

# RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Spanish Day! This year's Spanish day was inspired by the talented Spanish artist Picasso. Each year group has been busy creating a Picasso-inspired art piece, drawing from different phases of his artistic journey (Blue Period, Rose Period, Cubism etc) You can see some of the fantastic work later in the newsletter. The children were also invited to dress up in Picasso themed Spanish linked costumes. What a fun day they had! Thanks to John our Spanish Lead for organising this day.



**Goodbyes:** It is with sadness that we will be saying goodbye to three of our brilliant teachers this term. Michelle is returning to her life in America; Amina is getting married and moving to the Midlands and Amber is moving nearer to her family home. They have all been fantastic teachers, dedicated to our children and we thank them for all their hard work. We will miss you all!

**Central School of Ballet:** Today Fleet class were treated to a visit to the Central School of Ballet. It was moving to see how much the children and staff enjoyed the experience. Jahzi was identified as having so much natural potential that they offered for him to attend CBS training for free! The happy smiles on the children's faces were so rewarding to see.

Have a great weekend! Lisa (HoS)

## Year 2 scientists at work!

Year 2 have been exploring how keeping clean helps us stay healthy. We learned that tiny organisms called bacteria and viruses—some of which can make us ill—are everywhere! They can spread easily through touch, especially when we don't wash our hands. We discovered how important it is to wash our hands regularly, especially before eating, to stop germs from spreading. To see the difference handwashing makes, we teamed up with Year 6 and used microscopes to look at the dirt and germs on our hands before and after washing. The results were amazing—and a little bit shocking!





# Protect Our Oceans!

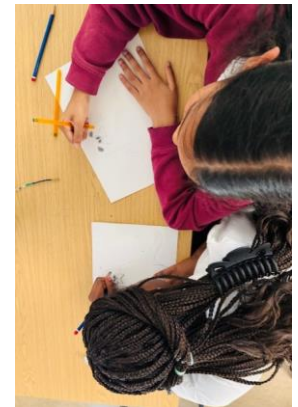
Year 6 have drawn inspiration from Pablo Picasso's Blue Period—an era marked by the use of sombre, monochromatic shades of blue and blue green. This artistic style resonated deeply with the students who have been exploring the theme of conservation this term. They felt that the melancholic tones of Picasso's work powerfully reflect the plight of ocean animal's suffering due to pollution, particularly from plastic waste.



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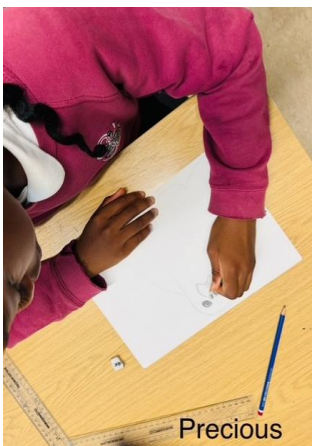
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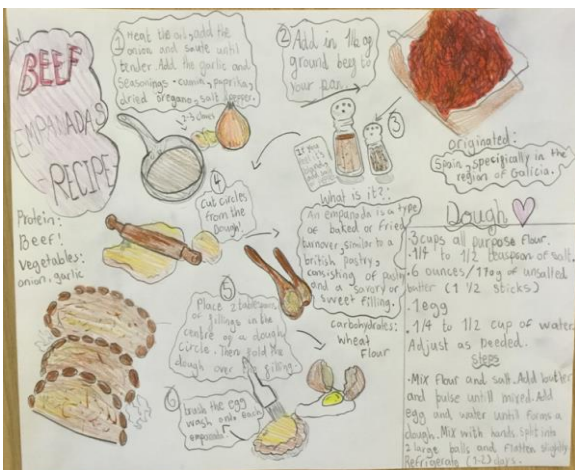
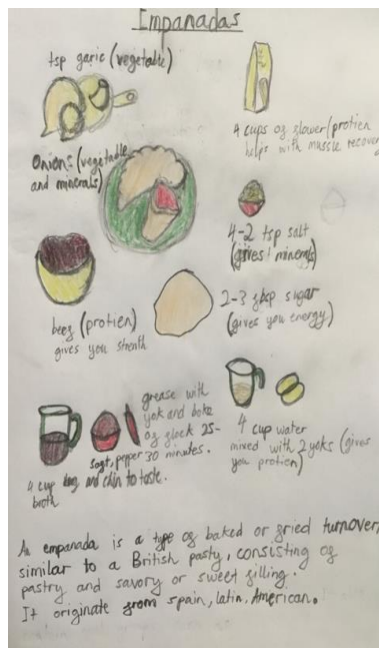
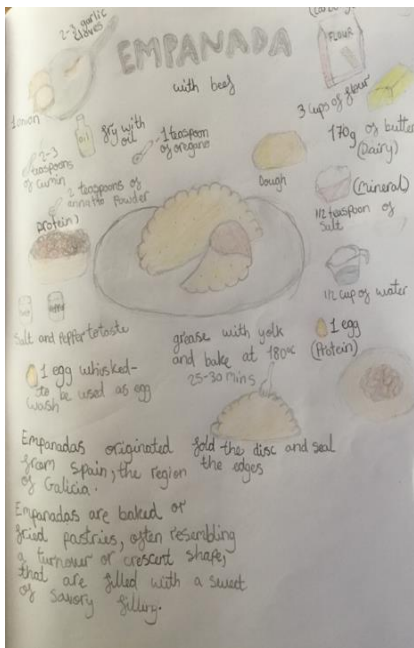


# Spanish cooking- yum!

As part of our Spanish Day celebrations, Year 6 took part in a hands-on culinary session where they learned to make traditional empanadas. This engaging activity was designed to deepen their understanding of Spanish-speaking cultures through food, language, and collaborative learning. The activity also supported cross-curricular learning:

- **Maths:** Measuring ingredients and dividing dough equally.
- **Geography:** Mapping the origins of empanadas across the Spanish-speaking world.
- **Art:** Designing recipe sheets for their empanadas.
- **Science:** Identifying which food groups the ingredients are from and what nutrients they provide us.

The session concluded with students proudly sharing their empanadas and many expressed excitement about trying the recipe again at home!





# The Siri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara

Year 4 and Year 5 students recently visited the Siri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara in Croydon as part of their Religious Education lessons focused on Sikhism.

During the trip, they were warmly welcomed and learned about the significance of the Gurdwara along with various rituals and practices. Knowledgeable guides provided valuable insights that helped the students better understand the values and beliefs of the Sikh community.

The experience included a delicious hot meal that not only satisfied their appetites but also highlighted the communal spirit of sharing and hospitality that is central to Sikhism. Overall, the visit was enriching, deepening the students' understanding of the culture and teachings of Sikhism in a meaningful way.

The children were brilliantly behaved and very respectful.





# We love reading!

On Tuesday, year 1 and 2 children were roaming around the school in their pyjamas! 'Why?' I hear you ask. Did they all oversleep? No, it was a special '**Young Readers**' dress up day. All the children received a brand-new book chosen specially for them by their class teachers. Despite the heat they tried to create that 'getting ready for bed and sharing a great story feel'. We are very grateful to the **National Literacy Trust** for providing this opportunity once again for our children.

Then on Wednesday, all the children across the school were able to select books to take home provided free by the **Children's Book Project**. We do hope the children enjoy the books and share them with you at home. What a fantastic way to promote reading for pleasure. This is one of the most important factors for increasing children's academic learning.



## Class assemblies

This week we have had two fantastic class assemblies. Octopus class shared their learning and acted out 'Where the Wild Things Are' and Severn class delighted the audience with a tour of news events and their learning this year. Well done all!







### ART AND DESIGN

*The children in year 2 were learning how to compose a collage choosing and arranging materials for effects.*

"I enjoyed finding out what to wear in winter and summer."  
- Rosie

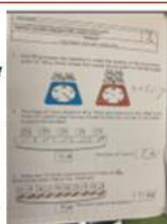
### SCIENCE

*The children in year 1 were learning how to understand the changes that take place in summer.*



### MATHEMATICS

*The children in year 2 were learning to solve multiplication and divide problem about mass and applying addition and subtraction in the context of mass.*



### SPANISH DAY

*This Friday in Spanish Day we children can dress up in Pablo Picasso's iconic stripes. There will also be an art competition where children can create their own Picasso-inspired masterpiece to win prizes.*



"I liked how we had to decode it all by ourselves!" - Cleo

"I liked the character because of the colours!" - Mohamed

### Computing

*The children in Ravensbourne were learning how to explain how conditions have been used in each program script and learning how selection is used in computer programs.*



Save the date

11<sup>th</sup> July 2025

3:30 – 5pm

Lots of fun activities



## Year 2 map art!


Year 2 have continued their map art by using their drawings as a model to develop into a 3D piece of artwork. The children selected materials to represent features from their 2D drawings and layered the materials to create a 3D effect. This was inspired by the work of artist Emma Johnson.



# Dates for your Diary

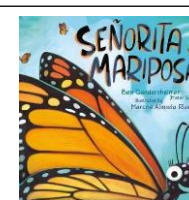
	Half Term Break
2.6.25	Children return to school Trent and Severn class trip to Creekside
3.6.25	Young Readers Event for year 1 & 2 children  Year 6 Michael Morpurgo online workshop
Week starting 9.6.25	<b>Multiplication Check</b> for year 4 to be administered <b>Phonics Screening Check</b> to be administered for Year 1 and some year 2 children
Between 9.6.25-20.6.25	Key Stage 1 SATS start.
9.6.25	Severn class Garden Museum trip
10.6.25	Trent class Garden Museum trip
11.6.25	Trent Climate Workshop – year 6
12.6.25	Severn Climate Workshop – year 6
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
1.7.25	Year 1 & 2 dress pyjama day Final young Readers book event
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 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	94%	
Jellyfish	82.9%	
Octopus	95.9%	
Whale	94.7%	
Eden	92.7%	
Tyne	83.6%	
Avon	94.8%	
Fleet	87.7%	
Ravensbourne	91.5%	
Wandle	91.5%	
Severn	88.6%	
Trent	92.8%	

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

## Book Recommendation



**Book:** Senorita Mariposa  
**Author:** Ben Gundersheimer  
**Illustrator:** Marcus Almado Rivero

What better way to help your child learn Spanish than to read bilingual books such as Senorita Mariposa.

This book explores the extraordinary journey that monarch butterflies take from Canada to Mexico each year. Did you know the monarch butterflies travel 1,200 and 2,800 miles or more to find the right climate conditions to hibernate from the beginning of November to mid-March!

With beautiful illustrations and captivating rhyming text, showcasing this amazing phenomenon, this book is sure to be a delight for all those that read it.

Train your mind to see the  
good in everything.

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!



# Star of the Week

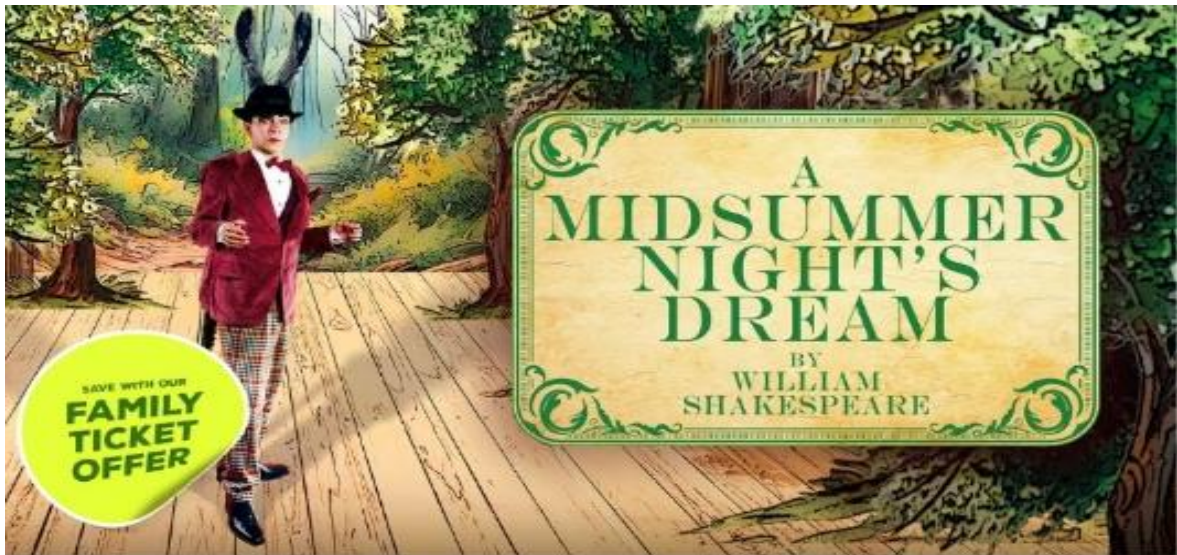
<b>Whale</b>	Nyrah	Nyrah for an improved attitude to learning and great effort in applying phonics in writing!
<b>Octopus</b>	To the whole class	For their amazing assembly of the 'Where the Wild Things Are!' You were all brilliant!
<b>Tyne</b>	Ali Sina	This week, we're celebrating the incredible creativity and enthusiasm of Ali Sina! Ali has truly shone during our art and mapping unit. He approached each activity with imagination and care. His map was a class favourite, showing thoughtful design and vibrant colour choices.
<b>Eden</b>	Cleo	Cleo has showed a creative flare this term in art. We have been working on creating a map in a variety of abstract ways. We have used her creative ideas to model to others how to think creatively.
<b>Avon</b>	Isata	For being a well-rounded pupil and always following our school values. She is dedicated and resilient and an absolute pleasure to teach. Well done!
<b>Fleet</b>	Jahzi	For fantastic engagement during our recent visit to the Central School of Ballet and impressing the dance teachers with his style and application!
<b>Ravensbourne</b>	Tyrone	Tyrone consistently contributes to class discussions with insightful comments that enhance our learning environment. His ability to connect ideas and ask thought-provoking questions encourages his peers to think critically and engage more deeply with the material.
<b>Wandle</b>	To the whole class	This week we have been busy learning and listening about R.E. inside and outside the school premises. Wandle were respectful when engaging with the adults that facilitated the workshops. I was impressed and so very proud of their maturity and enthusiasm. Great job, Wandle.
<b>Severn</b>	To the whole class	For a well written and even better execution of their class assembly. They were brilliant in supporting each other to develop the script and their expression and projection when delivering their lines was very effective. So proud of you all – well done.
<b>Trent</b>	Adnan	Adnan has impressed me so much with his memorisation of the lines for the year 6 production. Although he has the most lines to learn, he is by far the most confident! He has clearly put in a lot of time and effort at home. Well done, Adnan.

**A huge thank you to Gary our fantastic parent volunteer. He has made so many generous contributions to the school and given so much of his time for the benefit of our children, that we have come to rely on him. We really appreciate all you do Gary!**



## The Lion King

Ola and Leah-Rose were both very lucky to be offered two free tickets to see a special performance of the Lion King last weekend. These tickets were donated by the Variety Children's Charity. The children clearly had a fantastic time!



### SOUTHWARK PLAYHOUSE

**This September, Southwark Playhouse presents a brand-new production of William Shakespeare's classic comedy, aimed at audiences of all ages from 8+.**

**Directed by acclaimed creator of theatre for family audiences, Toby Hulse, this is the perfect introduction for those new to Shakespeare's plays, but also for those who wish they were shorter and funnier...**

**Performances are at 7pm Monday - Saturday, with a Saturday matinee at 2.30pm, running from Friday 5<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September.**

**We are excited to be able to offer a special family ticket rate for this performance of £75 for four tickets - available at all performances during the run.**

**To find out more visit [www.southwarkplayhouse.co.uk](http://www.southwarkplayhouse.co.uk) or call our Box Office on 0207 407 0234.**

**Praise for previous shows directed by Toby Hulse**  
"It's hard to imagine a play fuelled by a more profound and spellbinding sense of wonder" *The Scotsman* (on 'One Small Step')  
"Every second sparkles with wit and originality" *Daily Telegraph* (on 'Around the World in Eighty Days')



Nikola & Aileen

# Summer fair-

RPS  
Friday  
11<sup>th</sup> July  
3:30-5pm



hook  
a duck!



Bouncy  
castle!!



Burger &  
hot dogs

nail  
painting!

henna!!



The school cannot guarantee the content of all food/drink items on sale at the summer fete as some stalls are provided by parents/external companies or provided through donations. Because of this, the school cannot take any responsibility for any allergens present.



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# Well, **THAT WAS FUN!**

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### Try a **FREE CLASS** at your nearest venue

#### Perform Surrey Quays

Thursdays at 4pm (4-7s), 5.05pm (7-12s). Time And Talents In Surrey Quays Shopping Centre, Time And Talents, SE16 7LL

#### Perform Isle Of Dogs

Fridays at 4.15pm (4-7s), 5.20pm (7-12s). Barkentine Community Hall, 12 The Quarterdeck, E14 8SJ

#### Perform Bermondsey

Fridays at 4pm (4-7s), 5.05pm (7-12s). Bermondsey Village Hall, Leathermarket Gardens, SE1 3TD

**Until 1 Oct, new joiners can use ROTH011025 for a £40 introductory discount.**

### Ready to try for free?

Your child's first class is free, so why not give it a go? Classes take place all over, have a look online or call us:

**perform.org.uk/try**  
**020 7255 9120**







## Support children with disabilities and special educational needs

A free 5-week course for  
parents/TAs/classroom volunteers



This course will explore:

- The rights of disabled children and those with special educational needs (SEN)
- Supporting the inclusion of children with disabilities and SEN
- Helping children with disabilities and SEN to participate in a full range of activities

Wednesdays 12.30pm-2.30pm

From 11th June to 9th July 2025

Lewington Community Centre  
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Rotherhithe SE16 2RU

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GIRLS AGED 5-11  
YEARS OLD

OPEN TO ALL  
GIRLS AGED 12-14  
YEARS OLD

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Looking to start your football journey?  
Looking for a new challenge?  
Looking to make new friends?

### Who we are...

Southwark Jaguars are the newest and fastest growing girls football team in Southwark.

Established in 2023 we currently have over 80 girls signed across 6 different teams from U9 to U12.

All teams train on a **Monday (17:00 - 18:00)** at Burgess Park Astro Turf. This is also where we play our home games on a Sunday as part of the Tandridge League.



### Interested in joining? What to do next...

- Scan the QR code on the left hand side.
- You will be redirected to our website. Please complete the form in full.
- You will then be contacted by a member of our team with more details.

Do not hesitate to contact either Wilson Pimpang ([wilson@psn.org.uk](mailto:wilson@psn.org.uk)) or Joe Howard ([joe@psn.org.uk](mailto:joe@psn.org.uk)) for more information.

You can also find us across our social media platforms.

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# SUMMER HOLIDAYS FREE GIRLS FOOTBALL CAMP 2025

YEAR GROUPS 1-7

Wk1: 28<sup>th</sup> JUL - 1<sup>st</sup> AUG  
Wk2: 4<sup>th</sup> AUG - 8<sup>th</sup> AUG

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WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup>  
AUGUST 2025  
12PM-4PM

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FOR SOUTHWARK CHILDREN  
28TH JULY - 8TH AUG  
2025 (MON-FRI)  
**AT RYE OAK PRIMARY**  
**SCHOOL**

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£1 per strip

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Drawn on Friday 11th July  
@ 4:45pm