

# RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 15th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 6 SATs are now complete—well done to all our Year 6 pupils! They remained calm, focused, and worked incredibly hard throughout the week. Their maturity was outstanding. A huge thank you to all staff who supported the smooth running of the tests, particularly Alex and Erin for their dedication. It was wonderful to see the children's wellbeing remain positive throughout.

We were also visited by three Local Committee Members from the trust, who were very impressed with the calm and purposeful atmosphere.

On Friday, Years 1 and 2 were treated to exciting drama workshops led by Jessie from Perform. The children were transported to Neverland, taking on the role of Peter Pan and setting off on a treasure hunt in small groups. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience! Drama is a fantastic way to develop oracy skills, confidence, and creativity.

Children can join Perform's after-school club at Surrey Quays Shopping Centre. A free trial session is available—simply scan the QR code in the leaflet below.



Next week, we warmly invite you to attend our Children's Book Project reading cafés. Please come along to help your child choose books to take home and treasure (see timetable below).

Wishing everyone a lovely week ahead. Lisa (Head of School)

# Year 3 Cave Wall Art

Children have been developing their painting and drawing skills by mixing natural materials to create earthy colours. They experimented with a range of techniques to produce textures and effects, using fine brushes to add detail.

Taking on the role of prehistoric artists, they created large-scale cave-style artwork—an experience they thoroughly enjoyed!



# The Life Cycle of a Caterpillar



In Jellyfish Class, children explored the life cycle of a caterpillar through a range of hands-on activities. They carefully observed each stage—from caterpillar to chrysalis and finally into butterflies.

The highlight was releasing the butterflies back into the environment, bringing their learning to life.



# Year 4 Shadow Sculptures

In this week's art lesson, children combined scientific understanding with art and technology. They created sculptures designed to cast shadows forming words.

By experimenting with light, angles, and positioning, pupils refined their designs before photographing them to showcase both sculpture and shadow. A truly creative and thought-provoking lesson!



# Year 2 Clay Castles

This week, Tyne Class have been busy sculpting their own 3D clay castle tiles! Using their designs as inspiration, the children carefully shaped and decorated their tiles by adding clay features and creating textures with a range of tools and everyday objects. They explored techniques such as pressing, carving, and joining pieces using score and slip.



## Year 5 Perform at the Queen Elizabeth Hall



This week Year 5 children performed at the Queen Elizabeth Hall as part of Southwark's Music Festival. The day was jam packed full of rehearsals on stage with a live band. The program consisted of songs from around the world, with the children singing in harmony, rounds and using body percussion.

Parents from six schools attended the final performance—and what a performance it was! Despite some nerves, the children sang beautifully and confidently. We are incredibly proud of them.

Look out for videos on the RPS blog soon!



# Star of the Week

<b>Whale</b>	Trey	Trey showed great motivation and worked very hard this week – well done! Even though he had lots of catch-up work to complete, he tried his best and stayed focused. He was also very polite and followed instructions carefully.
<b>Octopus</b>	Isa	I have been really impressed with Isa's ability to answer questions this week particularly in Maths and Science. An example of this was sharing his definition of deciduous and evergreen trees. Great work Isa- you have really mastered some of our new topics!
<b>Tyne</b>	Sapphire	Fantastic creativity and skill in clay work. Sapphire showed great care and attention when shaping her clay, using different techniques to add detail and texture to her piece. She confidently followed her design while also adding her own creative ideas. Well done, Sapphire—we are so proud of your brilliant effort!
<b>Eden</b>	Joshua	Excellent work this week especially in English. His written work has improved, and he is now using word banks as well as his own ideas. He created an amazing letter. Keep it up!
<b>Avon</b>	Malick	For making thoughtful and valuable contributions during classroom discussions. He has been highly engaged in lessons and has actively used key vocabulary in his explanations. Well done and keep up the excellent work!
<b>Effra</b>	Majid	Majid has made great progress this week showing growing independence and confidence—brilliant progress! Well done, Majid—keep it up!
<b>Brent</b>	Denver	Well done, to Denver for producing outstanding English work this week. You have shown excellent creativity, thoughtful ideas and a fantastic use of sophisticated vocabulary. Your effort focus and determination to improve really stood out. keep up the brilliant work. You should be very proud of yourself. 😊
<b>Lea</b>	Emre	Emre impressed us all this week at the music curriculum concert. He was chosen to introduce the whole concert and spoke into a microphone in front of a huge audience with such confidence and projection.
<b>Thames</b>	The whole class	For maintaining their composure and concentration whilst exerting maximum effort for each SATs assessment. We are proud of you all! Thank you.

## Attendance Matters!

Good attendance makes a real difference to children's progress and friendships.

Where will your child be on the attendance ladder by the end of the academic year?

We are celebrating pupils who have improved their attendance during assembly—we'll do so to all of you! 🙌

**Improved Attendance Awards were awarded to:**

Rising to above 90%: Rupert, Simon, Shabnam, Sami and Abdullah

Rising to above 93%: Isaiah

Rising to above 95%: Hannah, Freddie, Sarah, Maliyah, Hamza, and Hudson

**Well done—keep it up!**



### Attendance Ladder



## Class Assemblies

As we are in the final term of the year, each class will deliver a class assembly for parents to watch.

Please make a note of the dates for your child's class assembly in your diaries. You are warmly invited and we do hope to see you there. First up is Lea class on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

Class	Date of Assembly
Lea Class	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May at 10:30 am
Thames Class	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June at 10:30 am
Octopus Class	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June at 10:30 am
Peck Class	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June at 10:30 am
Tyne	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July at 10:30 am
Effra Class	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July at 10:30 am
Eden Class	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July at 10:30 am
Avon Class	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July at 10:30 am
Whale Class	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July at 10:30 am
Brent Class	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July at 10:30 am

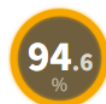
# Dates for your Diary

18-22 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>Walk to School Week challenge!</b>
20.5.26	<b>National Numeracy Day</b>
21.5.26	<b>Skipping workshops for year 1-6</b> <b>Hands up Survey</b>
22.5.26	London History Day <b>Attendance party for those with 100% attendance in a half term block.</b> Break up for half term
1.6.26	Children return to school
2.6.26	<b>Thames National Portrait Gallery trip</b>
4.6.26	Pioneer Dance starts back
8.6.26	Phonics Screening check and Year 4 MTC to be administered this week.
9.6.26	Thames Garden Museum Trip New Reception Parents meeting 9:30 am
12.6.26	Sport Inspired workshop for Years 3 & 4
16.6.26	Year 3 & 4 to Sports Inspired Festival at the Salmon Centre Brent and Lea trip to the National Portrait Gallery
17.6.26	Year 1 & 2 Young Readers Event trip to Canada Water.
19.6.26	<b>Class photographs</b>
<b>Week beg</b> 29.6.26	Parents meeting for children with SEND needs.
23.6.26	<b>Year 6 Kooth wellbeing workshop- transitioning to secondary school</b>
26.6.26	Spanish Day
1.7.26	Southwark School's Secondary School transition day
2.7.26	Year 6 Performance of Matilda to parents at 4:30 pm
3.7.26	Year 3 to attend Central School of Ballet workshops
6.7.26	<b>Years 4, 5 &amp; 6 Sports Day</b>
7.7.26	Years 1, 2 & 3 Sports Day
8.7.26	EYFS sports Day
8-10 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Year 6 Residential Trip to Truleigh</b>
9.7.26	Pioneer Dance finishes
10.7.26	PTA Summer Fair
13.7.26	Meet your new teacher Parents evening
16.7.26	Year 6 Prom
22.7.27	11:30 Year 6 graduation ceremony End of year parties Break up for the summer holiday

## Attendance Matters

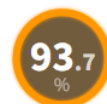
Class	Weekly percentage	Star attendance winners
Penguin	95.9%	★
Jellyfish	95%	★
Octopus	95%	
Whale	92.6%	
Eden	94.5%	
Tyne	99.3%	★ ★
Avon	94.1%	
Peck	91.8%	
Effra	96.6%	★
Brent	90%	
Lea	94.2%	
Thames	93.9%	

Please help us to improve our school attendance. Currently we fall below national expectations for attendance- 96%.



**Attendance Week to Date**

For All Pupils



**Attendance School Year to Date**

For All Pupils

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:

**Studybugs**

**A little progress each day  
can add up to big results!**

## Children's Book Project and Reading Cafe

RPS is very lucky to have been selected to participate in the Children's Book Project again this year! Parents are warmly invited to attend our reading cafés and browse books with their children. Please check the timetable and join us if you can.

Please make a note of the dates and venue below.


<u>Year group</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4	15:15 – 15:30	Foyer
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5	15:15 – 15:30	Classroom
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Nursery	9:00 – 9:15	Classroom
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Reception	9:00 – 9:15	Classroom
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 1 May	15:15 – 15:30	Classroom
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 2 May	15:15 – 15:30	Classroom
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 3 May	15:15 – 15:30	Foyer
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 6 May	15:15 – 15:30	Year 6 classrooms

# TALKING TUESDAYS


### ORACY HAND SIGNALS

I agree because... 

I disagree because... 

I challenge that because... 

I would like to build on what has been said... 

Linking to what has been said... 

“Famous people are more important than normal people”



Each class debated this statement in their classroom this week using their oracy skills. Please ask your child about the discussion and what was presented for each side of the argument. You could even hold a mini debate at home!

TRY A FULL  
CLASS FOR  
**FREE**



# Well, **THAT WAS FUN!**

We loved introducing your child to the confidence building world of Perform today. And guess what, it's just the beginning...



## Play is a **POWERFUL THING**

Perform classes help boost children's **confidence, concentration, coordination** and **communication** skills, as well as being lots of fun.

Our expertly designed drama, dance and singing sessions for 4-7s and 7-12s are run by experienced teachers, hand-picked for their warmth and approachability.

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**“We couldn't be happier with William's Perform experience. We signed up to boost his confidence and it's making a wonderful difference.”** - Samantha Nye

### What does Perform offer?

- Performing arts-based games and exercises
- Focus on a different social skill each week
- Small classes and feedback on your child's progress
- Specially created scripts, videos and apps
- End of term presentation for family and friends

### Try a **FREE CLASS** at your nearest venue

#### Perform Surrey Quays

Thursdays at 4pm (4-7s), 5.05pm (7-12s). Time And Talents In Surrey Quays Shopping Centre, Time And Talents, SE16 7LL

#### Perform Isle Of Dogs

Fridays at 4.15pm (4-7s), 5.20pm (7-12s). Barkentine Community Hall, 12 The Quarterdeck, E14 8SJ

#### Perform Bermondsey

Fridays at 4pm (4-7s), 5.05pm (7-12s). Bermondsey Village Hall, Leathermarket Gardens, SE1 3TD

**Until 4 Jul, new joiners can use ROTH040726 for a £40 introductory discount.**

### Ready to try for free?

Your child's first class is free, so why not give it a go? Classes take place all over, have a look online or call us:

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## Bermondsey Puppet and Storytelling Festival

**16 MAY - 12 JULY 2026**

A new family-friendly community festival and everyone is invited to take part. Join us for hands-on workshops from May across schools, community venues and public spaces for everyone to participate.

**Free**



16 MAY	STORYTELLER REZ KABIR & MARIONNETTE WORKSHOP
23 MAY	STORYTELLER BADEN PRINCE JR & HANDPUPPET WORKSHOP
30 MAY	JUMPING JACK WORKSHOP & LET'S MAKE MUSIC & DANCE
06 JUNE	BIRD PUPPET WORKSHOP WITH PHYLIDA HICKISH
13 JUNE	ANIMAL PUPPET WORKSHOP GEMMA KHAWAJA
18 JUNE	SHADOW PUPPET SHOW & TELL
20 JUNE	LAURA SAMPSON - BERMONDSEY LITERARY FESTIVAL
20 JUNE	OKINAWA DAY - JAPANESE DUMGONGS DANCING PUPPETS
27 JUNE	BERNADETTE RUSSELL - BERMONDSEY LITERARY FESTIVAL
04 JULY	FAIRY PUPPET WORKSHOP WITH KAERIDWYN ETELYA
11 JULY	PUPPET THEATRE WORKSHOP

**12 JULY / FESTIVAL FINALE**  
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AGES 5-18

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# AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN

**STARTING 14TH APRIL  
TIME: 3:30PM - 5:00PM**

**ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:**  
TUESDAYS - ARTS, CRAFTS, SPORTS  
WEDNESDAYS - KARATE AND SPORTS  
THURSDAYS - COOKING AND SPORTS

**VENUE: THE LEWINGTON CENTRE  
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## \*\*\*Training for Parents, carers and Professionals\*\*\* Talking Mats—accredited training

**Date:** Wednesday 10 June and Wednesday 1 July 2026

**Time:** 9.30am-12.30pm (both mornings need to be attended)

**Location:** SE5 8UH

**Price:** £110 (£20 for local parents & carers)

**How to book:** via our webpage

**Email:** [gstt.contacts@nhs.net](mailto:gstt.contacts@nhs.net) or scan the QR code



**All training is in English. Unfortunately no crèche is available.**

“Talking Mats” is a simple, effective approach that uses picture symbols to help children and young people express their views about topics such as school, home life, hobbies and friends.

It is relevant for use with children and young people with a wide range of needs and across a range of settings, for example in the nursery, school, college and home.

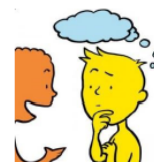
**Course Outline:**

- To introduce you to the background and principles of Talking Mats
- To think creatively about how to use Talking Mats in your own setting
- To video a talking mat in practice

**Course Objectives:**

At the end of the course you should be able to:

- Identify and explore relevant topics for a Talking Mat
- Understand and use the Talking Mats framework



# 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 Nursery aged pupils.

Please see Sharon in the Office for more information!



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- Expert Support**  
You'll work with mentors and teachers who know what it takes to train as a teacher. They bring years of classroom experience, practical insight and a genuine desire to help you get the best out of your training.
- Supportive Community**  
Our schools are collaborative, encouraging and nurturing. From day one, you'll be welcomed into the team, valued and supported as you learn the ropes. You'll have the space to make mistakes, try new strategies and grow into the teacher you aspire to be.

**Who We're Looking For**

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## Southwark Park now has a Junior parkrun!

Junior parkrun is a free 2km event for children aged 4–14. Children can take part on their own or with a parent, and they are welcome to walk, skip, jog or run. We have marshals all the way around the course.

Junior parkrun takes place every Sunday in Southwark Park at 9:00am, with a warm-up starting 10 minutes beforehand. It is **free**, and families just need to register once to get a barcode for each child. The barcode lets children record their times and work towards milestone wristbands after 11, 21, 50, 100 and 250 runs.

Registration is a one-off process and can be completed online @ <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/>

The start and finish are just outside the cafe in Southwark Park, and all details are on the website: <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/southwark-juniors/>.