

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 26th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy International Day! The children and staff had an amazing day and I hope parents enjoyed it too. In the morning our beloved Margaret from Margaret's music treated all of our children to one of three international day story workshops. She shared stories from Africa and India to rapt audiences.



Our KS2 children have been learning about Kenya and designed African necklaces out of paper plates. Children in Key Stage 1 were treated to a visit from Kofi who talked to them about life in Ghana. They had lots of interesting questions particularly about going to school in Ghana. He explained to them that all children go to school, the same as in England but that in Ghana parents have to pay for children's books and pencils, which reminds us all, that we are very lucky that these items are provided in England free! He impressed them with his fantastic cultural dress and interesting anecdotes. All children across the school enjoyed participating in a cooking and art activity linked to our international celebrations. The day was topped off when parents arrived with delicious food to share and joined the party in the playground. Thank you all for your contributions and making this a fantastic day of celebration! We couldn't have done it without you!



Have a lovely weekend! Lisa (HoS)

In preparation for International tasting day, Year 6 had a busy afternoon cooking up a storm! Half of the class peeled, chopped and experimented with spices to create a Jamaican black-eyed pea curry whilst the other half of the class measured and observed a chemical reaction (with bicarbonate soda and hot water) and how vital it was in creating chewy Australian Anzac biscuits. The children enjoyed tasting the fruits of their endeavours!

We love cooking!



Year 3 made Nigerian Chin Chin biscuits. The children worked together mixing and making a dough before cutting it into small shapes for frying. Yum!



We love International Art!



The flag of Ghana

As part of our learning about Ghana and its rich cultural traditions, Year 2 explored the vibrant world of Kente cloth—a colourful woven fabric that tells stories through patterns and colours. Using card and paper strips, the children created their own woven designs inspired by traditional Kente cloth. They learned how colours can carry meaning, how patterns are made through weaving, and how art connects us to people and places around the world.



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Art and Design

As part of our International Day celebrations, KS1 had a go at Kente cloth paper weaving from Ghana.



'We drew different lines to make a pattern and then we wove them in and out'

-Georgia



Year 4 enjoyed creating patterns on their Maasi necklaces.

Science

In the first science lesson, year 3 children planned and executed their own experiment, posed their own investigation questions and made a prediction about what plants need to grow. After three weeks, this is the result. What factors do you think these plants received in order to grow?



Mathematics

Year 5 children focused on subtraction this week as they estimated and represented then checked their calculation using addition.



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Year 3 made Nigerian Chin Chin biscuits.

The children worked together mixing and making a dough before cutting it into small shapes for frying.



'First, we mixed in flour, then we mixed in eggs and then we added nutmeg and then we poured in milk. I enjoyed cutting the Chin Chin into pieces'

-Deborah

Computing



This week, our curious Year 1 children have been busy investigating the world around them by sorting objects into two categories: *technology* and *not technology*. Through hands-on exploration and lively discussion, they learned that technology isn't just about computers and tablets—it can include everyday items like clocks, kettles, and even electric toothbrushes!

The activity sparked lots of thoughtful questions and helped the children begin to understand how technology helps us in our daily lives.

'A computer, a phone and another computer is technology because they help you to do things and a phone helps you to call people'

- Dolly

Y5 and Y6 children had a marvellous time at the performance of William Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer's Night's Dream' at Southwark Playhouse. It was a clever and witty reimagining of Shakespeare's classic.

'It was really good and I enjoyed the humour, particularly the beginning when Cecil attempted to do a lion's roar'
-Henry

'It was really funny and I enjoyed how the play began with all the characters rushing on stage'
-Hosna

'All in all, it was really good. I really like the way they showed magic and everything was really imaginative. I particularly liked the freeze frames'

We love Shakespeare!

We would like to say a huge thank you to Southwark Playhouse theatre for providing this experience for our children free of charge.



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	Anti-bullying week
Week starting 10.11.25	
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

"Diversity is the one true thing we all have in common... Celebrate it every day."

Winston Churchill

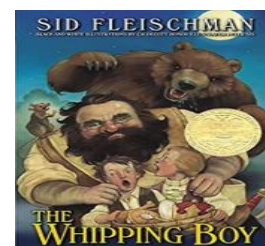
Attendance Matters

Class	Weekly percentage	Star attendance winners
Penguin	95.4%	★
Jellyfish	91.7%	
Octopus	96.3%	★
Whale	92.25	
Eden	91.5%	
Tyne	97.2%	★
Avon	95.5%	★
Peck	97.5%	★
Effra	97.7%	★
Brent	93.6%	
Lea	100%	★ ★
Thames	87.6%	

Please do not book holidays during term time!

Teacher Book Recommendation

Book: The Whipping boy
Author: Sid Fleischman
Teacher: Anthony Williams



The Whipping Boy is an enchanting and humorous adventure set in a medieval kingdom. It tells the tale of an unlikely friendship between Prince Brat, a spoiled royal who refuses to behave, and Jemmy, the "whipping boy" who is punished in the prince's stead. When they are both kidnapped, they must rely on each other to survive and find their way home.

The author's clever writing and engaging characters make this book a delightful read for primary school children aged 8+. It thoughtfully explores themes of friendship, bravery, and empathy, making it both entertaining and meaningful. This story comes highly recommended for young readers who enjoy thrilling adventures filled with heart.

Star of the week

Whale	Hussain	Hussain you are doing great walking into class and come to school with a positive attitude. You work hard in all subjects especially maths and I am impressed that you are producing neat and tidy handwriting. Well done!
Octopus	Maryam	Maryam is a delight to have in the class. She always tried her best and follows the school rules. She looks after our classroom and is very well mannered. Thank you, Maryam,
Tyne	Oscar	Oscar has truly shone this week by displaying our school value of creativity during our art lesson. Inspired by traditional Ghanaian Kente cloth—Oscar used card to craft a striking design of his own. His thoughtful use of colour and pattern showed a deep appreciation for the cultural significance of Kente cloth and a wonderfully imaginative approach to weaving.
Eden	Samia	Samia willing to learn nature is so admirable. She is always making the right choices and a great role model. This week, she specifically impressed me in her maths where she was making great connections between number sentences.
Avon	Edward	This week, Edward excellently participated in PE. He showed resilience and determination by never giving up. He worked brilliantly as part of a team. Keep it up!
Peck	Ali-Sina	Ali-Sina has been a shining star in Jade's phonics group. He is always looking, listening and sets a great example to everyone. Thank you, Ali-Sina!
Effra	Nicole	Nicole is a focused and hardworking student. She actively listens and contributes thoughtfully to class discussions. This week, I was particularly impressed with her writing in English, especially her use of persuasive language in her letter. Keep up the great work, Nicole!
Brent	Miguel	For being a great role model for all his peers. Showing great effort in all areas of learning and leading discussions with his partners exceptionally well. Super Miguel!
Lea	Malik	Malik has made excellent progress in Maths this week. He has been estimating addition and subtraction calculations and has mastered column method for both. I am so proud of him.
Thames	Anayah, Anis, Annabel, Ava, Ayaan, Chelsea, Deeqa, Heaven, Hudson, Isaiah, Jahzi, Jayden F, Jayden S, Joshua, Kamai, Kloe, Nadine, Skylah, Tony, Tyrone, Zakhar	For displaying excellent teamwork and responsibility during our international cooking session. You worked brilliantly with your group, followed the recipe carefully, and demonstrated fantastic cooking skills — including peeling, chopping, mixing, and cutting. You also kept your workspace clean and tidy, showing great care and respect for others. Your effort and attitude made our cooking session a real success — well done!

RUN KIDS RUN



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!



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.](#)



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Debate Mate runs the largest debating programme in the UK with 250 schools! 5,000 young people participate in clubs every week ran by top university students. This 14 weeks of teaching finishes with 3 weeks of competitions against other schools.

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- ✓ Go on trips to places such as the University of Oxford or Houses of Parliament.
- ✓ Be part of something bigger.
- ✓ Network with professionals who could offer future opportunities.



More information:

www.debatemate.org

DebateMate



All My Love is Bubbling Over



On Saturday 4th October 2.00-4.00pm
Buchan Hall TRA, Buchan Road, Nunhead, SE15 3HQ

For more information and to book
Use the QR code below
www.bookpebble.co.uk/activities
www.margaretsmusicltd.com
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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

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earlyhelp@southwark.gov.uk



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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....

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

Emotionally 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

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

**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




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

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

Thursday

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/>

