Term Break</b>
<b>2.6.25</b>	Children return to school Trent and Severn class trip to Creekside
<b>3.6.25</b>	Year 6 Michael Morpurgo online workshop
<b>Week starting 9.6.25</b>	<b>Multiplication Check</b> for year 4 to be administered <b>Phonics Screening Check</b> to be administered for Year 1 and some year 2 children
<b>9.6.25</b>	Severn class Garden Museum trip
<b>10.6.25</b>	Trent class Garden Museum trip
<b>13.6.25</b>	Wandle class Creekside trip Class photographs am
<b>26.6.25</b>	Ravensbourne Creekside trip Drama 4 all workshops Reception, Nursery and year 1
<b>27.6.25</b>	Fleet Class Creekside trip
<b>2.7.25</b>	Secondary school transition day for many schools
<b>4.7.25</b>	Fleet class trip to Central School of Ballet Spanish Day
<b>8.7.25</b>	Year 4, 5 & 6 Sports Day
<b>9.7.25</b>	Reception and Nursery Sports Day
<b>10.7.25</b>	Year 1, 2 & 3 Sports Day
<b>11.7.25</b>	Summer Fair
<b>14.7.25</b>	Parents Evening
<b>15.7.25</b>	Meet your new class teacher Year 6 Lion King performance
<b>16.7.25</b>	Sailing trip
<b>17.7.25</b>	Year 6 prom
<b>21.7.25</b>	Celebration Awards
<b>22.7.25</b>	End of Year parties/Year 6 graduation/ Break up

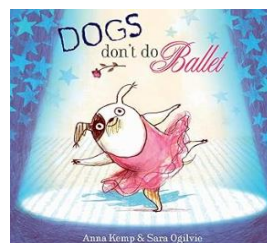
## Attendance Matters

Class	Weekly percentage	Star attendance winners
Penguin	87%	
Jellyfish	96.4%	★
Octopus	93.8%	
Whale	90.3%	
Eden	88.5%	
Tyne	90.5%	
Avon	86.3%	
Fleet	98.7%	★
Ravensbourne	97.6%	★
Wandle	92%	
Severn	95.5%	
Trent	95.7%	

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

## Book Recommendation

**Book:** Dogs don't do Ballet  
**Author:** Anna Kemp & Sara Ogilvie



If you love dogs or dancing you will love this book that is aimed at younger readers. It is a feel-good book about a small dog with a big personality and even bigger aspirations.

He doesn't do dog stuff like weeing on lampposts or scratching his fleas or drinking out of the toilet. No, this dog likes moonlight and music and walking on his tiptoes, because this dog thinks he's a ballerina!





<b>Whale</b>	Sapphire	Sapphire, for your progress in maths this week! You have shown a brilliant understanding of place value by representing numbers clearly on a place value chart and you've been able to explain your thinking with increasing confidence. We are also so proud of your continued focus and positive attitude in class. Well done and keep up the amazing work!
<b>Octopus</b>	Isaac	Isaac has made a brilliant start to the term by regularly volunteering his good ideas to the whole class and confidently participating – thank you for your great contributions!
<b>Tyne</b>	Sami	Sami has gone above and beyond to help a new student, Malick, settle into school. He has shown him around school, making sure he felt comfortable in his new environment. Thank you, Sami, for being such a wonderful friend and role model!
<b>Eden</b>	Akbar	Akbar always puts 100% into all his learning. He listens well to the teacher, focusing on how he can improve his work.
	Amber	Amber is a diligent worker. She knows that focusing on improving detail in her work and ensuring that she checks her work throughout the lesson, making her an effective learner.
<b>Avon</b>	Harlie	For working so hard in maths this week and being engaged and focused during lessons. He is beginning to produce fantastic work and is taking time to think about different methods in class.
<b>Fleet</b>	Ava-Rose	For working so hard in Jigsaw this week and being engaged and focused during lessons. Ava was being really careful in her responses and thoughtful with how she delivered ideas.
<b>Ravensbourne</b>	Elijah	This week, I have noticed significant improvement in his handwriting, particularly in his letter sizing. Additionally, he has shown enhanced focus during lessons, contributing positively to his learning environment. Keep up the great work!
<b>Wandle</b>	Roselyn	Roselyn is an all-round excellent student. She consistently makes good choices regarding her friendships and learning. She is my ultimate right-hand student; she is helpful, kind and funny. I'm very lucky to have her in my class.
<b>Severn</b>	Adil, Daniella, Elizabeth Emma, Bintu, Leandro Lucy, Mehreen, Mohamed, Nikola, Tamara, Tomiwa, Vina and Whitney	For displaying great diligence with their home learning tasks on arithmetic and reasoning. Well done!
<b>Trent</b>	Aidan	Aidan has come back to school focussed and ready to learn. I have already seen great progress this week, particularly in maths. I love your attitude Aidan, well done!





Scan QR code to register your interest or contact [wilson@peasn.org.uk](mailto:wilson@peasn.org.uk) for more information.

SOUTHWARK JAGUARS

# OPEN TRIALS

MONDAY 19TH MAY 2025

GIRLS FOOTBALL



THE PE & SCHOOL SPORTS NETWORK



Venue

@Michael Faraday  
Primary School  
Portland Street  
SE17 2HR

YEAR  
GROUPS  
1-7

FREE

# GIRLS FOOTBALL CAMP 2025

09:30 - 15:30

27th - 30th May 2025

Please contact  
[joe@peasn.org.uk](mailto:joe@peasn.org.uk) for  
more information or to  
answer any questions.  
Alternatively you can  
go to our website  
[www.peasn.org.uk](http://www.peasn.org.uk).



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# Timetable – Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

## Bermondsey and Rotherhithe

To book on sessions please email us below

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

### Monday

#### Venue: Ellen Brown

#### **Baby and Us- Mindful Beginnings** **(From birth up to 12 months)**

**10:00am-11:15am**

A calm, welcoming space with opportunities to bond with your baby, explore meaningful topics around baby development, connection, and self-care whilst enjoying some mindful moments together.

#### Venue: Rotherhithe

**Stay & Play**  
**(2 years plus)**  
**10:00am-11:15am**

Donations of recycled materials are welcome such kitchen rolls, egg cartons, cardboard boxes, magazines, scrap paper. Your scrap is our treasure!

#### Venue: South Bermondsey

**EPEC Baby and Us**  
**0-9 months**  
**10 week parenting course**  
**12<sup>th</sup> May – 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025**  
For more information and to register please email  
[claire.gager@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:claire.gager@southwark.gov.uk)

### Tuesday

#### Venue: Ellen Brown

**SENsational Stay and Play**  
**(0-5 years)**  
**10:00am – 11:30am**

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: South Bermondsey

**SEND Parenting Group**  
**10<sup>th</sup> June – 8<sup>th</sup> July 2025**  
**1:00pm – 3:00pm**  
A practical and supportive workshop for parents of school age children.

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

Venue: South Bermondsey  
**'Welcome to Parenthood'**  
**1:30pm – 3:00pm**  
**29<sup>th</sup> April – 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

#### **INVITATION ONLY**

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.

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

### Wednesday

#### Venue: Rotherhithe

**Stay & Play**  
**(1-5 years old)**  
**10:00am-11:15am**

**SEN Boogie Mites**  
**(1 year plus)**  
**2:00pm – 3:00pm**

A space for children with additional needs to explore music, sounds, body vibration, and develop listening, attention skills and communication.

Followed by child led free play in our outdoor space until 3:00pm

### Thursday

#### Venue: Ellen Brown

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

Music programme to support early language and wellbeing.

#### Venue: Pilgrims' Way

**Stay and Play**  
**(0-5 years)**  
**10:00am-11:15am**

#### Venue: Rotherhithe

**Breastfeeding Café**  
**Infant feeding Drop-in**  
**10:00am-12:00 noon**

Information and practical support for pregnant and breastfeeding mums and their families.

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

A relaxed space for you and your baby to explore & discover their new world together through touch, sound, vision, taste and smell

Venue: South Bermondsey  
**Melodies for Mums group**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> May – 24<sup>th</sup> July 2025**  
**(INVITATION ONLY)**

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

### Friday

#### Venue: Rotherhithe

**Baby Boogie Mites**  
**Age: 0-12 months**  
**Group 1: 10:00am – 10:30 am**

**Toddlers Boogie Mites**  
**Age: 12 months plus**  
**Group 2: 11:30am-12:00 noon**

#### Venue: Ellen Brown

**Little Explorers**  
**+ Speech & Language advice**  
**(Newly Walkers-18 months)**  
**10:00am-11:15am**

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

Venue: South Bermondsey  
**10:00am – 12:00 noon**

**Come and Meet the Team!!**  
**29<sup>th</sup> April – 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025**

### Saturday

Venue: Rotherhithe  
**Wellbeing through nature**  
**(2 years plus)**  
**10.00am-11:30am**

**17<sup>th</sup> May 2025**  
**14<sup>th</sup> June 2025**  
**12<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

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



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-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



Collection: Ellen Brown Children and Family Centre

Every Tuesday morning @ 9:30am to 12:00 noon

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@pilgrims.wy.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:ccadmin@pilgrims.wy.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](http://br-cc.org.uk)



## Adolescent Sure Start Team – ASST

This service is for young people aged 11-19 (up to 25 with SEND) and their parents / carers.

The Adolescent Sure Start team can offer support for up to 6 sessions, as needed. The team also has close links with many other organisations in Southwark and can act as a gateway for young people and their parents/carers to get longer term support, where that is needed.

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