

# RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 8th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Key Stage 2 school council attended their final visit to Rose Court care home on Tuesday. This charitable work supports our local community by fostering social connections. During their final session, the children played a fun balloon game that enabled even residents in wheelchairs to take part. The activity was both cognitively stimulating and energetic. They then completed an arts and crafts activity together, creating either sock puppets or cup characters using markers and stickers. The visit finished with a game of bowls in the garden.

It was a lovely sunny day, and the children will greatly miss their visits. Unfortunately, the charity *In Common*, whose mission is to bring generations together, has not received sufficient funding for the project to continue.

We would like to thank Rosie, Hannah, and all the staff and residents at Rose Court for this valuable experience. We hope to see you again soon.



**Bermondsey Puppet and Storytelling Festival 2026** is a new family-friendly programme of **free puppet-making and storytelling workshops for families** taking place around Bermondsey from 16 May to 12 July. Local families are invited to join professional storytellers and puppeteers to make puppets, hear stories from around the world, and learn how to bring their creations to life. The workshops will lead up to a **free outdoor celebration in Bermondsey Spa Gardens on Sunday 12 July**, where community-made puppets will appear alongside performances by professional storytellers. See flyer below for more information.

## **Year 6 SATs have finally arrived!**

We wish Year 6 the very best of luck in their tests next week. Remember to get a good night's sleep, relax in the evenings, and focus on putting in your best effort—that is what matters most. Don't forget to arrive early from Monday to Thursday for a free breakfast at 8:15 am.

I hope that everyone has a great week. Lisa (HoS)

## We love Canada Water Library

Developing a love of books and stories extends children's vocabulary and provides access to new and exciting worlds. It also has a direct correlation with later academic success. This is why we value visits to 'Canada Water Library'. They provide storytelling workshops, and our children have the opportunity to explore a wide range of books.

Here is Penguin Class, enthralled by a story read by the librarian. If you do not currently visit the library as a family, we strongly encourage you to do so. They offer a wide range of activities for both children and adults, from book-based sessions to STEM coding, robotics, and crafts.

Find out more by clicking the following link: <https://www.southwark.gov.uk/culture-and-sport/libraries/find-library/canada-water-library>



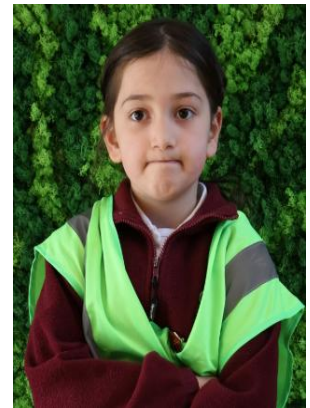
## Children's Book Project and Reading Cafe

RPS is very lucky to have been selected to participate in the Children's Book Project again this year. We have now received our next collection of reading books to share with your children. We warmly invite parents to attend a reading café to peruse the books with your children. Please make a note of the dates and venue below.

<b>Year group</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	
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



## RPS Play Leaders



A Play Leader is responsible for developing, planning, and organising play activities for children. These activities help children develop socially and emotionally. Play Leaders set up equipment and ensure play areas are safe. They promote inclusive, active play, teach traditional games, and help create a friendly environment that fosters positive social interactions and reduces loneliness.

The children volunteered for this role by completing an application form and attending an interview. We would like to thank them for giving their time to support others.



# Star of the Week

<b>Whale</b>	Hunter	Hunter has been a fantastic role model in class this week. He always shows excellent behaviour in the classroom, sits sensibly on the carpet, and sets a great example for others to follow. Well done, Hunter — keep up the brilliant work!
<b>Octopus</b>	Atarah	For always being willing to offer contributions during class discussions. It takes courage to share your ideas in front of an audience but you demonstrate a courageous attitude and a willingness to participate and learn.
<b>Tyne</b>	Abdul	Abdul has really impressed this week with his fantastic effort and enthusiasm in maths. He has shown great determination when tackling challenges and has been eager to share his ideas and strategies with the class. Well done, Abdul—keep up the brilliant work!
<b>Eden</b>	Gideon	Gideon has really impressed me with his writing this week. He has really focused on his handwriting and included a lot of ambitious vocabulary. I really enjoyed reading your work this week. Keep it up!
<b>Avon</b>	Aidan	Aidan has made fantastic progress in his confidence and resilience towards his work. He has been working incredibly hard and always trying his best. We are especially proud of how his independence is growing. Aidan is now completing more of his work independently and showing a great attitude towards learning. Keep it up, Aidan!
<b>Peck</b>	Rhyle	Excellent work this week especially in English. His written work has stepped up a level, using word banks as well as his own ideas to create some excellent report writing. Well done dude!
	Jesse	Jesse has set himself several targets for his behaviour and has met them successfully. He has focused on self-regulation and completing his work independently and consistently. Keep it up!
<b>Effra</b>	Madison	Madison has worked so hard on her cursive handwriting, and it really shows! The progress she has made since October is amazing—what a difference! Keep it up, Madison should be super proud of herself. Well done!
<b>Lea</b>	Malik	Malik has demonstrated our school value of resilience this week, particularly in writing. He has constantly been working to improve and uplevel his work. I have been thoroughly impressed.
<b>Thames</b>	Antonella	For her perseverance with arithmetic, particularly when subtracting decimal numbers from whole numbers. Well done, Antonella.

# Attendance Matters!

Good attendance really matters! Children with good attendance typically achieve to a higher standard and have more secure friendship groups. Where will your child be on the attendance ladder by the end of the academic year?

To acknowledge those children who are showing improving attendance we are awarding them with certificates in assembly.

## Improved Attendance Awards were awarded to:

Rising to above 90%: Mohammed, Harper, Edward, and Erum

Rising to above 93%: Anaiah-Rae and Atarah

**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

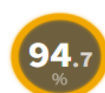
# Dates for your Diary

<b>Week starting 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	KS2 SATS. Monday SPaG, Tuesday Reading Wednesday and Thursday: Maths.
<b>13.5.26</b>	Year 5 pupils Music Festival Queen Elizabeth Hall
<b>15.5.26</b>	<b>Peter Pans Neverland – Perform 4 All performances for Years 1 &amp; 2.</b>
<b>18-22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>Walk to School Week challenge!</b>
<b>20.5.26</b>	<b>National Numeracy Day</b>
<b>22.5.26</b>	London History Day <b>Attendance party for those with 100% attendance in a half term block.</b> Break up for half term
<b>1.6.26</b>	Children return to school
<b>2.6.26</b>	<b>Thames National Portrait Gallery trip</b>
<b>4.6.26</b>	Pioneer Dance starts back
<b>8.6.26</b>	Phonics Screening check and Year 4 MTC to be administered this week.
<b>9.6.26</b>	Thames Garden Museum Trip New Reception Parents meeting 9:30 am
<b>12.6.26</b>	Sport Inspired workshop for Years 3 & 4
<b>16.6.26</b>	Year 3 & 4 to Sports Inspired Festival at the Salmon Centre Brent and Lea trip to the National Portrait Gallery
<b>17.6.26</b>	Year 1 & 2 Young Readers Event trip to Canada Water.
<b>19.6.26</b>	<b>Class photographs</b>
<b>Week beg 29.6.26</b>	Parents meeting for children with SEND needs.
<b>23.6.26</b>	<b>Year 6 Kooth wellbeing workshop- transitioning to secondary school</b>
<b>26.6.26</b>	Spanish Day
<b>1.7.26</b>	Southwark School's Secondary School transition day
<b>2.7.26</b>	Year 6 Performance of Matilda to parents at 4:30 pm
<b>3.7.26</b>	Year 3 to attend Central School of Ballet workshops
<b>6.7.27- 8.7.26</b>	Year 6 residential trip
<b>7.7.26</b>	Years 1, 2 & 3 Sports Day
<b>8.7.26</b>	EYFS sports Day
<b>9.7.26</b>	Years 4, 5 & 6 Sports Day Pioneer Dance finishes
<b>10.7.26</b>	PTA Summer Fair
<b>13.7.26</b>	Meet your new teacher Parents evening
<b>16.7.26</b>	Year 6 Prom
<b>22.7.27</b>	11:30 Year 6 graduation ceremony End of year parties Break up for the summer holiday

## Attendance Matters

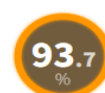
Class	Weekly percentage	Star attendance winners
Penguin	93.1%	
Jellyfish	93.8%	
Octopus	95%	★
Whale	96.2%	★
Eden	95.7%	★
Tyne	98.3%	★ ★
Avon	97.8%	★
Peck	97.2%	★
Effra	96.1%	★
Brent	93%	
Lea	92.2%	
Thames	92.4%	

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**

**“Start where you are.  
Use what you have.  
Do what you can.”**

—ARTHUR ASHE



# ***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 PHYLLIDA 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 DUNGONGS DANCING PUPPETS
27 JUNE	BERNADETTE RUSSELL – BERMONDSEY LITERARY FESTIVAL
04 JULY	FAIRY PUPPET WORKSHOP WITH KAERIDWYN EFTELYA
11 JULY	PUPPET THEATRE WORKSHOP

**12 JULY / FESTIVAL FINALE**

**BERMONDSEY SPA GARDEN, LONDON SE1**

**[www.bermondsey.london](http://www.bermondsey.london)**



Parent Skills 2Go  
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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  
COMMUNITY CENTRE  
9 EUGENIA ROAD ROTHERHITE SE16 2RU**

**SUPPORT WITH HOMEWORK STARTING SOON!**

FOR DETAILS & TO REGISTER  
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## WEEKEND SPORTS CLUBS FOR CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

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Orpington, BR52JD	Saturdays	1-2pm and 2-3pm
Dulwich, SE22 8RB	Sundays	9:30-10:30am
Putney, SW15 2ED	Sundays	11:15am-12:15pm
Richmond, TW1 3BA	Sundays	1-2pm

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AGES 5-18

# SEND SATURDAY SPORTS CLUB

OPEN EVERY SATURDAY (TERM TIME ONLY)

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For more information please contact Glyn and George via the emails below:  
 Glyn Davies: glyn@lpessn.org.uk  
 George Richards: george@lpessn.org.uk

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# Applications open to join the Royal Ballet and Youth Opera free programmes

**Applications are now open to join the Royal Ballet and Opera's Youth Opera Programmes.** We are inviting young singers aged 8–11 (on 1 September 2026), living in and around London, to apply to join our **Young Voices** programme and **Youth Opera Company** this September.

Applications close at **midnight on Sunday 10 May.**

Both programmes are **free** and offer an exciting opportunity for young people to develop their singing, performance skills, and confidence.



## **Young Voices (Ages 8-9)**

A six-month singing training programme developing vocal skills and musical understanding and vocal skills, with performance opportunities in showcases at the **Royal Opera House**.

## **Youth Opera Company (ages 9–11)**

A multi-year programme offering all-round training in the performing arts. Members develop vocal technique, language, stagecraft, musical literacy and creative skills. They also have opportunities to create and perform their own new operas, and to audition for the Children's Chorus, who perform in productions on the Royal Opera House main stage.

Current members say:

*"It has been one of the most amazing experiences of my life. Before I joined YOC, I was a bit hesitant about opera, but I now really enjoy it!"*

— **2025 Youth Opera Company member**

*"YOC is really special because I've met lots of other young people who like singing, like me. I've also loved performing on the Royal Opera main stage in The Magic Flute and in Hansel and Gretel."*

— **2026 Youth Opera Company member**

Find out more and apply here: [RBO Youth Opera Programmes](https://www.royalopera.org.uk/youthopera)

**Applications close at midnight on Sunday 10 May.** If you have any questions, or run into any issues completing the application form, please do get in touch at [youthopera@roh.org.uk](mailto:youthopera@roh.org.uk).

# 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!



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.

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- Expert Support**  
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- Supportive Community**  
Our schools are collaborative, encouraging and nurturing. From day one, you'll be welcomed into the team, given and supported as you learn the ropes. You'll have the opportunity to meet, network and grow into the teacher you aspire to be.

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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/>.

