

# RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Isn't it lovely to have some sunshine! Please do remember when it is hot weather to ensure children are appropriately dressed and apply sun protection cream in the morning.

**Bullying** was the focus in assembly this week. The children considered how to identify if a playground incident or conflict that arises 'is' bullying. I used SEL's acronym of BOO to explain bullying to the children.

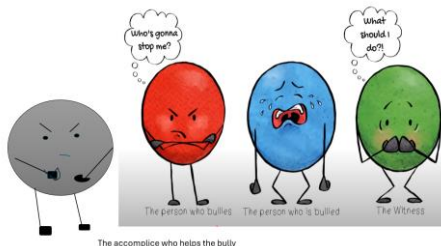
**B**eing mean  
**O**n purpose  
**O**ver and over again

We looked at how you can tell if someone is being mean on purpose and the different ways people bully. The following types were discussed.

Physical, verbal, social and emotional, cyber



We considered the impact of witnesses and accomplices during bullying situations .....



...and thought about ways to not be a bystander. How to support the person being bullied by being kind (playing and checking in on them) and seeking help from a trusted adult.

You can watch a short film clip considering what bullying is by following this link: [SEL bullying sketches.](#)



On Friday children in years 4 & 5 participated in **Fire Safety** workshops delivered by an officer from the **London Fire Brigade**. The children learned about the most common causes of fires within homes across England. These included cigarettes, electricity, candles, cooking, and heating. The children were presented with real images of actual fires that have occurred within people's homes. They analysed and discussed these images trying to identify which type of cause was responsible for the fire in the photograph.

The second part of the workshop focused on how to keep themselves safe in the event of a fire in their home. They learnt helpful tips, such as calling '**fire**' as opposed to 'help' if unable to leave the building because calling 'fire' alerts neighbours and passersby as to which emergency service to call. Students were given the opportunity to ask questions to a very knowledgeable fire officer.

The LFB have a great website with short film clips to watch with children to highlight fire safety strategies, these focus on prevention, detection and escape. The LFB encourage everyone to install a smoke detection alarm in the home to help keep families safe click on this link: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/schools/learning-at-home/fire-safety-education-at-home/>

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend. See you all on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

## Year 2 love learning!

Year 2 have been reading the book, 'The Pea and the Princess' by Mini Grey. In the story, the Queen tells the prince that he must find a wife. These are the princesses he met on his journey...



Deborah

Sami

The children then wrote a letter in role as the prince, telling their mums about the princesses that they had met.

LO: To write an explanation letter from the prince to the queen.

Dear Mum;

I still cant find a wife. I have ~~if~~ travelled around the world looking for a wife. For ~~first~~ I went to Spain but the Princess there was too loud. I cant marry the ~~her~~ because she ~~make~~ makes my ears hurt. Next, I went to Japan but the Princess was too sleepy. I cant marry her because she ~~it~~ will sleep all the time! ~~First~~ Finally, I went ~~it~~ sailed to France but the Princess was too quiet. I cant marry her because I couldnt hear a word but word. I am I'm Sorry mum, I will keep looking for a wife.

From Prince.

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# Dates for your Diary

5.5.25	Bank holiday Monday school closed
8.5.25	VE 80 <sup>th</sup> celebrations picnic – children can dress up in Red, White and blue.
9.5.25	Presentation for new nursery parents at 9:30 am
Week starting 12.5.25	<b>Year 6 SATS</b> SPaG, Reading, Maths exams Whale class trip to Creekside
12.5.25 & 13.5.25	Eden class parents evening
13.5.25	Octopus class trip to Creekside
19.5.25	New Nursery parents visit at 3:30pm
20.5.25	Year 2 Fire Brigade workshops
21.5.25	Reception children national eye test screening
23.5.25	London History Day
	<b>Half Term Break</b>
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	<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
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	Ravensbourne Creekside trip Drama 4 all workshops Reception, Nursery and year 1
27.6.25	Fleet 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	Parents Evening
15.7.25	Meet your new class teacher Year 6 Lion King performance
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

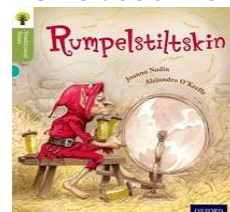
## Attendance Matters

Class	Weekly percentage	Star attendance winners
Penguin	87.5%	
Jellyfish	88.3%	
Octopus	98.6%	★
Whale	92.9%	
Eden	92.4%	
Tyne	93%	
Avon	97.2%	★
Fleet	94.8%	
Ravensbourne	96.8%	★
Wandle	92.1%	
Severn	94%	
Trent	95.7%	★

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

## Children's Book Recommendation

**Child:** Simon in year 1  
**Book:** Rumpelstiltskin  
**Author:** Joanna Nadin



If you like fairy tales, then you will love this book! This book is about a little man who flew into a castle. He helps a girl who is in trouble all because her father lied that she could spin straw into gold. My favourite character was Lily who gave away her necklace, her ring and then shockingly her first born child to the goblin. My favourite part of the story is when the little man helped Lilly spin straw into gold.



# Star of the week

<b>Whale</b>	Selina	Selina is the star of the week for her descriptive writing in English. She has been using a range of adjectives to make her sentences exciting and full of imagination. Keep it up!
<b>Octopus</b>	Karim	Karim has had a very positive week. Well done for following instructions and showing good engagement during carpet sessions. Keep up the good listening.
<b>Tyne</b>	Ali Sina	Ali has demonstrated remarkable effort and perseverance, tackling every task with unwavering determination. His ability to stay focussed and keep trying, even when faced with challenges, is truly commendable, Ali's hard work and positive attitude are an inspiration to us all. Well done, Ali Sina!
<b>Eden</b>	Maivili	Maivili strives to do her best in all her work. She has a great learning attitude and models this to the other children. She is helpful to all and knows that offering support to others is kind.
<b>Avon</b>	Isata	For being an exceptional student and always giving 100% every day. Istata is always focused, engaged and ready for a challenge. Keep it up!
<b>Fleet</b>	Smithy	Smithy has been really working on his own learning behaviour and his behaviour in the playground. He is making excellent choices and it is showing in his really good work. Keep it up Smithy
<b>Ravensbourne</b>	Iman	Iman produced a brilliantly detailed map depicting the pristine islands of Ancient Greece including the important landmarks. Great work Iman!
<b>Wandle</b>	Faith	Faith is one of my many hardworking and diligent learners. This award is well overdue because she has shown throughout this year her dedication to her learning. She has great ambitions for the next stage in her academic life. She knows where she wants to go and she constantly reminds me of her personal goals to attain them. I am proud to be a small part of her journey. Keep rising, Faith!
<b>Severn</b>	Brooklyn	For displaying commendable perseverance with reading, grammar and mathematics. She has worked extremely hard in ensuring that she has read and understood the questions before giving her response to challenging questions. Thank you and well done!
<b>Trent</b>	Tamera	Tamera completed all her Easter holiday homework and it has really set her up for success this term. Her reasoning skills in Maths have shown noticeable improvement! Well done, Tamera.



To **Eden** class for excellent behaviour and effort during a pilot grammar test on Thursday morning. The school and class were selected by the DFE to try out a grammar test. A number of schools are selected for pilot tests across the country and Eden class were brilliant on the day. Well done all!



Thursday 8th May is the 80th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day (VE Day). Next week you will hear about a number of events across the country marking the 80th celebrations. On Thursday we will be having a VE day celebration at RPS with a special picnic lunch – see menu below. Children and staff are also encouraged to wear red, white or blue to get into the party spirit!

**VE-DAY-80**  
**1945-2025**  
**80TH ANNIVERSARY**

**8th MAY 2025**  
**SANDWICHES**  
Cheese  
Chicken Mayonnaise  
Tuna  
Cream Cheese and Cucumber

**SIDES**  
Mini Quorn Sausage Roll  
Crudités


**DESSERT**  
Victoria Sponge

*\*Menus may be subject to change*

**8th May 2025**

 **Chartwells**  
THE NATIONAL TRADING ESTABLISHMENT







Scan QR code to register your interest or contact [wilson@pessn.org.uk](mailto:wilson@pessn.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@pessn.org.uk](mailto:joe@pessn.org.uk) for more information or to answer any questions. Alternatively you can go to our website [www.pessn.org.uk](http://www.pessn.org.uk).

Please scan the QR code above to register your place.



LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE. ADVANCED BOOKING IS ADVISED.





**PE & SCHOOL SPORTS NETWORK**

**FREE GIRLS FOOTBALL**

**EVERY MONDAY (17:00-18:00)**

**@BURGESS PARK ASTRO TURF**



OPEN TO ALL  
GIRLS AGED 5-11  
YEARS OLD

OPEN TO ALL  
GIRLS AGED 12-14  
YEARS OLD



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Southwark Family Hubs



# 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.

[julialraph@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:julialraph@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.

[julialraph@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:julialraph@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**

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## 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)