

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 19th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children clearly enjoyed dressing up in their favourite jeans today. Thank you for your generosity.

On Monday, the children learned that 'genes' are hereditary and that a missing or faulty gene can lead to physical difference in the way babies form and then continue to grow as children. The metaphor of building a construction using Lego was considered and what could happen if a part was missing or damaged. The children watched a short film clip about an 11-year-old boy called Ashley, who has been affected by 'Treacher's Collins syndrome'. In this short film, he explained how the syndrome had prevented the formation of his ears, cheekbones and jaw which caused him to look different and the effect this has had on his speech and his hearing. He mentioned that he has had to have 30 operations to help him! Sadly, he talked about the impact of bullying he has experienced due to looking different. You can watch this film clip by following this link: [Ashley's Story - a Jeans for Genes Day film](#)

The funds we have raised today will help to make a difference in the lives of children like Ashley and their families. We have raised £204!! So once again a huge thank you!

Have a lovely weekend! Lisa (HoS)



We hope all children in Year 2 to 6 enjoyed the free Topps Premier League trading cards that were given out on Thursday. Thanks to Jazzy Media for supplying these cards free of charge.

Get Ready for International Day

Friday 26th September
2:45 pm in the playground

Children, staff and families are invited to dress in clothes that represent their cultures so that we can celebrate our school's diversity.

The children will be listening to Story Telling workshops delivered by our special guest visitor, Margaret from Margaret's Music.



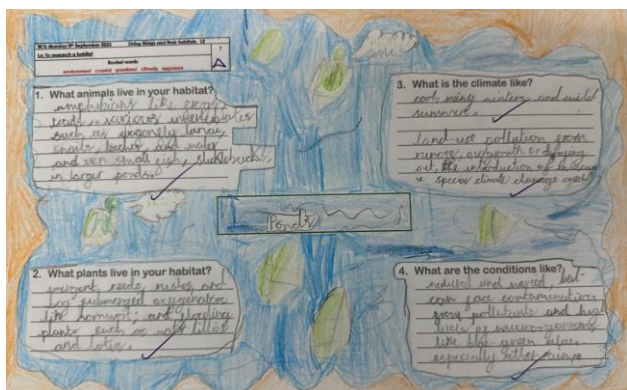
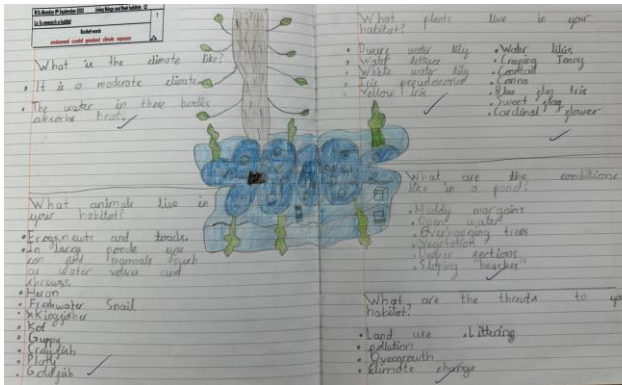
We need parents help! We are asking parents to cook up a storm! We would love you to donate food from your cultures to share with parents and children at RPS.

We will open doors early to parents 2:45, so that parents can come and share the party atmosphere with us.

This event will be funded entirely by donations and is completely **free.**

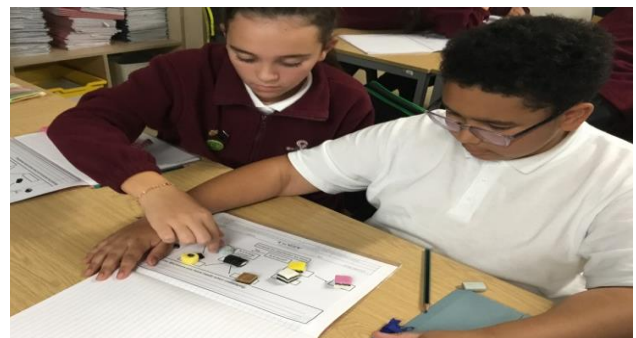
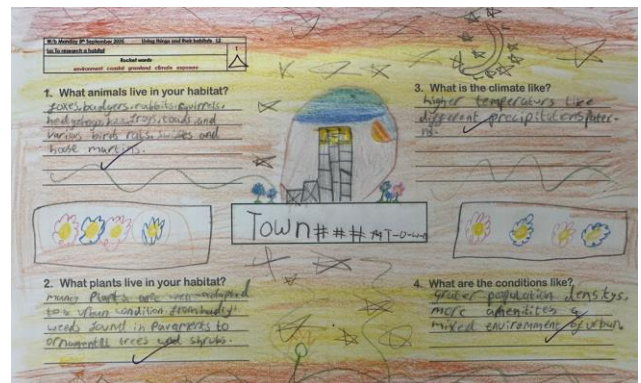
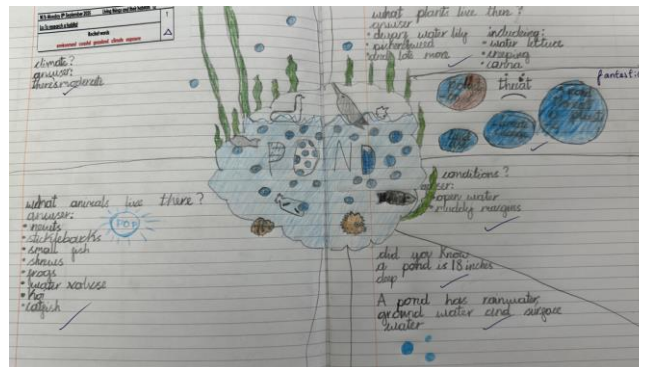


We love Science!

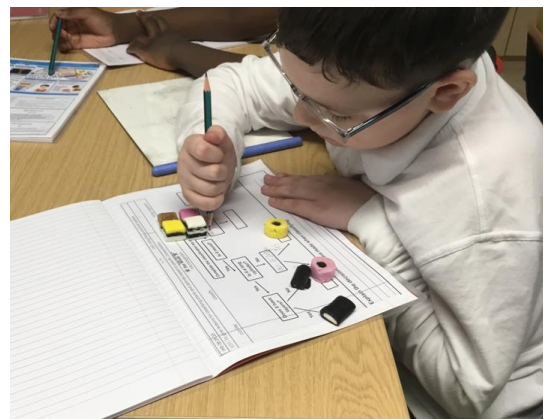


Living things and their habitats

Year 4 have been learning about the different habitats in the UK. They have researched local habitats and created a tourist brochure about each one. They wrote about the conditions in those areas and the species of plants and animals you would expect to find. Additionally, they identified some of the threats to their habitats.



Year 6 are developing their learning about 'Living things and their habitats' by designing their own chart to classify objects according to their characteristics. This was then linked to how animals and plants are classified.



Dates for your Diary

2.9.25	Children return to school
5.9.25	Year 6 secondary school transition parents' workshop
8.9.25	Year 4 meet the teacher session
9.9.25	Octopus meet the teacher session
10.9.25	Year 2 meet the teacher session
11.9.25	Brent class & Year 6 meet the teacher sessions
12.9.25	Lea Class and Year 2 meet the teacher session
15.9.25	Whale Class meet the teacher presentation
9.9.25	Pizza trip for best attendance
16.9.25	Years 5 & 6 Midsummer's night dream theatre trip pm
19.9.26	Jeans for Genes Day
26.9.25	TA appreciation/Thank a teacher Day/ International Day
1.10.25	Black History Month starts
2.10.25	National Poetry Day
3.10.25	Year 6 – Junior Citizenship 1-3 pm
5.10.25	Run Rotherhithe Run- Sunday family fun run.
7.10.25	Pizza Express trip for best attendance
15.10.25	Diwali clay lamp making workshop for families.
17.10.25	Break up for half term
2 week half term Half term	
3.11.25	Children return to school
4.11.25	Parents evenings
5.11.25	
Week starting 10.11.25	Anti-bullying week
12.11.25	Science workshop for parents
14.11.25	Children in Need – dress up for charity
28.11.25	Drama 4 All workshops for year 1 and year 3
11.12.25	Christmas Jumper Day
17.12.25	Year 3 & 4 Christmas performance Year 5 & 6 Christmas performance
18.12.25	Year 1 Christmas performance EYFS Christmas performance
19.12.25	Year 2 Christmas performance Class parties pm
19.12.25	Break up for Christmas

**"We make a living
by what we get.
We make a life by
what we give."**

SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL

Attendance Matters

Class	Weekly percentage	Star attendance winners
Penguin	96.5%	★
Jellyfish	91.7%	
Octopus	90%	
Whale	98.8%	★ ★
Eden	95.2%	★
Tyne	97.2%	★
Avon	83.6%	
Peck	94.3%	
Effra	92.3%	
Brent	96.8%	★
Lea	93.9%	
Thames	90.3%	

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

Book Recommendation

Book: What Happened to You?
Author: James Catchpole and Karen George



Joe loves nothing better than to play pirates and fight sharks. They are far easier to manage than other children! Joe was fatigued and wary of children repeatedly asking him the same question rather than simply accepting him and allowing him to play.

'What happened to your leg? Was it a shark? A burglar? A lion? Did it fall off?'

This is a great book for discussing physical difference and how to accept people for who they are.

Star of the Week

Whale	Delilah	Amazing! Always sits nicely and listens carefully with great respect. Well done for being a fantastic listener and following classroom expectations. Keep it up.
Octopus	Aiden	It has been a delight to see Aiden take on extra challenges in Maths this week- Keep pushing yourself!
Tyne	Ashan	Ashan has truly shone this week as a fantastic role model for his classmates. One of the things that stands out most about Ashan is how attentively he listens to instructions. The moment a direction is given Ashan is the first to respond, showing others exactly what to do through his actions. His quiet leadership and calm presence help create a positive learning environment for everyone.
Eden	Keziah	Keziah has been an amazing role-model not just this week but since we started this new academic year. She has amazed me in her drive to learn and go the extra mile in ALL her subjects. She is a valuable member of our class.
Avon	Kyano	This week Kyano has worked hard to follow our school rules by walking sensibly and lining up beautifully. In Computing, Kyano designed his own digital device, clearly explaining its input and output, the process, and the reasons behind it using key vocabulary. Fantastic work!
Peck	Aamirah	This week Aamirah has been super proactive in her approach to learning, particularly in English. She has been using her word banks to guide her writing so that she approaches each task carefully and independently. Keep it up Aamirah!
Effra	Quan	This week, I want to give a big shout-out to Quan for his fantastic understanding of place value! He has shown great skill in rounding up to four-digit numbers. Keep up the amazing work, Quan! You're shining bright!
Brent	Amelia	This week Ameila has been the role model student showing how to reflectively respond to feedback. Asking for advice, and peer reviews on her work. Amelia has been doing this in all aspects on her learning, promoting this positive reflective behaviour throughout Brent class. Well done, Amelia!
Lea	Madison	Madison is such a valued member of Lea class. She is a deep thinker, a caring friend and has a great sense of humour. It is her last week at Rotherhithe Primary School this week – we will miss her so much!
Thames	Rayan	For creating an aesthetically lovely piece of art that includes a range of symbols, patterns and colours to represent himself. Well done!



Jean (one of our midday meal supervisors) has been working at Rotherhithe Primary School for a staggering **38 years this month!!** What an achievement and sign of her dedication. Thank you for your hard work and continuous service, Jean!

RUN KIDS RUN


ART INVEST
— REAL ESTATE —


CROSSTREE
REAL ESTATE PARTNERS

READY FOR A 2KM CHALLENGE?

RUN ROTHERHITHE RUN

SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER

2 – 4 PM

**SOUTHWARK PARK
ATHLETICS TRACK**

**MEDALS & SNACKS
FOR ALL !**



**SCAN TO
REGISTER**

Join us for an afternoon of fun and fitness to raise funds for our school.

Start training, register your place and collect sponsorship!

www.runkidsrun.org

Or click this link: <https://forms.gle/awZFirzLF6nFX1sf9>

Millwall Breakfast and After School Clubs

Come and join us for our Breakfast and After School Clubs!

Breakfast club will start at 7.45am- This will include breakfast of cereal or toast and will cost £5.50 per day

After School club- sports activities and games will cost: 1 hour £6.30 and 2 and half hours £13.65

We are able to offer a discount to families that wish to book a full week after school club and this is charged at £57.75 per week.

Wraparound Care (ASC) will not be suitable for Nursey pupils (5 years old+ only). Please see Sharon in the Office for more information!



LONDON OPEN HOUSE FESTIVAL and *the art of illustration*

Step inside Pancho Stories for an exclusive peek behind the magic of bookmaking!

Sept 20-21, 2025, from 10:00am to 5:00pm

✨ What's waiting for you:

- Stunning illustrations exhibition
- Behind-the-scenes book creation secrets
- Meet the artists who bring stories to life

📖 **BOOK SIGNING EVENT** with Illustrators Jess Stockham & Margaret Sturton signing first editions of their books

Book signing from 11:00am to 2:00pm

📍 48 Lavender Rd, London SE16 5DZ
(Opposite Lavender Pond)

Uderzo, Sempé, Disney, Tim Burton, Areco, Döppert, Ghibli and many more.

FREE EVENT

School Uniform

Please ensure that children attend school wearing the correct school uniform. This includes 'all-black' shoes. Please write your child's name into all of their clothing- we have lost property with no names already!

Children are not permitted to wear smart watches, but they may wear a simple analogue or digital watch. The only jewellery that is permitted are small studs or small sleeper earrings.

On the days, that children have PE, they can dress in the **correct PE kit** for the day (white t-shirt and black tracksuit bottoms) with their school jumper or cardigan.

Class teachers will contact parents if children are not in the correct school uniform. Click here for the school uniform policy. [RPS school uniform.](#)



FREE SEND COOKING CLASSES AT BERMONDSEY COMMUNITY KITCHEN

For Southwark residents aged 11-25



Location: 9 Market Place, SE16 3UQ

For more information email info@bermondseycommunitykitchen.co.uk



TAP – IN SESSIONS

Free and stand alone information sessions for parents and carers on a range of topics.

Join us with Thinking About Parenting and TAP in to....

New dates to be announced with new topics...

• Parenting Foundations

Exploring the importance of communication, boundaries, praise and appropriate discipline for our family life and relationship with our children

• Bullying Awareness

What is the impact of bullying on children? Why might children bully? What can we do to support them

• Emotionally Based School Avoidance

What it is, why it happens and how to seek help and provide support to our young people

These will be joining our existing topics

- Digital Safety
- Parental Emotional Wellbeing
- Ages and Stages

- Parenting and Autism
- Parenting and ADHD

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO JOIN NOW

Beth Gilbey

07394 865 980
bethany.gilbey@southwark.gov.uk
earlyhelp@southwark.gov.uk



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Thursday 18th Sept
10am
MS Teams

Parenting and Autism

Tuesday 30th Sept
10am
MS Teams

Parenting and ADHD

Tuesday 14th Oct
10am
MS Teams

Ages and Stages

Tuesday 21st Oct
10am
MS Teams

Parental Emotional Wellbeing

Thursday 6th Nov
10am
MS Teams

Bullying Awareness

Tuesday 11th Nov
10am
MS Teams

Emotional Based School Avoidance

Tuesday 18th Nov
10am
MS Teams

Digital Safety

Thursday 27th Nov
10am
MS Teams

Parenting Foundations

Friday 5th Dec
10am
MS Teams

Parenting and ADHD

Tuesday 9th Dec
10am
MS Teams

Parenting and Autism

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**TO REGISTER FOR A PLACE
CLICK HERE OR CONTACT**

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TAP – TOGETHER

FOR THIS TERM WE PROUDLY OUR PARENTING SESSIONS AS A FULL GROUP PROGRAMME

All the information from the sessions with the added benefit of a group support dynamic

A great opportunity to learn about specific areas of parenting, with other parents and share experiences TOGETHER!

8 Sessions will be held online in the evenings and run fortnightly covering a different topic each session

TAP-Together includes

- Ages and Stages
- Parenting Foundations
- Parental Emotional Wellbeing
- Bullying Awareness
- Digital Safety
- Emotionally Based School Avoidance

Plus access to our Reducing Parental Conflict information and support

STARTING SEPT 25

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 6-8PM

ONLINE

Please contact
Tara Long

07513 713 090
Tara.Long@southwark.gov.uk
earlyhelp@southwark.gov.uk



Wednesday, September 24

Older People's Network Learning Day


A learning event around what financial support for older people and their carers is available in the borough.

[Older People's Network Learning Day Tickets, Wed, Sep 24, 2025 at 9:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)

Location

📍 PPL Hub

23 Mill Street London SE1 2BE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Stay & Play + mini Boogie Mites 1 – 5 years Rotherhithe 10:00am – 11:30am</p>	<p>Tiny Moments – Baby Group 0-12 months Ellen Brown 10:00am – 11:30am</p>	<p>Stay & Play + mini Boogie Mites 1 – 5 years Ellen Brown 10:00am – 11:30am</p>	<p>Breastfeeding Café Infant Feeding Drop in Rotherhithe 10:00am – 12 noon</p>	<p>Stay & Play + mini Boogie Mites 1 – 5 years Ellen Brown 10:00am – 11;30am Parent & Carer Forum to follow session on 17th Oct.</p>	<p>Well-being through Nature 2 years + Rotherhithe 10:00am – 11.30am</p>
<p>Baby Boogie Mites 0-12 months Ellen Brown 11:00am – 11:45am</p>	<p>Rose Vouchers Collection Ellen Brown 9:30am – 12:00 noon</p>	<p>Play Together (twins) 0-5 years Rotherhithe 10:00am – 11:30am</p>	<p>Stay & Play 0 – 5 years Pilgrims' Way 10:00am – 12:00 noon</p>	<p>Home Learning 'Everyday Play' 1 year – 5 years Rotherhithe *Coming Soon*</p>	
	<p>Rose  VOUCHERS for fruit&veg</p>				
	<p>'Welcome to Parenthood' 1:30pm – 3:00pm South Bermondsey (booking ONLY) 23rd September – 14th October 2025</p> <p>Email to book your place familyhub@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk</p>	<p>Ante-natal Workshop 'Preparing to feed your baby'. 1st Wednesday of the month 3rd September 2025 1st October 2025 South Bermondsey 1:30pm – 2:30pm</p>	<p>Tiny Moments – Baby Group 0-12 months Ellen Brown 2:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Parent & Carer Forum Friday 17th October 11:30am Ellen Brown We welcome your views and experiences using our services. Come along for tea & coffee and a chat.</p>	<p>Family Studio Session Drawing Room Ellen Brown 12:00 noon – 2:00pm or 2:00pm – 4:00pm Booking required Family-studio-september.eventbrite.co.uk 7th September 2025</p>
		<p>SENSational 1-5 years Ellen Brown 2:00pm – 3:00pm</p>	<p>Toddler Boogie Mites 2 years + Ellen Brown 10:30am – 11:15am</p>	<p>Baby Boogie Mites 0-12 months Rotherhithe 10:00am – 10:45am</p>	

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

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Friday

Saturday

Chattertime

1 year – 5 years



South Bermondsey

10:00am – 11:30am

Meet a speech and language therapist and practice general communication strategies with your child.

**Southwark
Housing Advice Drop In**

9:00am – 4:00pm

South Bermondsey

10th September 2025

8th October 2025

Melodies for Mums

1:30pm – 2:50pm

and

3:15pm – 4:30pm

South Bermondsey

2nd October – 4th

December 2025

**Adolescent Sure Start
Team – Drop In**

11 years +

South Bermondsey

9:00am to 5:00pm

**SEND parenting support
group**

10:00am – 12:00 noon

South Bermondsey

(booking ONLY)

4th November – 9th

December 2025

Email to book your place

familyhub@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk

Fussy Eating Workshop

Henry Programme

13th October 2025

10:00am – 12 noon

South Bermondsey

Fussy Eating Workshop

Henry Programme

16th September 2025

10:00am – 12 noon

South Bermondsey

Starting Solids Workshop

Henry Programme

10:00am – 12 noon

6th November 2025

4th December 2025

South Bermondsey

To book Starting Solids Workshop and Fussy Eating Workshops please email below

gst-tr.hvsupportanddevelopmentworker@nhs.net



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.

Contact us!

South Bermondsey Children and Family Hub

Tenda Road, London, SE16 3PN

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

Telephone: 0207 358 2878

familyhub@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk

Please visit our website for further information

br-cc.org.uk



Free Vitamin D

Pregnant women, new mums, and children under four in the borough can get free vitamin D supplements.

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 5th birthday. Sign up and make bedtime fun. Check your eligibility and sign up on the Dolly Parton Website.

<https://imaginationlibrary.com/check-availability/>



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/>



SOUTHWARK START FOR LIFE offer includes help with:

- Feeding your baby ✓
 - Making friends and connections ✓
 - Mental health & wellbeing ✓
 - Building relationships with your baby ✓
 - Support for children special needs & disabilities ✓
 - Early education at home ✓
 - Everyday parenting challenges ✓
 - Accessing information, advice, and your free childcare offer ✓
- <https://services.southwark.gov.uk/>

