

RPS Weekly Newsletter

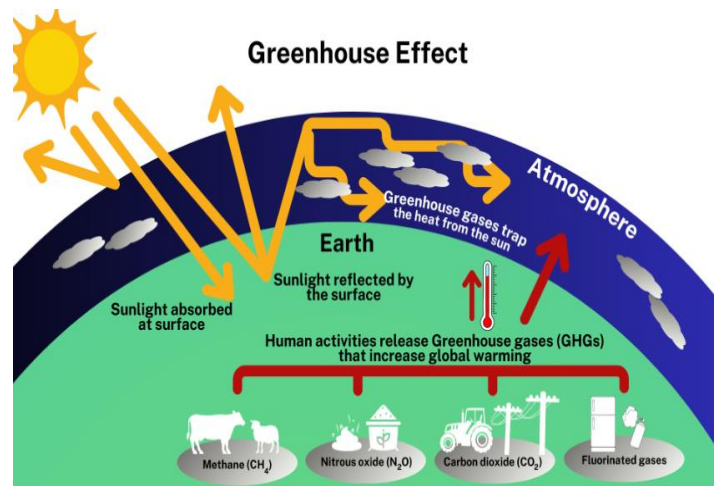


Friday 12th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,



The scene was set this week for lots of environmental awareness learning as the **Great Big Green Week** got underway. In assembly, the children considered the impact of climate change as pollution increases greenhouse gases that are heating up the earth. As Monday was also World Oceans Day, we particularly considered the impact on sea life.



The children love watching film clips showing the wonders of the ocean but were sad to learn how the amazing sea environment and its inhabitants are being threatened due to human activity. They considered over-fishing, rising sea temperatures due to climate change and air pollution, as well as plastic pollution as factors causing damage. They have been challenged to design a poster to raise awareness of environmental issues, so do support them with this activity. See '**Draw to Save the Earth**' flyer for more detail.



Don't forget to think of alternatives to single-use plastic, such as metal water bottles, fabric shopping bags and paper or metal straws.



And of course, don't forget **to reduce, reuse and recycle!**

There will be a surprise for the children in the playground on Monday! I am looking forward to seeing the children's faces. Please do encourage them to contain their excitement.

Have a great weekend. Lisa (HoS)

Introducing our new TFL Explorer Ambassadors



On Thursday, Quan, Nicole, Adam, Aiya and Mohammed-Aaiz travelled to Stratford to participate in a TFL Explorer Ambassador Day of activities.

They discussed air pollution and the impact on our health and the environment. The children worked together to plan an 'Air Quality Day' event. They designed bookmarks and posters to raise awareness.

They returned to school full of ideas and ready to take action. They were also chanting "Walk, scoot, cycle!" when they arrived!



Science Club Report – Exploring Diffusion with Skittles

This week, our Science Club, led by our fantastic Year 6 pupils, welcomed Year 2 children for a fun and engaging investigation about diffusion.

The session began with the Year 6 leaders explaining the activity and helping the younger children to set up their experiment. Together, they carefully arranged Skittles in a circle around a plate and gently added warm water to the centre.

The Year 2 pupils made predictions about what might happen next, supported by the Year 6 leaders. As the experiment began, everyone watched with excitement as the coloured coating from the Skittles dissolved and spread out into the water, creating vibrant rainbow patterns.

The children observed how the colour moved from the sweets, where it was concentrated, into the surrounding water. The Year 6 pupils helped explain that this process is called diffusion. They also encouraged the Year 2 children to notice how the colours stayed separate at first, which sparked lots of discussion and curiosity.

It was wonderful to see the Year 6 pupils taking on leadership roles, confidently guiding and supporting the younger children. Meanwhile, the Year 2 attendees showed great enthusiasm, asking thoughtful questions and sharing their observations.

A fantastic time was had by all, with plenty of scientific learning and teamwork on display!



"The colours might mix together. It turns from a high concentration to a low concentration"-Theo

"It spreads out so it changes"-Jacob

"It slowly fades away..."-Rosie

"The sugar comes from the skittles"-Mariam



Year 3 – Design and Technology

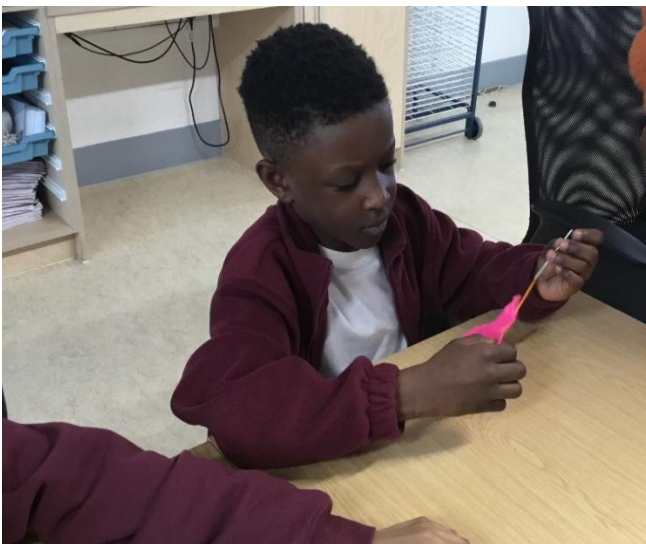
Textiles



This term, Year 3 have enthusiastically begun their Design and Technology unit on textiles. The children started by revisiting and practising their existing skills, including threading a needle, cutting fabric safely and accurately, and sewing using a running stitch. It was wonderful to see their growing confidence and independence as they refreshed these important techniques.

Building on this prior knowledge, the class was introduced to a new sewing skill: cross stitch. The pupils showed great focus and perseverance as they learnt how to create neat, even stitches to form patterns. Many children have already begun applying their new skills to creative projects, and some have started working on appliqué, exploring how to attach fabric shapes to a base material.

We are very proud of the effort and concentration shown across the year group, and we look forward to seeing their finished textile pieces in the coming weeks!



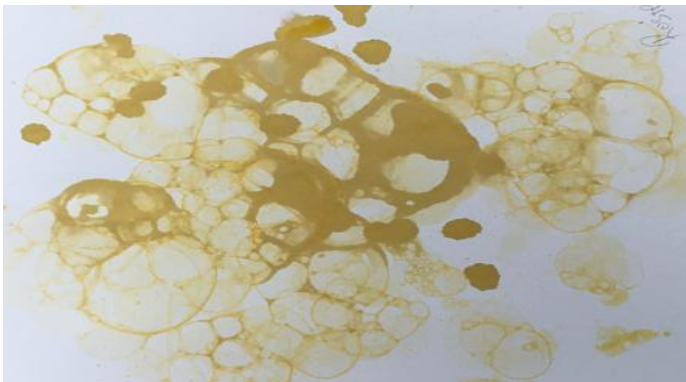
Art Club Report – Bubble Painting Fun

Creativity was in full flow at Art Club this week as our Year 6 pupils led a wonderful bubble painting session for Year 2 children.

The Year 6 leaders explained the process clearly and supported the younger children throughout the activity. The children mixed paint with water and a small amount of washing-up liquid, then used straws to blow bubbles in the mixture. They carefully placed paper over the bubbles to capture the patterns, creating unique and colourful prints. Year 2 pupils were excited to see the interesting textures and shapes that appeared, with each piece of artwork completely different. They enjoyed experimenting with colours and watching their designs come to life.

It was fantastic to see the Year 6 leaders showing confidence, patience and responsibility as they guided the session. The Year 2 children demonstrated great enthusiasm and creativity, producing some beautiful work.

A fun and imaginative session was enjoyed by everyone, celebrating creativity, collaboration and artistic exploration!




TALKING TUESDAYS

“It’s more fun to play with older children than younger children”


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... 



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!

Whale Class trip to the National Maritime Museum



Whale class enjoyed an exciting Astronomy Discovery Day at the National Maritime Museum. During the first workshop, they learned about the planets in our Solar System, including their sizes and distances from the Sun. They also explored images of stars and galaxies projected onto the ceiling before creating their own space-themed artwork using chalk on black paper.

The children then had the opportunity to enjoy The Cove, the museum's maritime-themed outdoor playground. Inspired by seafaring adventures, the playground features a large ship, a giant shark, climbing equipment and interactive play areas, encouraging imaginative play, physical activity and teamwork.

After their break, the children took part in a second workshop all about the Moon. They learned how craters are formed, explored moon rocks and enjoyed role-playing as astronauts on a lunar mission.

The day ended with a self-guided museum hunt in groups, where pupils searched for objects around the galleries and completed a challenge sheet.



Year 6 Science: Plant Habitats and Adaptations at the Garden Museum



Year 6 pupils continued their learning about Evolution and Inheritance with a trip to the Garden Museum. They achieved this by investigating how plants survive in different habitats through observation and hands-on scientific enquiry. During the visit, children used scientific equipment such as stereo and digital microscopes and magnifying glass to explore real plant adaptations, photosynthesis and water transportation.



Thames Class Assembly



On Friday, Thames class impressed their audience with the wide range of knowledge they have learned over the year. The children took us on an impressive tour of the curriculum, from presenting PSHE scenarios they had discussed, to explaining how the heart operates and circulates blood around the body. They showed how a programme called Tinkercad can be used to design 3D objects and wowed us with their writing as evacuees during the Second World War. They finished with a **sneak peek** at their upcoming performance of *Matilda*. Phew! Well done, Thames Class



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. Next up is Peck class.

Class	Date of Assembly
Octopus Class	Thursday 25 th June at 10:30 am
Peck Class	Friday 19 th June at 10:30 am
Tyne	Thursday 2 nd July at 10:30 am
Effra Class	Friday 3 rd July at 10:30 am
Eden Class	Thursday 16 th July at 10:30 am
Avon Class	Friday 10 th July at 10:30 am
Whale Class	Tuesday 21 st July at 10:30 am
Brent Class	Friday 17 th July at 10:30 am

Star of the Week

Whale	Kyro	Kyro showed excellent behaviour and enthusiasm during our trip to the National Maritime Museum. He listened carefully, joined in with all activities, and represented our school brilliantly throughout the day. Well done, Kyro!
Octopus	Catherine	For developing her problem-solving skills and perseverance. This was particularly evident in a Maths lesson where she had a grid with missing coin values that had to add up to given amounts in the columns and rows.
Tyne	Nyrah	Nyrah has worked incredibly hard this week and should be very proud! He has made fantastic progress in his phonics and has really pushed himself to improve his reading. All of this hard work paid off when he did brilliantly in his phonics test.
Eden	Alex	Alex has worked really hard this week. I was sooo impressed with his effort in his phonics which he has made HUGE progress. You should be proud of yourself. Keep it up!
Avon	Nia-Jade	She has been working very hard on her arithmetic skills and has shown great enthusiasm during lessons. Nia-Jade continues to make good progress and is growing in confidence every day. Well done!
Peck	Freddie-Ray	Freddie is our Star of the Week for his fantastic effort in maths revision. He showed great focus when practising key skills, especially column addition and subtraction. Freddie worked carefully to set out his calculations neatly and check his answers. Well done, Freddie – keep up the brilliant work!
Effra	All students	Effra Class are our Stars of the Week for their hard work and amazing attitude during this week's MTC assessment. Well done, everyone we are very proud of you!
Lea	Darcey	Darcey has impressed me with her hard work and the high standards she has had for her learning this week. In writing, she went above and beyond what was asked of her and produced such an imaginative piece. I was so impressed.
Thames	Jahzi	For consistently demonstrating a mature attitude both in and out of the classroom, an essential quality for success in secondary school. Thank you and well done!



Banji Alexander rescheduled visit 18th June

We have confirmed a new date for our author visit with celebrated, published author/teacher/song writer, Banji Alexander – as seen on Britain's Got Talent. Children from Y1 to Y6 will take part in a workshop in the afternoon.

Thursday 18th June 2026
Y1 to Y6

Book signing

Pre-order books by the 15th of June

Banji Alexander appeared on Sky News & BBC News to discuss the schoolbook tour. www.banjialexander.com/banji-in-the-media to see where else he has featured.

His website is www.banjialexander.com



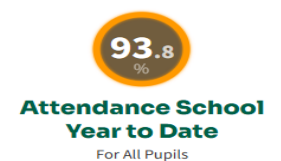
Dates for your Diary

3.6.26	Year 6 movie night
4.6.26	Pioneer Dance starts back
5.6.26	Year 5 movie night
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 Year 4 movie night
10.6.26	Year 3 movie night
11.6.26	Year 2 & Year 5 Fire Safety workshops Year 4 TFL Explorer Ambassador Workshops
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 Year 2 movie night
17.6.26	Year 1 & 2 Young Readers Event trip to Canada Water. Year 1 movie night
19.6.26	Class photographs
Week beg 29.6.26	Parents meeting for children with SEND needs.
23.6.26	Year 6 Kooth wellbeing workshop- transitioning to secondary school
26.6.26	Spanish Day
29.6.26	Year 5 & 6 trip to the Greenwich Observatory
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	Years 4, 5 & 6 Sports Day
7.7.26	Years 1, 2 & 3 Sports Day
8.7.26	EYFS sports Day
8-10th July	Year 6 Residential Trip to Truleigh
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
21.7.26	100% attendance parties
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	94%	
Jellyfish	97.5%	★
Octopus	97.1%	★
Whale	97.8%	★
Eden	89.3%	
Tyne	97.9%	★
Avon	95.9%	★
Peck	93.8%	
Effra	88.6%	
Brent	98%	★★
Lea	96.7%	★
Thames	93.1%	

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



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:

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RPS yr 6 Presents

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Time: 4:30pm
Venue: MAIN HALL

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Get involved

JUN - AUG 2026

- Receive project updates from us
- Join workshops and drop-ins
- Help shape and build the project

How to join in



Join our Whatsapp
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Fill out an interest form
and tell us more about your
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Rotherhithe
Primary School

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on



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Thursday
18th June
at 3.45pm

Endless answers to 'What's for dinner?'

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- Fun ways to involve children in making healthy food choices
- How to reduce ultra-processed foods in your family's diet

EVENT DETAILS

18th June
3:45pm
Practical Room



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Spaces are limited. Parents can register using the QR code above or the attached flyer.

This in-person event is also a great opportunity to:

- Taste delicious samples prepared with the Thermomix®
- Learn about exciting opportunities available through the Thermomix® community
- Take part in the school raffle, with the chance to win a Thermomix® TM6 while supporting the school's fundraising efforts

Please find attached the event flyer containing full event information and registration details.

Warm wishes,

Monica Cutrignelli

Independent Thermomix Advisor – Thermomix UK & Ireland
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Who
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What to do
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For more information and sign-up visit
www.kinetikabloco.co.uk/join-us/#junior-summer-school

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- 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 EFTELVA
- 11 JULY PUPPET THEATRE WORKSHOP



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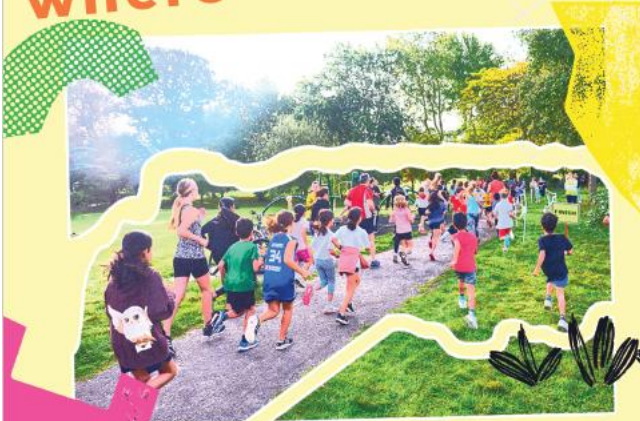
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junior parkrun

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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
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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 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



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