RPS Weekly Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

What lovely weather we have had this week. Long may it continue!

Achievement Awards celebrated two children's efforts in each class over this term. Each child received a book to mark their successes. Well done everyone!



Attendance Matters Good attendance is hugely important. It is linked with higher academic achievement and wellbeing. We have a new initiative in school to promote good attendance. Classes are rewarded with Golden Globes for having attendance of 95% or over and any class that achieve 100% receive 5 golden globes. The class with the best attendance over a half term period receive a special class-based treat. This half terms winner is Trent class. To celebrate they were treated to a fun visit to the park.







Friday 4th April 2025

Please do not book holidays during term time. These will not be authorised and may lead to penalty fines.

Hellos and Goodbyes Severn class were treated to a visit from Alex on Friday afternoon. We are pleased to report that she is recovering well from her surgery and will be returning to RPS after the Easter holidays.

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Owen Wales (music and brass band teacher). He is leaving RPS to lead the brass music centre for Bromley. We wish him all the best for the future and thank him for his hard work at RPS. The brass band treated the staff and parents to a final performance at the end of the day.



I wish all families a fun filled holiday and to those who celebrate, a Happy Easter! See you all on Tuesday 22nd April. Lisa (HoS)

Easter Bonnet Parades 2025

On Monday, Annalise led an assembly all about Easter. The children learned that Easter is a Christian tradition. They watched a short film explaining the story of how Jesus died on a cross and ascended to heaven. They also talked about Easter traditions around the world including Easter Bonnet Parades.

To start the Easter celebrations, we held our Easter Bonnet Parades on Wednesday 2nd April. We were truly wowed by the creativity demonstrated by our fabulous children. They paraded in style to marching music.

The art ambassadors had the tough job of selecting 3 winning bonnets from each class in year 1 to 6. The winning categories were: 'Most durable', 'Most homemade' and the 'Most vibrant'. Well done to the winners who won an Easter egg donated by our fantastic PTA.

Thank you to the many parents who joined us for the parades and for your efforts making bonnets with your children. Please follow this link to see all the photographs taken: Click here.















































Art ambassadors visit artist studio



This week the Year 6 Art and Science ambassadors were invited to Rod Kitson's art studio on Canada Water. This was a culmination of their work with the artist in school. Over the last few weeks, the children have been drawing outdoors with Rod, who then turned their drawings into wallpaper. At his studio, they painted the wallpaper and Rod painted portraits of the children for a mural on the wall of his studio. They had a brilliant time and championed RPS Art fantastically.



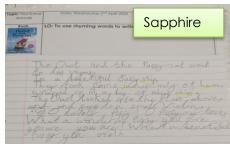


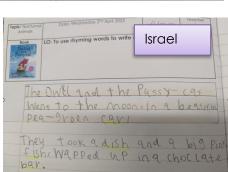






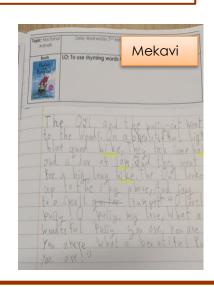






Tyne Class Star Writing – the Owl and the Pussy Cat





Achievement Awards Spring 2025

Turtle	Celia	Celia shows a great passion for learning. She is always focused on the task she is involved with and is a very keen learner. As a result of this, it has been amazing to see her confidence grow.
	Ricardo	Rio has grown in confidence he now participates in larger group activities and has become very confident with his learning and his singing.
Penguin	Colby	Colby has had a fantastic term in reception. He has made huge progress with his reading and writing, learning to blend in phonics and always trying his best with his letter formation. Colby is always keen to impress the adults with his learning. Colby is always willing to put his hand up to answer questions or share something during carpet sessions and he always brings such joy and happiness to lessons. During group or 1:1 activities, Colby is always attentive and ready to learn and is always wanting to better himself in everything he does. We are so proud of Colby.
	Gulalai	Gulalai has had a fantastic term in reception. She has a fantastic attitude towards her learning. During focus activities, Gulalai is always keen to impress and try her best to complete every task and activity to the best of her ability. Gulalai is always writing or drawing, She is keen to use her learning to make herself better. Gulalai's best subject is English, making massive improvements on her independent writing.
Jellyfish	Maryam	Maryam has been making good progress this term. She has shown love and empathy. Maryam sets a good example across Reception by spreading kindness and nurturing those around her.
	Rupert	Rupert has made excellent progress and displays confidence when sharing his knowledge. He is a very keen learner who tries his hardest when working regardless of the challenge.
Octopus	Abdullah	Abdullah has made accelerated progress in all areas, particularly phonics and arithmetic. His dedication to learning, including homework, has paid off. Well done Abdullah!
	Keziah	Keziah always gives 100% in all lessons. She is a model pupil who tries her best in every class. She always asks questions for clarity when she needs it. She is a pleasure to teach and an asset to the class. Keep it up!
Whale	Elisio	Elisio, your determination and enthusiasm for learning has really shined this term. You have made fantastic strides in blending sounds, constructing sentences and expressing your ideas in writing. In Phonics, you have worked hard to learn new sounds and your confidence in reading has grown. It is wonderful to see how much progress you have made since your last phonics test. Keep up the amazing effort!
	Cleo	Cleo always sets a good example for others. She has an excellent attitude to schoolwork. Cleo is a good role model in the playground and includes others in games. Cleo always shows kindness, respect and wonderful manners. Cleo never gives up when things are tricky. Whether it's your fantastic focus in lessons, your growing confidence or your resilience, your dedication to learning is shining through. Your perseverance and positive attitude make you a true role model. Keep up the brilliant work- well done

Achievement Awards Spring 2025

Tyroo	Malani	This torm you have shown remarkable are areas as all dealing time.
Tyne	Mekavi	This term, you have shown remarkable progress and dedication in all your subjects. Your hard work and commitment to maintaining high standards have truly paid off. You have demonstrated excellent skills in reading, writing, and maths, and your enthusiasm for learning is inspiring to everyone around you. Your positive attitude and willingness to help your classmates make you a wonderful role model. Keep up the fantastic work and continue to strive for excellence.
	John	You have truly stood out with your amazing attitude and impressive learning skills. Your dedication to your work and eagerness to learn have been remarkable. Even when faced with challenges, you have shown incredible resilience and never given up, embodying our school's values perfectly. Keep up the fantastic work, John! We are all very proud of you and look forward to seeing your continued success.
Eden	Rhyle	For making good progress in his learning. Rhyle has worked hard on becoming an independent learner this term. If he is stuck, he now asks for some help from a partner or tries again himself before asking the teacher for help. He has been working hard to improve, especially in English where he is thinking creatively and editing his work independently.
	Anaiah-Rae	For being such a dedicated worker. She's always trying her hardest in all areas of learning. She listens well to the teacher when they are modelling and is able to start her work straight away. When Anaiah is asked to adapt her work, she takes it on board and edits accordingly. Keep up the good work.
Wandle	Isaiah	Isaiah has shown significant improvement, particularly in mathematics, where he has actively and enthusiastically participated in numerous math booster sessions, always with a positive attitude. His commitment has led to noticeable progress in his ability to determine the best strategy to solve arithmetic problems. His work is neat and orderly and a combination of all these things has led to his success in classwork as well as in tests. Additionally, there has been a marked improvement in his English skills, especially in crafting more complex sentences. His handwriting has also become more legible, and this positive change is evident across all subjects, not just English. This consistent growth demonstrates Isaiah's dedication and hard work.
	Deeqa	Deeqa is the ultimate student. She has earned this award because she is thoroughly and completely dedicated to achieving her personal academic goals and that is to be her best self. Her single-minded determination is admirable; whether it be employing a variety of writing techniques to uplevel her writing, adding finishing touches to an Art project, learning a new piece of music in brass, or staying behind during her personal time to complete her maths work, Deeqa's attitude is always the same; she will succeed! Learning can be uncomfortable and challenging and Deeqa has experienced this, but her sheer tenacity towards her schoolwork means that she always ends up winning! She is the epitome of a well-rounded, well-grounded student. In her pursuit of excellence, she continues to broaden her skill set across the curriculum. While all this is amazing, another of her skills is that of sharing her knowledge with her peers in a kind and gentle manner. She is selfless and uplifts her peers without seeking recognition for her efforts.

Achievement Awards Spring 2025

Avon	Amara	For always having a positive attitude towards her learning. She never gives up when faced with challenges. She puts in 100% effort into her lessons and her resilience has led her to flourish.
	Mohammed	For working hard to improve the quality of his writing this term. He is using lots of different literacy devices and editing his work. He has also improved the presentation of his work by taking his time to produce neat handwriting.
Ravensbourne	Janae	Janae has shown remarkable improvement in her English skills this term. It has been a pleasure to review her work, which reflects a distinctive style and demonstrates proficient control across various genres. Her effective use of punctuation, especially semicolons and colons, significantly enhances her writing. Furthermore, she understands the importance of editing and successfully elevates her sentences when necessary. Additionally, Janae is a supportive learning partner, offering encouragement and assistance to her classmates.
	Daniel	This term, Daniel has demonstrated remarkable improvement in his attitude toward learning. He consistently completes his assignments with renewed commitment, putting forth his best effort. His writing skills have developed significantly, showcasing both flair and confidence, which is truly commendable. His writing on the story "The Little Match Girl" was a pleasure to read and was full of literary devices. Keep up the great work, Daniel! You have the potential to achieve anything you set your mind to
Fleet	Christine B	Christine has made very good progress this term. She has cemented herself as a very able mathematician, proving her multiplication knowledge during mastering number and TTRS sessions as well as impressive confidence in both arithmetic and reasoning assessments. She cares about succeeding and in the classroom, she is a very careful student. Well done!
	Kamai	Wonderful attitude to all areas of learning. Kamai has a clear understanding of how hard work can pay off and leads by example. Whether he is in PE with Coach Sam, Maths with Anthony, Geography with Michelle or English with me, Kamai is focused, calm and driven to succeed. Keep it up!
Trent	Majeg	Majeg has made superb progress this term, particularly in Reading and Maths. This has been down to his focus and participation in lessons, resilience when he finds things difficult and ambition to achieve his full potential. I have been extremely proud of him, and I hope he is proud of himself. Well done Majeg!
	Esther	Esther has exemplary behaviour and is always ready to learn. She is an excellent listener, offers insightful contributions and is always on hand to help someone out if they are struggling. Beyond this, she is polite and respectful to everyone around her. Thank you for being an excellent role model Esther!
Severn	Famatabintu	Bintu has shown a mature attitude to her learning this year. She always gives 100% in class and completes extra activities at home to support her learning. Her behaviour for learning is excellent. This has resulted in her making very good progress in all areas of the curriculum.
	Mohamed	Mohamed consistently applies his knowledge and skills across the board. This is especially evident in Maths, where his arithmetic and reasoning skills are notable. He quietly and sensitively supports his peers during group work. He always responds well to advice and feedback and continually strives to improve in all subjects.

Dates for your Diary

	Easter Holiday Break	
23.4.25	Penguin class trip to Creekside	
24.4.25	Central School of Ballet assembly	
	MTC parent workshop for year 4	
5.5.25	Bank holiday Monday school closed	
2.5.24	Fire brigade workshops for year 2	
	and year 4 & 5	
9.5.25	Presentation for new nursery	
	parents at 9:30 am	
Week	Year 6 SATS	
starting	SPaG, Reading, Maths exams	
12.5.25	Whale class trip to Creekside	
13.5.25	Octopus class trip to Creekside	
19.5.25	New Nursery parents visit at 3:30pm	
21.5.25	Reception children national eye	
	test screening	
23.5.25	London History Day	
	Half Term Break	
2.6.25	Children return to school	
	Trent and Severn class trip to	
	Creekside	
3.6.25	Year 6 Michael Morpurgo online	
	workshop	
Week	Multiplication Check for year 4 to	
starting	be administered	
9.6.25	Phonics Screening Check to be	
	administered for Year 1 and some	
9.6.25	year 2 children	
10.6.25	Severn class Garden Museum trip	
13.6.25	Trent class Garden Museum trip	
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Attendance Matters

Class	Weekly percentage	Star attendance winners
Penguin	92.5%	\Rightarrow
Jellyfish	82.5%	
Octopus	86.1%	
Whale	87%	
Eden	93.6%	\Rightarrow
Tyne	80%	
Avon	87%	
Fleet	86.9%	
Ravensbourne	91%	
Wandle	83.6%	
Severn	86%	
Trent	88.7%	

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Book Recommendations

Book: The Street Beneath My Feet **Author:** Charlotte Guillain



Ever wondered about what lies beneath the ground that we walk on? Well, **Jeronimo in year 2** has the perfect book to answer all your questions. This beautiful book shows you the different layers under the ground all the way to the earth's core! From water pipes to electric cables, to underground trains and those are just a few of the man-made structures under the ground. Then there are a range of fabulous creatures burrowing about.





Art and Design

The children in Avon Class were applying design skills inspired by Ancient Egypt into their drawings.

"I loved the experiment! It made me think really hard on which materials were insulators or conductors." - Daniella

Science

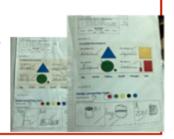
The children in Severn Class did an experiment on what type of materials make a bulb in a circuit light up. They had all sorts of materi-

als: fabric, rubber bands, paper, lolly sticks, tin foil, paper clips, coins and scissors. They also were thinking about which material is a conductor or an insulator of electricity.



Mathematics

The children in Whale Class were describing the properties of shapes and finding objects with similar properties.





Easter Bonnet Parade

The day has come for the Easter Bonnet Parade.
The children had the option of making Easter bonnets and the one that was most

the one that was most vibrant, home-made or durable bonnet would win a chocolate egg.

> "Seeing other people's easter bonnet/ creation was fantastic."-Nikola

I loved making my bonnet."- Denver

Computing

The children in Eden Class were recognising that they can count and compare objects using tally charts and it can be represented by pictures.



We love music!



Children in years 4, 5 & 6 have been learning how to play the recorder this term. The recorder is a woodwind instrument that the children have put a lot of effort into mastering. They performed brilliantly to each other in a special music assembly.









East Central outhwark

- ANGELS BREAKFAST AND
 AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

 Ages: 8 to 16
 Parish Church of St Luke's,
 Chandler Way, SE15 6DT
 O7957 472 504
 angelsbreakfastafterschoolclub@gmail.com

BIRD IN BUSH CHAMPS Ages: 5 to 11

- Bird in Bush Primary School, Bird in Bush Road, SE15 1QP
 07512 514 833
- iali@birdinbush.southwark.sch.uk https://birdinbushprimary.co.uk

DAMILOLA TAYLOR CENTRE Ages: 11 to 16

- Damilola Taylor Centre,
 1 East Surrey Grove, SE15 6DR
 youthservicesinfo@southwark.gov.uk

JUNIOR ADVENTURE GROUP -

- PECKHAM

 & Ages: 5 to 11

 Peckham Pulse Leisure Centre, 10 Melon Road, SE15 5QN

 0800 640 9516
- hello@junioradventuresgroup.co.uk www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk



he listings to choose the best club for child. Please book a place with your en provider as soon as possible to avoid pointment. If you have any queries, e contact the Holiday Activities and

West Central Southwark

BURGESS SPORTS Ages: 5 to 12

- Surrey Square Primary School, Surrey Square, SE17 2JY07384 336 925
- afruja@burgesssports.org www.burgesssports.org

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- DYNAMIC COACHING

 Ages: 4 to 16

 Dulwich Hamlet Football Club,
 Champion Hill, Edgar Way, SE22 8BD

 7756 826 105
- admin@dynamicmail.co.uk www.dynamiccoachinguk.com

- EXCEL BEYOND BARRIERS

 Ages: 4 to 16

 Ketra Community Hall,
 Telfer House, Seeley Drive,
 Kingswood Estate, SE21 8QW

 07958 064 597
 020 8079 7290
 info@excelbeyondharriers.com
- info@excelbeyondbarriers.com www.excelbeyondbarriers.com

JUNIOR ADVENTURE GROUP -

- CAMBERWELL

 3 Ages: 5 to 11

 Camberwell Leisure Centre, Artichoke Place, Camberwell Church Street, SE5 81S

 0 800 640 9516





Sangeeta Leahy Director of Public Health Public Health Division Children and Adult Services haf@southwark.gov.uk Date: 27 February 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Lisa Christiansen (lisachristiansen@hotmail.co.uk) is signed in

Southwark's Easter of Food and Fun. 2025

We are delighted to inform you that this Easter, the council will once again be hosting Southwark's Easter of Food and Fun from 7 April 2025 to 17 April 2025.

The council is partnering with local holiday club providers, Leisure Centres (Camberwell, Peckham and Elephant and Castle) and the Damilola Taylor Centre to provide an exciting programme for children and young people in our local communities. Free places are available for children between the ages of 4 and 16, who are eligible for free school meals.

The programme aims to give local families access to free, healthy food and fun activities over the Easter holidays. Each programme will provide:

- · free, healthy and tasty food
- fun physical activity sessions a wide range of other activities to suit different ages and persona
- · opportunities to learn more about food and nutrition for children and families

Details about the programme are available at www.southwark.gov.uk/foodandfun

We encourage you to register your child/children to make sure they have an enjoyable and mer holiday period. Please visit www.eegu.org/southwarkfoodandfun to book a place

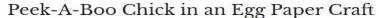
To book a place at Damilola Taylor Centre, please visit https://forms.office.com/e/QA1v8L0x6n. Yours sincerely

Children's and Adults' Services

southwark.gov.uk w.southwark.gov.uk/followus Southwark Council, PO BOX 64529, London SE1P 5LX



Join us for our free Easter Holiday Family Workshops at the Old Operating Theatre Museum & Herb Garret! We are running our craft workshops for SEN Families on the 7th and 14th of April, and open to all on the 8th of April.





Celebrate the new life that comes with spring with our special peek-a-boo chicks, creating an Easter decoration with a hidden surprise. Decorating eggs has long been a tradition, with engraved eggshells dating back 60,000 years. This year we are decorating paper eggs and making chicks to hide within them.

*All materials will be provided by the museum.



Studying Skeletons Workshop

On the 9th of April, we are holding a "Studying Skeletons" workshop with Hanna Polasky, where we will be looking at what can be learned from our skeletal teaching collection. **This session involves viewing human remains.**

Wednesday 9 April, 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Wednesday 9 April, 2:30 PM-4:30 PM

In addition to the workshops, your free ticket includes time to visit the museum and complete our Bunny Bugs Pathology Trail, where you become medical detectives as you figure out what ails our afflicted bunnies. Each workshop lasts 2 hours to give you time to look around the museum as well as doing the creative activity. The tickets are free but spaces are limited, so book soon! Our workshops are open to children under 16 and there will be alternatives for all ages and skill levels.

To book please follow this link: https://oldoperatingtheatre.com/easter-holiday-workshops-2025/



Family workshops in Southwark ...



Looking for fun outdoor activities this Easter break? If you're a Southwark resident and haven't joined one of our family learning courses this year join us at the Centre for Wildlife Gardening.

Find out more about the events here \forall

https://ow.ly/J4Lu50VuAof

▶ Birds, nests and eggs: Monday 7th April – Tuesday 8th April, 10am–3pm // Centre for Wildlife Gardening

Discover the world of garden birds through games, sounds, and the nest challenge! Teeny tiny animals: Monday 14th April – Tuesday 15th April, 10am-3pm// Centre for Wildlife Gardening

Explore the hidden world of minibeasts with pond dipping, clay creatures, and more!

Booking is essential, recommended for primary-aged children (younger siblings welcome)

London Borough of Southwark Southwark Council London
#SouthwarkFamilies #LondonWildlifeTrust #NaturePlay #FreeFamilyFun
#WildlifeWorkshops #OutdoorLearning #CentreForWildlifeGardening





School Term Dates for Pupils 2025 - 2026

Term	Dates	
	Tuesday 2 September – Friday 17 October 2025	
Autumn 2025	Half Term holiday: 20 October – 31 October 2025	
	Monday 3 November – Friday 19 December 2025	
Christmas break – 22 December 2025 – 2 January 2026		
	Tuesday 6 January – Friday 13 February 2026	
Spring 2026	Half Term holiday: 16 February - 20 February 2026	
	Monday 23 February – Friday 27 March 2026	
	Spring break – 30 March – 10 April 2026	
	Monday 13 April – Friday 22 May 2026 Early Bank holiday Monday 4 May 2026 (School Closed)	
Summer 2026	Half Term holiday: 25 May – 29 May 2026	
	Monday 1 June – Wednesday 22 July 2026	

Please note: the dates may be subject to change following government guidance on concessionary days and elections.

Public Holidays

Thursday 25 December 2025 Christmas Day Boxing Day Friday 26 December 2025 New Year's Day Thursday 1 January 2026 Good Friday Friday 3 April 2026 Easter Monday Monday 6 April 2026 May Day Bank Holiday Monday 4 May 2026 Spring Bank Holiday Monday 25 May 2026 August Bank Holiday Monday 31 August 2026