

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 18th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of Black History month, children across the school have been learning about Carnivals and in particular, about the history of the Notting Hill Carnival. In the 1950's, many people were invited to come to England from Caribbean countries such as Jamaica, Trinidad and Barbados, to help boost the labour market post the end of the Second World War. These migrants were part of the Windrush generation. When they arrived in England, the welcome they received was very different to what had been promised. Families experienced a lot of hostility and were treated unfairly. Open racism led to attacks on black people in Notting Hill and ultimately race riots in 1958.



In 1959, Claudia Jones (from Trinidad) organized the first indoor 'Caribbean Carnival'. She wanted to bring joy, music and unity after the riots. Instead of hate, she encouraged love, culture and celebration. The Notting Hill Carnival was born and is now the third largest carnival in the world! This week, our families were invited to join us while we gave the children a taste of what a carnival is like. The children designed and made headaddresses in school and at home, they made wings. The children then had fun parading in the playground and having a dance in the Muga. Thank you to parents for joining in the fun. Thanks to Sinead, our new History Lead, for organizing the event.



We hope families and children enjoyed the carnival and could appreciate its message.



We are proud of who we are.



We bring colour, music, and joy to Britain.



We can all come together, no matter our differences.



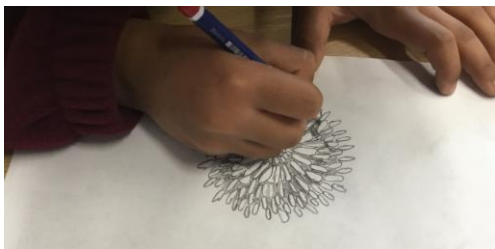
Responding to hate with love makes us stronger.

I wish all our families a fantastic 2 week half term. We look forward to seeing you all on the Monday 3rd November. Lisa (HoS)



Year 6 embraced the spirit of Carnival by designing and crafting their own vibrant headdresses using a range of paper techniques. From folding and fringing to curling and layering, pupils explored creative ways to bring their ideas to life. The classroom was bursting with colour and imagination as each child produced a unique piece that celebrated the joy and energy of Carnival. A fantastic fusion of art, culture, and creativity!

We love art!



Year 3 Explore the Beauty of Nature Through Art

Year 3 have been honing their observational skills by creating detailed botanical drawings. Using techniques to add tone and form, the children carefully studied natural objects to capture their structure and beauty. Their artwork reflects both precision and creativity, showcasing their growing confidence in drawing from still life.



Year 4 have been understanding what effective composition is in art. They have carefully selected and arranged sweets wrappers in an interesting way to create a collage whilst considering textures and colours.

'I have created different textures by overlapping my wrappers'
-Amari



Lantern Making workshops



ILLUMINATE BERMONDSEY & ROTHERHITHE *Lantern Procession*

Friday 21st November 2025, will mark this year's 'Illuminate Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Lantern Procession', starting from the Blue Market at 5 pm and finishing at Southwark Park bandstand.

To get ready for the event, Year 3 had a fantastic time getting creative in their very own lantern making workshop! The children explored colours, shapes, and textures while designing their own beautiful lanterns. It was a joyful afternoon filled with imagination, teamwork, and lots of glitter! Their finished lanterns looked amazing and will surely brighten up any space.



Diwali Clay Lamp Family Workshop



Diwali Clay Lamp Workshop: A Joyful Celebration of Creativity and Culture

Our recent parent-and-child Diwali clay lamp workshop was a heartwarming success! Families came together to enjoy quality creative time, learning about the significance of Diwali and the traditional art of clay lamp making.

Children and their parents explored clay techniques such as rolling, pinching, and joining, and then used clay tools to add beautiful patterns and adornments to their creations. The atmosphere was filled with laughter, learning, and artistic expression. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate culture, creativity and community spirit. Fun was truly had by all!



Dates for your Diary

2 week half term Half term

3.11.25	Children return to school
	Tyne Garden Museum Trip
4.11.25	Brent Garden Museum Trip
5.11.25	Parents evenings Reception to Year 6
6.11.25	Reception to year 6 except- Whale and Brent
	Parents Evening for Whale and Brent classes
Week starting 10.11.25	Anti-bullying week
11.11.25	Year 6 Millwall PE lesson trip
	Armistice Day
	School photographer – siblings and single photographs
12.11.25	Science workshop for parents
14.11.25	Children in Need – dress up for charity
18.11.25	Lea class trip to the Apple store
20.11.25	Brent class trip to the Apple store
21.11.25	School Food Matters events
	Rocksteady Workshops
	Year 6 online workshop Sanccob penguin workshop
25.11.25	KS2 Cinema trip to the O2 to see Wicked
28.11.25	Drama 4 All workshops for year 1 and year 3
1.12.25	International Day of Disabilities
11.12.25	Christmas Jumper Day
	Pioneer dance last session to finish for Christmas
12.12.25	Christmas Fair
16.12.25	EYFS Christmas performance am
	Year 1 Christmas performance pm
17.12.25	Year 3 & 4 Christmas performance
	Year 5 & 6 Christmas performance
19.12.25	Year 2 Christmas performance
	Class parties pm
19.12.25	Break up for Christmas

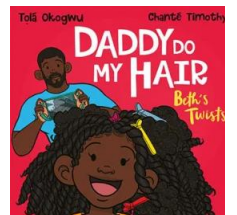
"Diversity is the one true thing we all have in common... Celebrate it every day."

Winston Churchill

Attendance Matters

Class	Weekly percentage	Star attendance winners
Penguin	95.4%	★
Jellyfish	91.7%	
Octopus	96.7%	★
Whale	96.8%	★
Eden	99.6%	★ ★
Tyne	95.9%	★
Avon	95.5%	★
Peck	93.35	
Effra	95.25	★
Brent	95.4%	★
Lea	95.5%	★
Thames	93%	

Book Recommendation



Book: Daddy Do My Hair: Beth's Twists

Author: Tola Okogwu, illustrated by Chanté Timothy

Each Sunday evening, when dinner is over, Beth heads for the sofa. This is her special time every week when she and Dad snuggle up and he does her hair. Would she like buns, pigtails or bows? Beth decides she wants twists and Dad just knows they'll suit her!

Gently he twists lots of light bouncy strands into Beth's hair, and as he works they sing and tell jokes and stories. Beth's so proud of her new hair that she can't wait for school the next day!

Softly rhyming text and glowing, illustrations in this calm, gentle book celebrate an apparently insignificant domestic ritual, which means everything to this father and daughter as they make time for each other.

Star of the Week

Whale	Dolly	Dolly is always kind and helping others. She is a great role model for sitting beautifully and being ready to learn.
Octopus	Atarah	For her brilliant writing of the story 'That's nice Dear', a new version of 'Whatever Next'. It was brilliant, well done!
Tyne	Nelson	Nelson has truly shone this week! He consistently works hard across all subjects, showing a fantastic attitude towards learning and is always striving to improve. His behaviour is a brilliant example to others—calm, respectful, and ready to help out whenever needed.
Eden	Umar	Umar stood out this week with the quality of his work as well as the effort he puts into his learning. He has taken great pride in his work and consistently shown great handwriting. Keep up the good work!
Avon	John	This week John is the 'Star of the week' for using language thoughtfully, speaking in full sentences and for developing confidence in his responses. Keep it up!
Peck	Ian	Since joining our school, Ian has made excellent progress and improvements in his writing and his stamina. He is a very diligent and hard worker. I have been hugely impressed with his effort and attitude! Well done!
Effra	Amarni	Amarni has demonstrated an excellent understanding of our science topic, "Living Things and Their Habitats." He can define many key vocabulary terms, including "camouflage." Additionally, he achieved a high score on his end-of-unit test. Well done, Amarni! Keep up the great work!
Brent	Christine. E	Christine has stood out this week for her fantastic presentation and excellent punctuality. She consistently takes pride in her work and learning, produces high-quality work, communicates clearly with her peers and comes to school ready to learn every day. Well done, Christine!
Lea	Josie	Josie has made exceptional progress in her spelling. In a review of this term's spellings, she doubled her score from the start of September! Well done, Josie, keep it up.
Thames	Arilena	For combining the classical technique of chiaroscuro with profound symbolism, creating a visually compelling and emotionally resonant work of art. Well done!

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Year 6 were making
headdresses for the
school carnival!



Science

Year 3 Scientists in Action!

This week, Year 3 pupils became budding botanists as they used magnifying glasses to make careful observations of their plants. With great focus and curiosity, they examined leaves, stems, and roots, noting down very precise details such as texture, colour variations, and even tiny patterns they hadn't noticed before. Their observational skills were impressive, and they recorded their findings with scientific accuracy. A fantastic step in developing their enquiry skills and understanding of plant biology.



Art

Year 2 were making lanterns!

They had fun.



Mathematics

We were
counting
mould on
bread



Computing

In this lesson, students explored different components of the Digital 5 a Day, engaging in various tasks for 4 minutes each. The lesson emphasized the importance of making smart choices when using technology, highlighting how their decisions impact interactions with digital tools. Overall, it effectively helped students understand decision-making in computing.



Ambassador assembly about the environment.

On Monday, the Art and Science Ambassadors led a Key Stage 1 & 2 assembly. They talked to the school about the importance of looking after the environment. They talked about the importance of 'nature' for the air we breathe, to the food and water we drink. They explained that our environment needs protecting. They had hope that what we do can make a difference!

- ✓ Our cycling to school week will help reduce air pollution.
- ✓ Save water! Don't leave the taps running when brushing your teeth.
- ✓ Using less plastic.
- ✓ Buy natural biodegradable products.

They have set everyone's homework for half term to design a poster pledge to improve the environment. Well done, Ambassadors!



Design a **poster to pledge** what you can do to help the environment.

The Art & Science Ambassadors will judge the posters and there will be **a prize for each class** for the most aesthetically pleasing and informative poster.

DUE DATE: FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER (to your class teacher)



Millwall Breakfast and After School Clubs

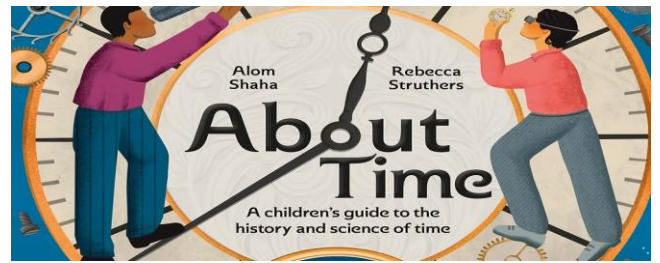
Come and join us for our Breakfast and After School Clubs!

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!



Time & Location
26 Oct 2025, 15:00 – 16:00

Moon Lane Books, 300 Stanstead Rd, London SE23 1DE, UK

Celebrate the end of British Summer Time (when the clocks go back) with a free fun clock-making activity!
Learn about the science and history of how humans have kept track of time through the ages and make your own working clock to take home with you!

Suitable for ages 5-10.
Open link to register:

https://www.moonlaneink.co.uk/events-1/make-and-decorate-your-own-clock-with-alom-shaha?utm_campaign=091e789e-6180-4e1e-b2e1-be82173c21d3&utm_source=so&utm_medium=mail&cid=e6868b70-ce87-417a-ade3-b2eee79638ad



World Building Workshop

DULWICH ART GROUP PRESENTS
A TWO DAY CREATIVE WORKSHOP DURING
HALF TERM FOR CHILDREN AGED 6-7
with Artists and Teachers Nancy and Purdey

This workshop will be an opportunity for your child to explore the power of storytelling and nurture their imagination as we build our ideal world together in the studio using recycled/found materials.

Monday 27th October - Tuesday 28th October 2025

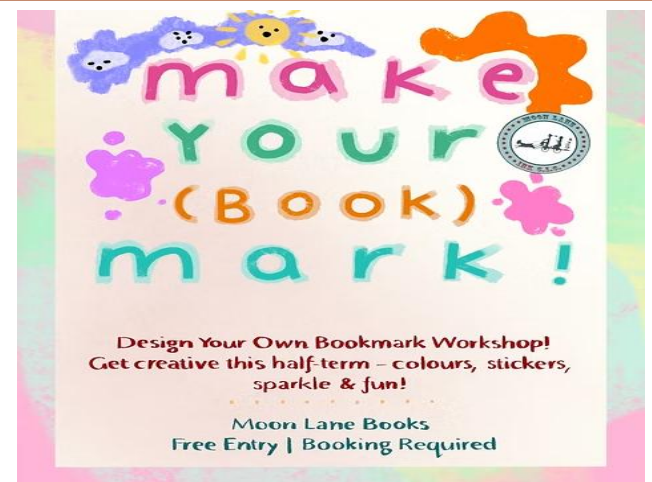
2pm - 4:30pm

£30.00

A two-part workshop for children focused on the power of storytelling and building an imaginary city.

Monday 27th-Tuesday 28th October 2025
2.00pm-4.30pm

<https://www.dulwichartgroup.co.uk/product/world-building-workshop/>



Time & Location
29 Oct 2025, 14:00 – 15:00

Moon Lane Books
300 Stanstead Rd, London SE23 1DE, UK

Ages 7+

You need to pre-register using this link:

https://www.moonlaneink.co.uk/events-1/make-your-own-environment-friendly-bookmark?utm_campaign=091e789e-6180-4e1e-b2e1-be82173c21d3&utm_source=so&utm_medium=mail&cid=e6868b70-ce87-417a-ade3-b2eee79638ad

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JOIN US ON THE MILLWALL GIRLS PLAYER PERFORMANCE PATHWAY

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OCTOBER HALF-TERM MULTI-SPORTS HOLIDAY CAMP

 The Lions Centre, Bolina Rd, SE16 3LD

 10am-3pm

 Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October

 £12 per day or £50 for five days

 AGE Age 5-13 year-olds

 Contact: Epoole@millwallcommunity.org.uk/
07958026876 for more information

Register here or visit:
<https://tinyurl.com/dn7wy4ph>



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OCTOBER HALF-TERM FOOTBALL HOLIDAY CAMP

 St Paul's Sports Ground, Rotherhithe, SE16 5EF

 10am-3pm

 Monday 27th October - Thursday 30th October

 £12 per day or £40 for four days

 AGE Age 5-13 year-olds

 Contact: Nfarrell@millwallcommunity.org.uk/
07932877303 for more information

Register here or visit:
<https://tinyurl.com/3zxy8uvh>



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Centre for
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28 Marsden Road,
London SE15 4EE

Half Term Family Workshops with London Wildlife Trust



Bushcraft

Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th October
10am till 3pm

Two days to learn how to survive in the wild! On the first day you will make shelters and filter water and on the second you'll seek wild food and make fires. Crafts and activities. You can book for either day or both.



Natural Inks and Scrapbooks

Thursday 30th October
Have fun making inks from turmeric, wild grapes and oak galls, and grind charcoal to make paint to produce your own unique art pieces to take home. Make a scrapbook with inspiration from the garden.

All courses are for families living in Southwark. Suitable for primary aged children but you are welcome to bring your younger and older ones too. £3 booking fee but let us know if this is too much for you. Only one free Southwark workshop per academic year (Sept-July)

Booking required: visit our website www.wildlondon.org.uk/events or use the QR code email: dwallace@wildlondon.org.uk for any queries.

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or visit
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dwallace@wildlondon.org.uk



FAMILY LEARNING

Our Learning Team run workshops and activities for children and families all year round inspired by the seasons, our collection and exhibitions. Explore gardens and nature through art, craft, cooking and plant science.

TUESDAY TOTS

Tuesdays 10.30am-11.30am
Join us for seasonal stories, followed by art and craft sessions. For pre-school children aged 0-4yrs and a parent or carer.

SUNDAY SESSIONS

Sundays 11am-12.30pm
Seasonal family sessions that introduce and build art skills. For children aged 3-12yrs, accompanied by a parent or carer.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY SESSIONS

During the school holidays we run sessions for all ages, including sessions or families with neurodiverse needs.

Check our website for details:
gardenmuseum.org.uk



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Family Learning at the Thomas Calton Centre



Monday 27th October 13.00-15.30
Family Learning Festival: Story Power

- arts & crafts
- puppet-making
- stay & play
- painting
- creative writing
- making books
- music & dance
- storytelling



Tuesday 28th October 13.00-15.30
Black History Arts & Cultural Crafts Fun Day

- storytelling from around the world
- arts & crafts
- stay & play
- song & dance
- music
- painting
- cultural displays

FREE!

Contact: adult.learning@southwark.gov.uk
07539 233 779
or 0207 358 2100

Thomas Calton Centre
Alpha Street
Peckham
SE15 4NX

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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@bermondseymunitykitchen.co.uk



AutismSupportTeam@
Southwark.gov.uk

AUTISM SUPPORT TEAM TOILET TRAINING FOR PARENT/CARER ONLY

HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR AUTISTIC CHILD TO DEVELOP TOILETING SKILLS

In partnership with the Autism Education Trust (AET) we are offering Developing Toileting Skills Training for Parent + Carers of autistic children.

Aims:

- To develop knowledge of how to support autistic children to achieve toileting independence.
- To understand the importance of working with others to support autistic children to develop independent toileting skills.

Learning objectives:

- Understand how autism can impact on children developing independent toileting skills.
- Understand the importance of all adults working together to support the development of independent toileting skills.
- Consider how to remove barriers to developing toileting skills and how to make reasonable adjustments to support further toileting independence.

Free Training Online Dates:

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| • 21 st October | 9.45 – 11.45 2025 |
| • 15 th December 2025 | 12.30 – 2.30 2025 |
| • 9 th February | 9.45 – 11.45 2026 |
| • 23 rd March | 12.30 – 2.30 2026 |
| • 18 th May | 9.45 – 11.45 2026 |
| • 23 rd July | 12.30 – 2.30 2026 |
| • 6 th August | 9.45 – 11.45 2026 |
| • 13 th August | 12.30 – 2.30 2026 |

Register [here](#)

Online Microsoft Teams Training Link will be sent to your email 2 days prior to start date of training.

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Lyndhurst Primary School

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