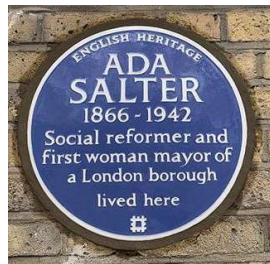


RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 23rd May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

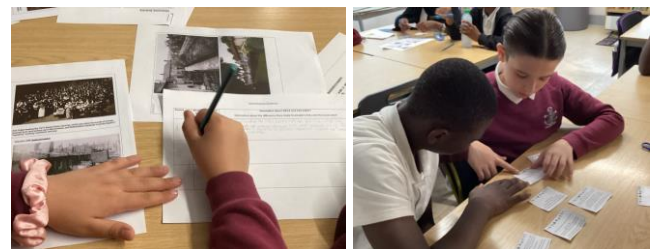
London History Day 2025: We celebrated London History Day on Friday 23rd May. In assembly on Monday, the children learned about London in the 1920s with a focus on thinking about what it would have been like to live in slum areas. The type of health care, public bathing, work and leisure activities people in the past would have engaged in. They looked at a range of photographs from the local area.



Then on Friday, children from across the school learned about the Salter family and particularly the contributions of Ada Brown (Salter). These statues of Dr Alfred Salter, his wife Ada Brown and their daughter Joyce with the family cat perched on the wall are local features designed to help us remember their contributions to Bermondsey and Rotherhithe.



The children in KS2 completed research



about the family studying pictures from the past. The children also learned about Ada Brown's activist work. She worked to improve social housing and was a pioneer campaigning against air pollution in London. She launched the Beautification Committee and pioneered the building of council houses in Wilson Grove. She was responsible for London's Park Committee and had this garden in Southwark Park dedicated to her.

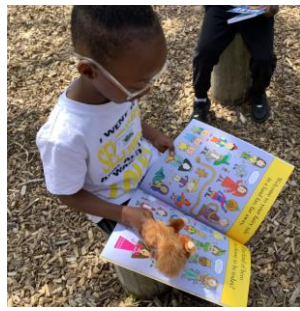


The children in Key Stage 1 worked to create a piece of art to represent what they would like to have for a school garden to support nature and create peace.



Why not visit the Salter statues and Ada's Garden as a family during the half term. Have a peaceful holiday. Lisa (HoS)

Young Readers 2025



We love reading at RPS. Books offer access to new worlds and expand our vocabulary. We have been very lucky to have been selected by the National Literacy Trust to take part in the Young Readers Event this year and on Tuesday, the children in year 1 had fun outdoors selecting and reading their new books with a soft toy to cuddle.

We can't wait for the next event in June when we will be visited by a storyteller and a resident artist!



Lion King auditions



Year 6 were treated on Monday to a truly West End experience when Eugene Titus, the Head of Costume at the West end production of the 'Lion King' talked to the children about his work and helped audition the children for the year 6 performance. The children and staff adored him. He was invaluable to the process and gave the children some fantastic advice on teamwork that really boosted their confidence. He told the children.....

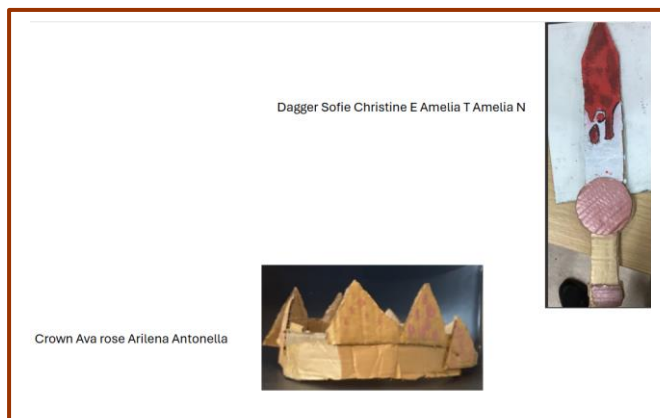
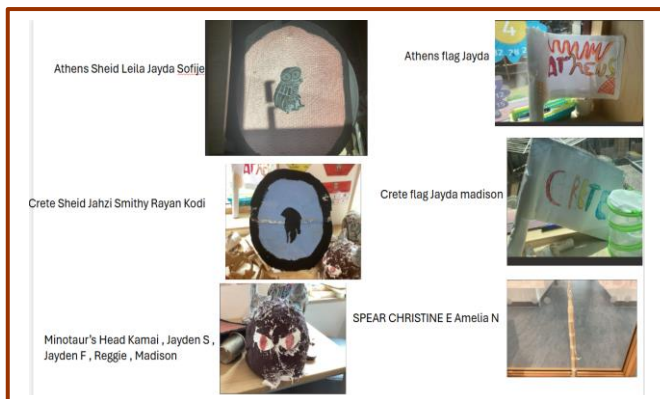
"There are no small parts. We are all one big production; one big family and we all have a role to play. We are all a part of the Circle of Life".

We are very thankful that Galiema has such inspirational friends!



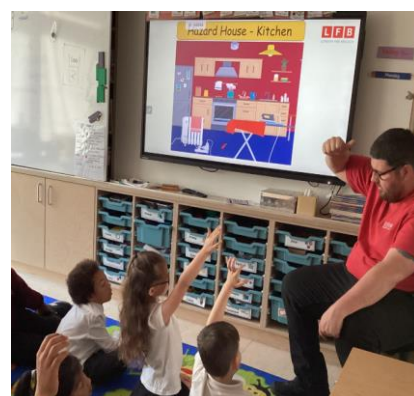
Class Assemblies 2025

This term, each class will be presenting a short assembly to parents and their Key Stage. This provides them with the opportunity to develop their presentation and oracy skills. Fleet class and Tyne class performed their assemblies on Tuesday and Wednesday respectively. They worked very hard to learn their lines, practiced projecting their voices and created props for acting scenes. Fleet class even presented their props digitally and emailed them to me! We had a great turn out from parents and hope you enjoyed their performances.



Fire Brigade workshop Year 2

On Tuesday, the children in year 2 took part in a special workshop delivered by the London Fire Brigade. They learned about the main causes of fires in the home and how to prevent fires from happening. The children were very engaged and well behaved.



Pirate Day!

I was very concerned to hear there were a lot of very enthusiastic pirates rampaging through Reception classes this week! Why does this happen each year?!

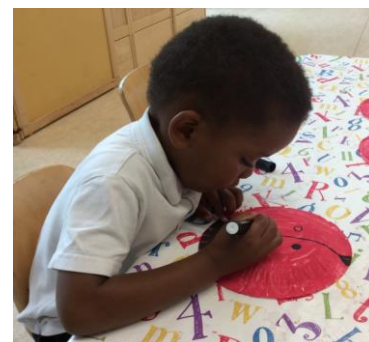
This half term the children's English topic has been all about pirates. They have created pirate stew, immersed themselves into the stories producing some fantastic role-play and used this to produce brilliant written pieces.

What fantastic pirates they are!



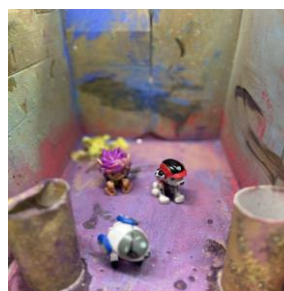
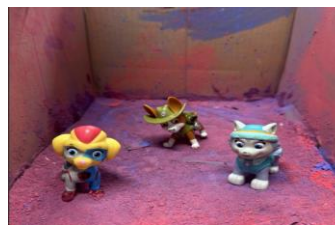
Life cycles

This half term one of nursery classes topics has been Mini beast and the other was finding out about life cycles. As part of this topic the children made their own paper bowl ladybird. As well as growing sunflowers, they have also been observing the live life cycle of a caterpillar! Phew what a lot of learning! The children have really enjoyed making ladybirds and watching as the caterpillars pass through different stages on the journey to becoming beautiful butterflies.



Explosive Art!

Year 4 & 5 have been studying the work of artist Tsai Guo Chang, an installation and performance artist known for incorporating explosions into his art. Working in small groups, children transformed cardboard boxes into miniature installation spaces, allowing them to apply their understanding of spatial dynamics. They experimented with various techniques to create explosion effects using different art materials, fostering creativity and collaborative problem-solving. They had great fun as you can see in this short film showing the children at work! Click [Explosive art link!](#)



Dates for your Diary

	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 starting 9.6.25	Multiplication Check for year 4 to be administered Phonics Screening Check to be administered for Year 1 and some year 2 children
9.6.25	Severn class Garden Museum trip
10.6.25	Trent class Garden Museum trip
13.6.25	Wandle class Creekside trip Class photographs am
26.6.25	Fleet Class Creekside trip Drama 4 all workshops Reception, Nursery and year 1
27.6.25	Ravensbourne Class Creekside trip
2.7.25	Secondary school transition day for many schools
4.7.25	Fleet class trip to Central School of Ballet Spanish Day
8.7.25	Year 4, 5 & 6 Sports Day
9.7.25	Reception and Nursery Sports Day
10.7.25	Year 1, 2 & 3 Sports Day
11.7.25	Summer Fair
14.7.25	Meet your new class teacher Parents Evening
15.7.25	Year 6 Lion King performance 4:30 pm
16.7.25	Sailing trip
17.7.25	Year 6 prom
21.7.25	Celebration Awards
22.7.25	End of Year parties/Year 6 graduation/ Break up

Attendance Matters

Class	Weekly percentage	Star attendance winners
Penguin	92.7%	
Jellyfish	91.7%	
Octopus	92.1%	
Whale	97%	★
Eden	95.6%	★
Tyne	93%	
Avon	94.1%	
Fleet	93.8%	
Ravensbourne	90.6%	
Wandle	90.7%	
Severn	94.8%	
Trent	97.8%	★

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

Star of the Week

Whale	Abdul	Abdul has shown fantastic progress in PE. He has really impressed us with how well he listened and followed directions during lessons. Abdul has worked hard to develop his ball skills, particularly balancing and bouncing a ball. His focus and determination and positive attitude have truly stood out. Well done, Abdul! Keep up the great work!
Octopus	Ashan	Ashan has really improved his writing stamina and I am so impressed with his progress. Well done 😊
Tyne	Whole Class	Congratulations to the whole of Tyne Class for being absolute superstars in their assembly! Every child shone brightly, showing incredible dedication in learning their lines and performing a beautiful poem. Their hard work, teamwork and confidence truly stole the show. Well done, Tyne Class – you were amazing!
Eden	Alfie	Alfie has been working hard to ensure there are spaces between words and that his writing is clearer. Improvements in this handwriting has meant that he can now read back his work to edit.
Avon	Ramzy	For making positive decisions and being focused this week. Ramzy has been engaged and actively listening to instructions. Keep it up.
Fleet	Whole class	Fleet class all deserve Star of the Week this week, for their brilliant work in their class assembly. They worked together learning lines, practicing, acting and making incredible props! It was the first-class assembly since Covid and they did themselves proud!
Ravensbourne	Zakhar	For his outstanding behaviour and attitude towards learning, Zakhar has been a role model this week. He consistently follows school rules and works efficiently and diligently. Keep up the great work!
Wandle	Jamie	Jamie has been working extremely hard in Maths and English. His effort towards his learning is admirable. Keep up the good work, Jamie.
Severn	To the whole class	For comporting themselves maturely and sensibly on an outing, for being supportive in assisting younger children with a range of art skills (particularly Leandro, Adela, Nikola, Aleena, Musa, Vina and Daniella) and for working independently and collaboratively on science investigations (particularly Ola and Femi). Well done and thank you!
Trent	Isaiah	Conor has commented on Saiah's resilience, determination and passion when playing in goal in football matches against other schools. We are proud to have him represent RPS!



Adel in Wandle class is a very articulate child who is always keen to learn and to contribute during class lessons. His command and use of the English language is brilliant and he has great ideas. This week, he has impressed me and his class teacher with his fantastic attitude to learning and his behaviour across all areas of school life. Well done Adel and keep it up!



London Wildlife Trust |
Centre for
Wildlife Gardening

28 Marsden Road,
SE15 4EE

Half Term Family Workshops



Plant Power ~

Edible plants Wednesday 28th May 10am-3pm

Medicinal Plants Thursday 29th May 10am – 3pm

Free fun one- or two-day workshops for families living in Southwark suitable for primary aged children but you are welcome to bring your younger and older ones too. On Wednesday you will discover which plants are edible and which are poisonous and cook something to eat. On Thursday you will look at medicinal herbs and make a lotion, a balm and a bath bomb to take home.

You can choose Wednesday or Thursday or both days. Workshops for all the family funded by Southwark Council. Booking essential. Free, booking fee £3 but let us know if that is too much for you (email dwallace@wildlondon.org.uk)

To book visit our website: www.wildlondon.org.uk/events

Only one free Southwark family workshop per academic year per adult.

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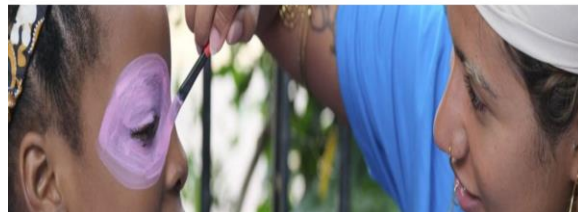
To book please scan the
QR code or visit
wildlondon.org.uk/families



Time & Talents

Where everyone feels part of a community

Children and Families Fun, friendship and mutual support for families and kids



We want all children and families in Rotherhithe to be able to play, learn, and thrive. Time & Talents offer a range of free activities for kids of pre-school and primary age.

Our children's activities take place both at our **T&T2** venue in Surrey Quays Shopping Centre, which has plenty of room to run around, and at **The Old Mortuary** in Rotherhithe village, which has our unique **Secret Garden**. For more information, ring us on **020 7232 5661** or check out our events calendar

<https://www.timeandtalents.org.uk/events/>

First Aid for Parents

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FREE!

An awareness session to learn essential life saving skills for baby and child. Training delivered by a qualified paediatric first aid instructor from Safetraining2U.

Monday 16th June 10.00am - 12.00pm

Contact: adult.learning@southwark.gov.uk
0207 358 2100

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Alpha Street
Peckham
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Family Learning at the
Thomas Calton Centre

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**May half term Family Learning activities
at the Thomas Calton Centre:**

Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28th May 2025 13.00-15.30

Arts & Crafts . Storytelling . Pottery . Gardening .
Games . Coding for Children



FREE!

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/adult-learning>

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Southwark Parenting Team

Being a parent can be very rewarding. However, we know that starting a family and bringing up children can be difficult.

We offer a range of free parenting programmes from babies to young adults.

There are times when any parent or carer needs some extra support.

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<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/children-young-people-and-families/parenting/help-parenting>



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EPEC BABY & US

Baby & Us is a 9 week peer-led group which helps parents gain confidence in parenting and everyday life with a new baby (0-9 months).

This includes supporting parents in understanding baby's cues, coping with challenges around feeding, sleep, and crying, interacting positively with baby and managing parental stress.

JOIN NOW

Contact: Claire Gager

Email: Claire.gager@southwark.gov.uk

Call: 07547 659 646



WHEN IS IT ON?

MONDAYS

STARTING 17TH MAY 2025

SOITH BERMONDSEY CHILDREN AND
FAMILY CENTRE
TENDA ROAD, SE16 3PN

What time?

10am - 12pm

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EPEC BEING A PARENT

For parents of children aged 2 – 11 years

This 9 week course helps parents learn practical skills for everyday life.

- Looking after yourself as a parent
- Recognise and manage your children's emotions
- Learn positive parenting strategies
- Support your children's resilience

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WHEN IS IT ON?

TUESDAY MORNINGS

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

STARTING 6TH MAY 2025

STARTING 7TH MAY 2025

1ST PLACE CHILDREN & FAMILY HUB
12 CHUMLEIGH STREET
LONDON
SE1 0RN

CRAWFORD CHILDREN CENTRE
5 CRAWFORD RD,
LONDON
SE1 9NF

What time?

10am-12pm

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EPEC BEING A PARENT 1-3

For parents of children aged 1 – 3 years

This 9 week course helps parents learn practical skills for everyday life.

- Looking after yourself as a parent
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- Learn positive parenting strategies
- Support your children's resilience

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WHEN IS IT ON?

THURSDAYS

STARTING 8TH MAY 2025

CORN STREET NEIGHBOURHOOD
FAMILY & CHILDREN CENTRE
108 STAMFORD STREET, LONDON SE1 1NH

What time?

10am-12pm

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EPEC BEING A PARENT TOGETHER

This 10 week online course helps co-parents learn practical skills for everyday life. For co-parents with children aged 2-11 years.

Dads and Mums want the best for their children, and sometimes it can be hard to agree about how to parent our children. This course, delivered by parents who have already benefited from this learning with their own children and families, will help you be the best for your children, whether you are living together or apart. Both parents need to attend and the group will help you to work together for your children. This course includes:

- Looking after yourselves as parents
- Recognise and manage your children's emotions
- Learn positive parenting strategies
- Support your children's resilience
- Work together as a team to support your children

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WHEN IS IT ON?
DAY TBC
STARTING EARLY MAY
ONLINE

What time?
9.30 - 11.30AM

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STRENGTHENING FAMILIES STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES (online)

For parents of children aged 8 - 18 years

This 12 week course helps parents and carers to

- Build positive family relationships
- Manage anger and stress
- Implement effective discipline strategies
- Understand your child's development
- Recognise and value your family and cultural traditions
- Develop effective communication
- Meet others and share ideas

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Who to contact: Tara Long

Email: tara.long@southwark.gov.uk
Call: 07513713090



WHEN IS IT ON?

Starting Wednesday 7th May 2025
online

(face to face, Spanish speaking and
Arabic speaking groups also
available)

What time?
11.30 - 1.30



Please contact for more information

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Health & Wellness Day at the Thomas Calton Centre

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Thursday 29th May 13.00-15.30

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**Free and stand alone information sessions for parents
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Coming up in May

- Parenting and Autism - Friday 9th 10.30am
- Parental Emotional Wellbeing - Thursday 15th 10.30am

Coming up in June

- Ages and Stages - Monday 9th June 10am
- Parenting and ADHD - Thursday 19th June 10am
- Digital Safety - Monday 23rd June - 11am

New dates may be released depending on
demand - please refer to register interest

All sessions held online - link will be sent
out 1-2 days before session via email



**FOR MORE
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Beth Gilbey

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bethany.gilbey@southwark.gov.uk
earlyhelp@southwark.gov.uk

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FOR SOUTHWARK CHILDREN
28TH JULY - 8TH AUG
2025 (MON-FRI)
AT RYE OAK PRIMARY
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ORIGINAL PUPPETS, COSTUMES

THE PE & SCHOOL SPORTS NETWORK

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Portland Street
SE17 2HR

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GIRLS
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09:30 - 15:30
27th - 30th May 2025

Please contact
joe@lpspn.org.uk for
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answer any questions.
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go to our website
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THE BRUNEL MUSEUM THAMES TUNNEL

Lots of activities for families over the half term. Do have a look. Follow this link:
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2ND WEEKEND OF THE MONTH FROM 18 JAN 2025
Guided Tour Weekends at the Brunel Museum - 2025



FRIEDAY TO MONDAY | DAILY DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Brunel Museum General Admission



AVAILABLE NOW
Summer of Sustainability Family Trail



DAILY BETWEEN SUN 25 MAY TO SUN 1 JUNE
Summer of Sustainability



MAY 30TH
Wild Things Gardening Club: The Herds



SUNDAYS IN JUNE: 1ST, 8TH, 22ND, 29TH
The Tunnellers Club 2025