

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 7th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back! I hope you all had a restful half term break. In assembly on Monday, children considered the history of Guy Fawkes Night and they discussed how to keep safe when watching any displays. If you celebrated Guy Fawkes Night on the 5th November I hope you had a fantastic evening. If you are going to any displays this weekend please remind your children about the Firework Code.



Hellos and Goodbyes: Kimberley, our Year 1 music teacher, has taken up a fantastic music opportunity this term and will no longer be teaching our Year 1 children. We would like to thank her for her hard work. Rocio, an experienced music teacher will be replacing her and will start to teach Year 1 children from Monday. We welcome Rocio to RPS.

Garden Trip Museum: Tyne and Brent classes visited the Garden this week. This opportunity enhanced not only their understanding of plants as part of their science learning but their artistic observation skills – when they viewed a range of plants.

Healthy School Food Matters: If you have a child who is a 'cautious eater', come along to our parent coffee morning on Thursday 13th November 9 am to talk with Adaeze a nutritionist specialist.

Have a great week. Lisa (HoS)



The importance of Inclusion

Millwall Lionesses winger Sharna Giordani visited Rotherhithe Primary School as part of Black History Month on the 15th of October, supporting the Premier League Primary Stars programme. Sharna is Millwall's current PFA Champion after winning the award for her incredible engagement in the community last season. The session was led by Emilyy Poole and Jason Vincent (Millwall's Lionesses General Manager).

The focus was on anti-discrimination and inclusion. Children in year 5 & 6 were invited to talk about the importance of including everyone. As a school 'empathy' is one of our core values and the children were asked to consider the emotions of others when they experience discrimination and are not included. They were very engaged with the session and made some perceptive contributions.

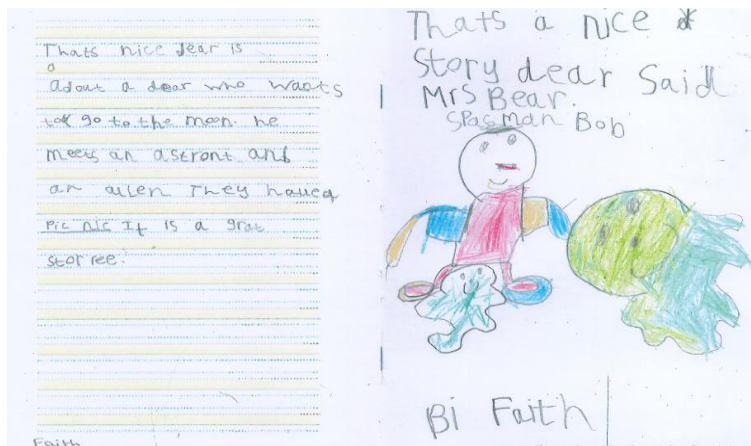
Sharna shared personal insights on why it is so important to include everyone and make sure everyone feels listened to. She also described her journey in football and how she came to play for Millwall Lionesses.

The session concluded with a role play exercise where participants showed what inclusion looks like. The children were very animated.

We would like to thank Millwall Community Trust for this valuable contribution.



Octopus Class Star Writers

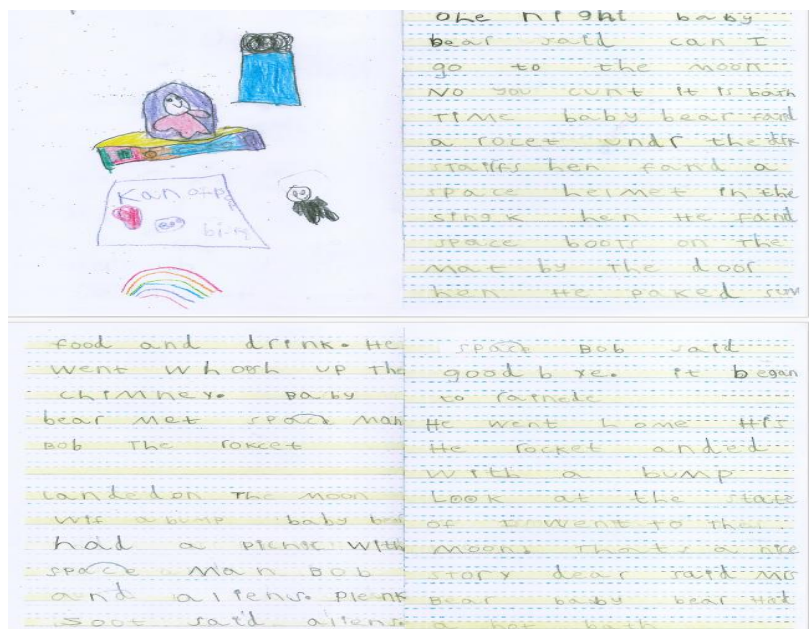


At RPS, we teach English units that include drama as a way of immersing children into stories, while developing their oracy skills.

Year 1 have had a focus on the story 'Whatever Next'.

The children have written their own stories inspired by the text and have also completed some fantastic book reviews.

Amazing writing Octopus class!

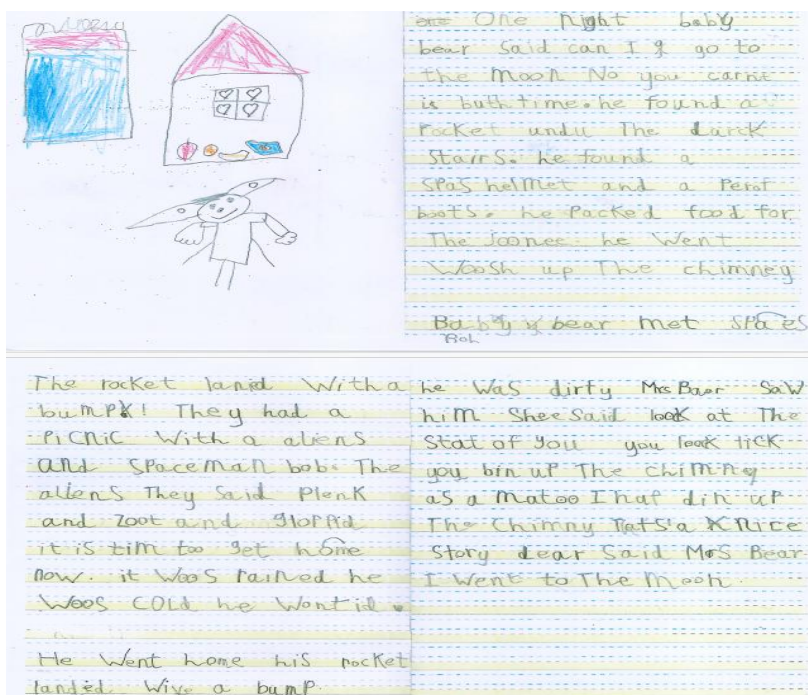


One night baby bear
said can I go to the
moon. baby bear
found a rocket under
the stairs. He found a
space helmet in the
sink. He found boots. He
went whoosh up the
chimney.

Baby bear met space
man bob. The rocket

landed on the moon.
They had a picnic.
space man bob said
goodbye. He zoomed away.
It rained.

He went home. His rocket
I went to the moon.
That's a nice story
dear said Mrs. Look at
the state of you. He
had a hot bath.



Dates for your Diary

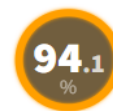
2 week half term Half term

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 Odd Sock Day Year 6 Millwall PE lesson trip
11.11.25	Armistice Day School photographer – siblings and single photographs
12.11.25	Science workshop for parents
13.11.25	Healthy School Food matters Parent Coffee morning 9 am – 'Cautious Eaters'.
14.11.25	Children in Need – dress up for charity Lea class trip to the Apple store
18.11.25	Brent class trip to the Apple store
20.11.25	School Food Matters events
21.11.25	Rocksteady Workshops KS1 & 2 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 after school
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

Attendance Matters

Class	Weekly percentage	Star attendance winners
Penguin	91.5%	
Jellyfish	93..8%	
Octopus	91.7%	
Whale	95.9%	★ ★
Eden	95.9%	★ ★
Tyne	92.8%	
Avon	89.1%	
Peck	93..8%	
Effra	94.8%	
Brent	93..5%	
Lea	90%	
Thames	93..2%	

Well done to Whale and Eden classes for having attendance over 95%. Attendance is disappointing this week after a two week half term break. Our whole school attendance data which was over 95% at the end of half term has now dropped as a result of the many absences.



Attendance

School Year to Date

Term to Date / Month to Date /

Week to Date

Attendance History /

Define "Attendance"

If children are unwell they should remain at home, but please **do not book holidays** during term time! This may lead to a penalty notice.

Reminder: Parents need to contact the school and let us know each day that a child is absent. If you have the Study bugs app, this makes it far easier for you to let us know. So, if you have not already signed up to study bugs, please do so by following this link:

<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>

Star of the Week

Whale	Annie	Annie works hard on her writing and is improving all the time. She takes care with her spelling and handwriting. She listens carefully to feedback and tries her best to improve with confidence. Keep it up.
Octopus	William	William always goes above and beyond in his homework. Keep applying the skills you learn at school at home. Well Done 😊
Tyne	Madison	Madison shone brightly on our trip to the Garden Museum. She was an excellent role model throughout the day—calm, sensible, and always making the right choices, even when others around her were not. Well done, Madison!
Eden	Ravel	Ravel shows great pride in his work and is always trying his best. I was so impressed with his writing this week where he independently wrote a leaflet regarding pollution. Keep up the good work!
Avon	Sapphire	This week Sapphire used excellent language when expressing her answers. She consistently shows a great attitude in all tasks. Well done for all your hard work!
Peck	Jordan	Jordan has had a really strong week in his personal resilience. He has put himself forward and into situations that he found hard but has kept at it. Moreover, Lucy sung his praises for his explanations and justifications when studying graphs in Maths this week. Well done dude!
Effra	Mohammed-Aaiz	Mohammed-Aaiz showed fantastic oracy skills and confidence when hosting our e-safety podcast. He spoke clearly and helped everyone understand how to stay safe online. His calm, friendly manner made the episode engaging. Well done!
Brent	Camari-Lee	He has truly shone with his brilliant oracy skills! He has been confidently using our class oracy gestures to express his ideas clearly and thoughtfully. Camari-Lee has also impressed us with his widening vocabulary, choosing sophisticated and precise words to explain his thinking during discussions. His ability to speak with confidence, clarity and creativity has inspired others to do the same. Well done!
Lea		Mark is an active participant in class discussions. He articulates his ideas clearly and confidently and supports the class in moving the discussion forward. I value his contributions greatly!
Thames	Daniel	For demonstrating exceptional skill in drawing precise and scientifically accurate electrical circuit diagrams, clearly representing a wide variety of electrical components and devices.

In this issue:

- Art and Design
- Science
- Mathematics
- Technology

Gardening



Art



This week we have been making environmental posters.

We were concentrating on how we as children can help the planet.

Here are some of the winners with their posters.



Mathematics

This week we were doing division, in year 6.

They were dividing by hundreds and thousands, using bus stop method.



Science



"We discovered so many fascinating facts about plants! We even learnt some of their Latin names!"

— Theo

Tyne Class enjoyed a fun experience during their visit to the Garden Museum, designed to deepen their understanding of plants.



Computing

In this lesson,

Students explored different components of the Digital 5 a Day, engaging in tasks for 4 minutes.



 **ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE**

With the support of



This **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK** we are holding

ODD SOCKS DAY on
MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2025

Odd Socks Day 

Come to school wearing your odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique!

ROTHERHITHE
Anti-Bullying
POSTER
COMPETITION

11TH-15TH NOVEMBER

Anti-Bullying Week
2025
Power for Good

The Anti-Bullying Poster Competition will be judged in 4 categories:

EYFS/ Years 1 & 2 / Year 3 / Years 4 & 5 / Years 6

Closing Date :

Monday 17th November 2025. Could you please give your entries to your class teacher.

ENTRIES MUST:

- ✓ Stand out with lots of colour.
- ✓ Clearly list the pupils name and and year group. Use A4 paper.
- ✓ Include good grammar and punctuation.
- ✓ Include pictures and Art.

YOU CAN WIN PRIZES

'Power for good' is this years theme for Anti Bullying Week 2025. We must do something positive which helps to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

All entries must reflect an Empathy theme. We want posters that provide positive messages as well as work which reflects the challenges of bullying experiences and shared efforts to reduce bullying.

Try and ensure your poster is positive and shows positive ways in which we can tackle bullying.

Judging and Winners

Your entries will be judged by the Art Ambassadors. The winners will be announced in our newsletter and website on Monday 17th November and winning entries will win a prize.

FOR MORE INFO VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

ROTHERHITHE PRIMARY



FUN FOOTBALL SESSIONS FOR EVERY GIRL



**FOR GIRLS
AGED 5 - 11**

TIME AND DATE
Every Monday (17:00 - 18:00)

COST
FREE

LOCATION

BURGESS PARK ASTRO TURF, COBOURG ROAD, SE5 0JB

WHO WE ARE

THE PE & SCHOOL SPORTS NETWORK (SOUTHWARK JAGUARS FC)



**FOR GIRLS
AGED 12 - 14**

TIME AND DATE
Every Monday (17:00 - 18:00)

COST
FREE

LOCATION

BURGESS PARK ASTRO TURF, COBOURG ROAD, SE5 0JB

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THE PE & SCHOOL SPORTS NETWORK (SOUTHWARK JAGUARS FC)

NEXT STEPS

head to www.englishfootball.com/participate/women-and-girls/play to book your first session or contact us to find out more:

Joe Howard (joe@lpessn.org.uk)

SCAN ME FOR WILDCATS



SCAN ME FOR SQUAD GIRLS' FOOTBALL



Are you struggling to make ends meet?
Do you need help with your energy bills?
Are you in debt or rent arrears?
Do you need help with Universal Credit - or any other benefit?
Do you need help with your Council Tax?

For expert help with any of these issues and more, come to our Cost of Living Crisis Support Roadshow.

COST OF LIVING CRISIS SUPPORT ROADSHOW

"Speaking to all the different people I got lots sorted - they were all so helpful and friendly"

**Dockland Settlements
Community Centre,
400 Salter Road, SE16 5AA**

10:00am - 1:00pm

Thursday 4th December 2025





RJ4ALL

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE FOR ALL
INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE

COOK & CONNECT

**Biweekly Socialising
+ Cooking Space for Families**

every other Friday | 3-5pm

Hot cooking workshops using healthy, surplus food from the community fridge with a community meal afterwards!

**at the RJ4All Rotherhithe
Community Centre**
30 Plough Way, SE16 2LJ
07708758600

**Register
for free
now!**

tinyurl.com/rj4allcook







in Collaboration with



FAMILY LEARNING AFTER SCHOOL CLUB PROGRAM




STARTING 15TH SEPTEMBER 2025 | 3:30-5:30PM

VENUE: THE LEWINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE
9 EUGENIA ROAD ROTHERHITHE SE 16 2RU

- MONDAYS: CODING & LEGO ROBOTICS
- TUESDAY: SEWING CRAFTS AND , SPORTING ACTIVITIES
- WEDNESDAYS : CREATIVE ARTS & CRAFTS AND SPORTING ACTIVITIES
- THURSDAYS COOKING AND SPORTING ACTIVITIES

FOR DETAILS & TO REGISTER
02035369609, 07394662602
Admin@parentskills2go.com
parentskills2go.org

SUPPORTED BY






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!



Are you interested in working for NEST—or do you know someone who might be?

At NEST, we offer a wide range of rewarding roles across our schools. Whether you're an early careers teacher, an experienced educator, returning to work after a break, or simply looking for meaningful employment, we'd love to hear from you.

We have opportunities in **teaching, school administration, finance, HR, and estates**. Click [here](#) to view our current vacancies or register for our talent pool and learn more about joining the NEST team and the exciting career opportunities available.

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



Free Children Piano/Keyboard Taster Available Now

- Weekly 1 hour lessons available Monday to Sunday for children aged 5-13
- Children learn to read, write and play music in every lesson. we also provide keyboard at every lesson
- Termly Exams and certificate along with opportunities to sit at internationally recognised exams and perform at live events



Contacts us Now by Email, Phone, Whats App or via our Website/QR Code to Book Your "FREE TASTER SESSION"



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www.soundstepsmusic.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.

RPS Parent Coffee Morning

Thursday 13th November at 9 am

Is your child a 'cautious eater'?
Do you worry about what your child is eating?

Come along and meet Adaeze from Healthy School Food matters for some tips and strategies to support you.



South Bermondsey Children and Family Hub

Monday 3rd November – 19th December 2025

Bermondsey & Rotherhithe Locality

South Bermondsey, Ellen Brown, Rotherhithe & Pilgrims' Way

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NO GROUP ON 3rd NOVEMBER Stay & Play + mini Boogie Mites 18 months – 4 years Ellen Brown 10:00am – 11:30am NO GROUP ON 3rd NOVEMBER Baby Boogie Mites 0-12 months South Bermondsey 11:00am – 11:45am	NO GROUP ON 4th NOVEMBER Tiny Moments – Baby Mites 0-12 months Ellen Brown 10:00am – 11:30am Toilet Training Workshop 2-3 years Ellen Brown 1:30pm – 2:30pm 25th November 2025 Unicorn Theatre Family Workshop 1 – 5 years Ellen Brown 1:00 – 3:00pm 11th November 2025 18th November 2025 Christmas Show @ the Unicorn Theatre - Tooley Street – 3+ 'How does Santa go down the Chimney' 2:00 pm 16th December 2025 Email to book your place familyhub@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk	NO GROUP ON 10th DECEMBER SENSational Group 1-4 years Ellen Brown 10:00am – 11:30am Play Together (twins) 0-3 years South Bermondsey 1:00pm – 2:30pm NO GROUP ON 10th DECEMBER Early Words Together 2 – 3 years old Ellen Brown 1:30pm – 3:00pm 12th Nov – 3rd December 2025 Generation Study Event St Thomas Hospital Invites only 9:00am – 2:00pm 10th December 2025 Ellen Brown	Breastfeeding Café Infant Feeding Drop in Ellen Brown 10:00am – 12 noon Walk & Talk Group in Southwark Park Rotherhithe 0-18 months 1:30pm – 2:30pm Stay & Play 0 – 5 years Pilgrims' Way 10:00am – 12:00 noon Tiny Moments – Baby Group 0-12 months Ellen Brown 2:00pm - 3:00pm	Baby Explorers + Mini Boogie Mites 12 months to 18 months Ellen Brown 10:00am – 11:30am Toddler Boogie Mites 1-3 years South Bermondsey 10:00am – 10:45am 'Going Back Strong' Parents returning to work following maternity/paternity leave may like to explore with professionals some tips and guidance for smooth and supportive transition. South Bermondsey 10:00am – 12:00 noon 28th November 2025	Well-being through Nature 2 years + Rotherhithe 10:00am – 11.30am 22nd November 2025 UPDATE Our Rotherhithe Centre is having a face lift for a few weeks. Groups cannot be delivered inside the centre but we are able to continue with the Saturday group on 22nd November and Walking Group on Thursday afternoons. Some groups have been moved to South Bermondsey Hub temporarily and will return to Rotherhithe in January 2026.

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Chattertime

1 year – 5 years



South Bermondsey

4th Nov – 9th Dec 2025

10:00am – 11:30am

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

Southwark

Housing Advice Clinic

9:00am – 4:00pm

South Bermondsey

12th November 2025

10th December 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

2:30pm to 5:00pm

SEND Parenting

Support Group

10:00am – 12:00 noon

South Bermondsey

(booking ONLY)

18th November – 16th

December 2025

Email to book your place

familyhub@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk

Ante-natal Workshop

'Preparing to feed your baby'.

5th November 2025

South Bermondsey

1:30pm – 2:30pm

'Welcome to Parenthood'

1:30pm – 3:00pm

South Bermondsey

(booking ONLY)

Dates to be confirmed for

January 2026

Email to book your place

familyhub@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk

Starting Solids Workshop

Henry Programme

10:00am – 12 noon

South Bermondsey

6th November 2025

4th December 2025

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

gst-tr.hvsupportanddevelopmentworker@nhs.net



Rose Vouchers

Collection

Ellen Brown

9:30am – 12:00 noon



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/>

All sessions are free of charge. For more information about our sessions and services please contact familyhub@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk

0207 358 2878

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