

# RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school. I hope you all had a fantastic summer holiday. It was lovely to see our wonderful children once more and I am pleased to inform you that they have settled well into their new classes.

Next week we are holding our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions. This is an opportunity to find out about the curriculum this academic term and how parents can help. Please see the diary section for dates below.



This year we have started working with Millwall football club. I would like to welcome Coach Martin, Coach Emily and Coach Deiby. Martin will be teaching some of the PE lessons to children across the school and will lead our new wrap around care - After School Club provision. Coach Emily will be working alongside him. Coach Deiby will be leading breakfast club in the mornings and will also work in After School Club on Mondays. They are already settling well into school.

## 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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**Save the date - Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

**We will be participating once more in the Run Kids Run family challenge at Southwark Park Racetrack. The more people from RPS who run, the more money we will raise for the school!**

(Please sign up using QR code below)

# We love art!

Art is one of our favourite subjects at RPS and is lead by our very enthusiastic Art Lead Alex Montgomery. The school is working towards an Arts Mark in recognition of our passion for all things creative and excellent teaching in this subject. Alex wants to get parents more involved in art activities so watch out for parent workshops coming up this term.

You can find out more about the art curriculum and the work of our 'Art Ambassadors' on the school's website – click the following link  
<https://rotherhitheprimary.co.uk/art-at-rps/>.

In these pictures, Year 6 are showcasing the start of the drawing unit entitled 'Make My Voice Heard'. They are exploring expressive drawing techniques using a range of handmade tools to create different lines, tones, texture and form. As you can see, the children are clearly very focussed on their learning.



## Save the Date - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September we will be holding a special International Day Celebration



Children, staff and families are invited to dress in clothes that represent their cultures. 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 will be asking parents 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**.

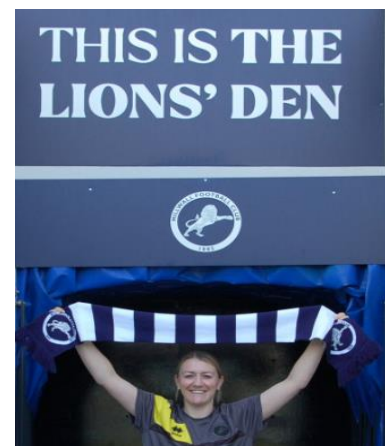




## Millwall's Community Pitch

Year 3 were invited to take part in the opening of Millwall's community training pitch in Rotherhithe. They were given coaching sessions by Millwall FC coaches, as well as a chance to play matches on a brand-new state of the art 5G pitch.

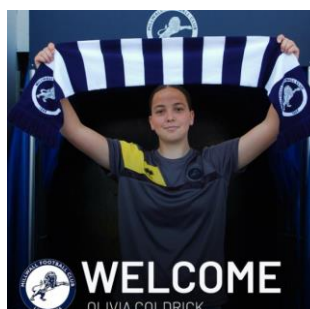
The children also got a chance to meet Millwall FC first-team players Jake Cooper and Ryan Leonard as well as Millwall Lionesses defenders Ellie Manning and Olivia Coldrick. The children asked them questions about their careers, best goals and favourite skills. What's more, every child received a Millwall water bottle which they were able to get signed by the players!



Ellie Manning



Jake Cooper





# Gardening Club and their talented 'green fingers'!



Teaching children to care about the environment and to live sustainably is very important to RPS. All children will have an opportunity to garden and grow food that they then cook and eat during their time at RPS.

Our parent volunteer Andreia and our gardening club have done a fantastic job harvesting some of the vegetables they have grown. Pumpkins, peppers, tomatoes, carrots and courgettes. All our foods are grown organically.

Have you ever seen such gigantic courgettes! Our gardening club must truly have 'magical green fingers'.

I can't wait to taste the courgette fritters being made next week!





# 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
11.9.25	School photographer- siblings and single photographs
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
<b>2 week half term Half term</b>	
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
20.12.25	Break up for Christmas

"Success starts with every challenge, not from the comfort zone."

— Sunil Singh  
Trainer & Motivator

## Attendance Matters

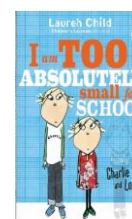
Class	Weekly percentage	Star attendance winners
Penguin	97.7%	★
Jellyfish	97.7%	★
Octopus	95.1%	★
Whale	95.1%	★
Eden	94.4%	
Tyne	94%	
Avon	99.4%	★ ★
Peck	95%	★
Effra	93.1%	
Brent	95.5%	★
Lea	95.5%	★
Thames	90.5%	

Please do not book holidays during term time!

## Book Recommendation

**Book:** I am Too Absolutely Small for School

**Author:** Lauren Child



At the start of every year, I speak to the children about how they are feeling about returning to school after the long summer holiday. After a period of change children can have a mixture of emotions from excitement to nervousness and worry. This year I used the book 'I am too absolutely small for school' to talk about these feelings.

Charlie, Lola's older brother tries to reassure her that it is important to go to school and that she will learn really useful things – like how to write a letter to Father Christmas! He persuades Lola that she cannot go to school dressed as an alligator and that she will be fine at lunch time. But he is worried when he doesn't see her in school. Is she okay?.....

# Star of the Week

<b>Whale</b>	Trey	Trey has shown a wonderful example of listening and a positive attitude towards learning. Keep it up. Well done.
<b>Octopus</b>	Catherine	Catherine is always ready to learn. She actively listens and models exemplary behaviour – well done!
<b>Tyne</b>	Cleo	Cleo has made a fantastic start to the school year! She always listens carefully and follows all of our school rules. She puts her hand up to speak, walks sensibly in the classroom, and uses kind words with her friends. Cleo is a brilliant role model for everyone!
<b>Eden</b>	T'Nayaha	T'Nayaha for settling in beautifully at our school, showing excellent behaviour, active listening and being a fantastic role model to others.
<b>Avon</b>	Nia-Jade	Nia-Jade has had a truly wonderful start to the school year. She has shown fantastic active listening in every lesson. Her fantastic attitude toward learning set a brilliant example for others. Well done!
<b>Peck</b>	Anna	Anna has made an excellent start to the term in Peck class. We did a lot of work this week related to 'Active Listening' and why it is important. Anna shared good ideas in the session and then made a very careful and well-designed poster highlighting the skills we discussed.
<b>Effra</b>	Adam	Adam has settled in exceptionally well, demonstrating calmness and maturity. He has been a positive role model for his classmates, inspiring them with his behaviour. Well done!
<b>Brent</b>	Smithy	Smithy has been such a great role model for his peers in Brent class this week. In every talk to your partner activity, Smithy has shown a great effort during 'purposeful talk' whilst demonstrating excellent active listening. Well done and keep it up!
<b>Lea</b>	James	James has been a total star this week. He has been so focussed during lessons and has shown real ambition with every task he has been set. I've been so impressed with his attitude. What a fantastic start to term!
<b>Thames</b>	Zakhar	Zakhar has made a commendable start to Year 6, demonstrating maturity in adapting to changes and responding positively to feedback. Well done!

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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](http://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!



## Greenwich Music School



### Autumn Term Courses 2025:

#### Mini Musicians | Age 0 - 4

For babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers to find their inner musician, grow musical skills and express themselves through music!

Join us on Saturdays at Mycenae House

#### Fourtissimo! | Age 4

Children will learn about music in a fun, group setting, through songs, games, storytelling and creative activities.

Saturdays: 9.15 - 9.45am

Mycenae House (SE3 7SE)

Thursdays: 4 - 4.30pm

Saturdays: 9.45 - 10.15am

The Stables, Charlton House (SE7 8RE)

#### Music Club | Age 5 & 6

Sing, make music and play together to build foundation music skills in rhythm, pitch and composition, and get ready to learn an instrument.

Thursdays: 4.40 - 5.20pm

Saturdays: 10.25 - 11.05am

The Stables, Charlton House (SE7 8RE)

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Mycenae House (SE3 7SE)

#### Voyagers - instrument discovery!

Age 5 & 6

Try out three different instruments whilst learning foundation music skills.

Mondays: 4.25 - 5.05pm

Fridays: 4.20 - 5.05pm

Sundays: 10.15 - 11am

The Stables, Charlton House (SE7 8RE)

#### Instrument Starters

Age 6 & 7 / 8 & 9

Take your first steps in learning an instrument - like clarinet, guitar, piano or violin - in fun, small-group classes that build essential technique, music-reading and performance skills. Pick your instrument or join Voyagers first to try out several!

Join us various days after school and at the weekend

The Stables, Charlton House (SE7 8RE)

and at Vanbrugh Studio (SE10 9HP)

### Greenwich Youth Choir Juniors

Age 8 - 11 **NEW**

Auditions in autumn 2025. Register interest at [g-m-s.org.uk/gyc](http://g-m-s.org.uk/gyc)

Launching Spring 2026

Charlton House (SE7 8RE)

### Band | Age 7 - 16

Play rock, pop, soul or whatever you're into, performing and learning the music you love.

Intro Level (Beginners & continuers aged 7+)

Level 1 (Ages 8+)

Level 2 (Ages 10+)

Level 3 (Ages 12+)

Saturday mornings

Thomas Tallis School (SE3 9PX)

### Artist Studio | Age 10+

Write songs and music, compositions and arrangements using instruments, voices and online music production software. Record and mix your work ready to share.

Saturdays: 11.45 - 12.30pm

Thomas Tallis School (SE3 9PX)

### Aural for Exams

Build skills and confidence for the aural tests in ABRSM and Trinity exams.

Workshop: Wednesday 29th October

### Music Theory

Cover all areas needed for exams up to Grade 5.

Thursdays: 5.30 - 6.15pm

The Stables, Charlton House (SE7 8RE)

### One to One Lessons

For children and adults

- Experienced teachers who are professional musicians
- Supportive and friendly environment
- Tailored support to meet personalised goals
- Regular performance and exam opportunities
- Feedback and written reports on progress

Weekly lessons in all instruments & voice are available at our teaching centres, at selected partner schools, and online.

Book a trial lesson at [g-m-s.org.uk/121](http://g-m-s.org.uk/121) or call us on 020 8305 1286.

### Adults Group Lessons

Enjoy learning an instrument and playing together. For beginners to grade 2 level. New joiners welcome at the first session of each month.

Guitar, Piano, Flute, Saxophone, Violin, Cello and Singing

Selected weekdays and weekends, at The Stables Charlton House (SE7 8RE) and at Vanbrugh Studio (SE10 9HP). Details online.

## Greenwich Music School

Greenwich Music School provides high-quality music lessons for children and adults of all abilities - from beginners to advanced players. Students learn at our dedicated centres in Charlton and Maze Hill, in primary and secondary schools across South-East London, or online anywhere in the UK.



For more information and £5 off your first session, scan the QR code or visit [greenwichmusicschool.org.uk/welcome](http://greenwichmusicschool.org.uk/welcome)

Offer ends 30/09/25

### Get in touch

020 8305 1286

[info@greenwichmusicschool.org.uk](mailto:info@greenwichmusicschool.org.uk)

[g-m-s.org.uk](http://g-m-s.org.uk)

### Find your nearest centre

#### A Vanbrugh Studio

137 Vanbrugh Hill,  
Greenwich, London, SE10 9HP

#### B The Stables at Charlton House

Charlton Rd, London, SE7 8RE

#### C Mycenae House

90 Mycenae Road,  
Greenwich, London, SE3 7SE

#### D Thomas Tallis School

154 Kidbrooke, Park Road, London, SE3 9PX



Book online  
at [g-m-s.org](http://g-m-s.org)

