

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 10th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Children's reports were sent home with the children on Friday. These explain your child's attainment and progress over this academic year. If you have any questions about your child's report, you are welcome to drop in and talk to the class teacher after school next Wednesday, 15th July, between 3:45 pm and 4:45 pm. Your child's new class teacher and class name were shared within these reports, and children will meet their new teachers on Monday afternoon.

Hellos and Goodbyes: It is coming to that time of year when we need to say goodbye to staff who may be leaving the school. Sadly, we say goodbye to Priscilla. Due to health reasons, Priscilla is taking a short break from teaching, and we wish her well for the future. Aliyah is leaving to teach overseas, and we wish her well on her new adventures.

We also say a sad farewell to Donna Powell, a much-loved teaching assistant who has worked at Rotherhithe Primary School since 2007. She will be sorely missed. We hope she comes back and visits us soon. Lizzie, our music teacher, is leaving to teach full-time in a primary school, and we wish her all the best with her new teaching career path.

We say hello and welcome to April, who will be teaching in Year 1; Geraldine, who will be teaching in Year 2; and Marvette, who will be teaching in Year 4.



We held our **Summer Fair** on Friday after school and, despite the heat, the children clearly had a lot of fun browsing with their parents and engaging in activities such as the bouncy castle. A huge thank you to Alex Montgomery for organising the event this year and to all the parents, children and staff who helped her make it such a success. All money raised goes back into funding special events for the children throughout the year.



Year 6 Residential - Welcome back to our Year 6 pupils who ventured off to Sussex on their residential trip to Truleigh Hill. I was extremely proud to hear that their behaviour was impeccable and that the children really enjoyed being close to nature and exploring the countryside. A huge thank you to Donna and Kofi for taking the children on this trip and to Donna for organising it. I did hear there were a few creepy-crawlies, but the children (though perhaps not the adults!) managed this well.

Have a great week. Lisa (HoS)



RPS Sports Mornings



We watched the weather forecasts carefully and adapted the planned order of activities in response, yet we still managed to hold four fantastic Sports Morning events this week. A huge well done to Conor, our PE Lead, and Coach Martin for organising and leading the events. Thanks also to our Year 6 pupils, who led children through group activities. They were responsible and did a fantastic job.



Independent Travel Bus

Building confidence on the road: On 1st July, a group of pupils from Rotherhithe Primary School took part in an exciting Independent Bus Travel Training session — a hands-on experience designed to help them build confidence, independence and safety awareness when travelling by bus.

The day began with pupils discussing what they already knew about public transport and sharing their feelings about travelling alone. As the session unfolded, they stepped into real-life scenarios — from reading timetables and planning routes to handling unexpected situations such as missing a stop or dealing with strangers.

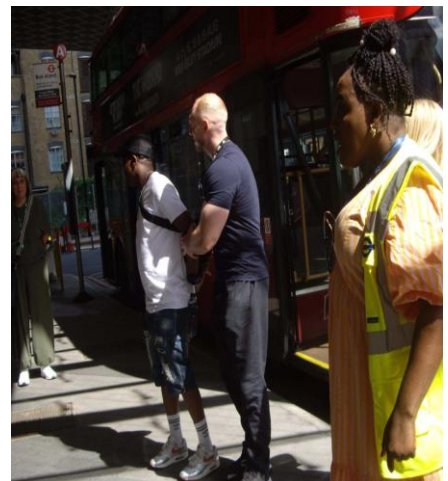
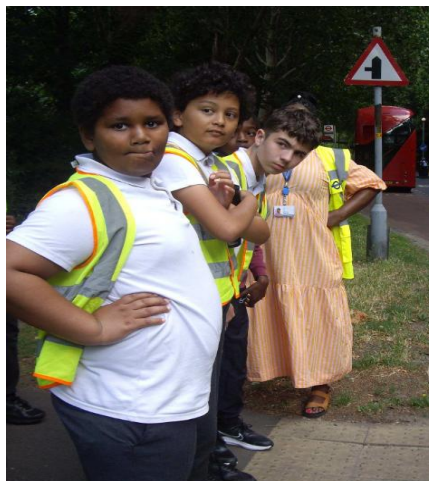
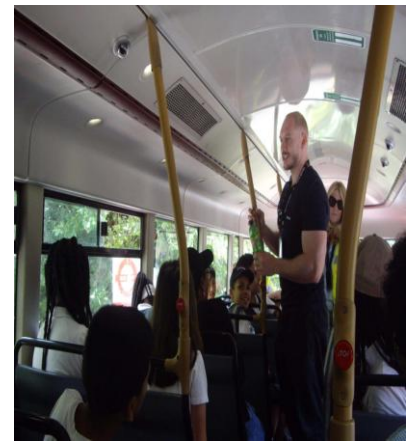
What the pupils said: Adel shared that he “really liked the different scenarios and how they made us look left and right and taught us how to deal with strangers.”

Hudson added that he appreciated how the session felt “real — not just sitting down and talking about it but actually doing it.”

Others agreed that practising these situations outside the classroom made a big difference. They learned how to stay calm, ask for help when needed and make safe decisions — skills that will serve them well beyond the school gates.

Learning Through Experience: Unlike traditional lessons, the training placed pupils in authentic travel situations. They navigated bus stops, checked routes and interacted with drivers — all under the guidance of staff who encouraged them to think and act independently.

By the end of the day, pupils expressed pride in their achievements and a newfound sense of freedom. Many said they now felt ready to travel short distances on their own, a milestone in their journey towards independence.



Rock Steady Bands



Our very own Rock Steady Bands performed for their parents and fellow pupils on Friday as a finale to their lessons over the past term. The children have been learning to play chords and to play in time with one another (no mean feat when learning an instrument), as well as keeping a steady beat and rhythm. The children did a fantastic job and clearly enjoy performing.

If you are interested in your child starting Rock Steady lessons, you can sign up and pay via the following website:

<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/>



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... 

“Snowy weather is better than sunny weather”



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!

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 Brent Class on Friday 17th July. Can't wait to see them perform.

Class	Date of Assembly
Brent Class	Friday 17 th July at 10:30 am
Whale Class	Tuesday 21 st July at 10:30 am

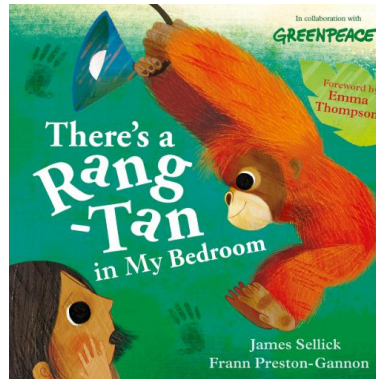
Avon's Class Assembly

There's a rang tan in our community!



The children in Avon class delivered their class assembly on Friday to parents and children in Key Stage 2.

The children have been studying the book 'There's a Rang-Tan in My Bedroom' by James Sellick and Frann Preston-Gannon.



This book was produced in collaboration with Greenpeace and provides factual information detailing the impact of human behaviour on the orangutans. The children considered powerfully the causes of the orangutans becoming endangered. Well done Avon class!



Star of the Week

Whale	Dolly	This week, Dolly is our Star of the Week for showing amazing courage and bravery during Sports Day. She challenged herself, took part in every activity, and did a fantastic job. We are so proud of her for believing in herself. Well done, Dolly!
Octopus	Kobi	Octopus For his resilience and attitude in his after-school phonics club. With significant perseverance and improved attendance, he has made really good progress. Well done, Kobi.
Tyne	Ronnie	A huge congratulations to Ronnie for his fantastic attitude and effort during Sports Day! Ronnie showed incredible perseverance, determination and resilience, giving every event his best effort and never giving up when things became challenging. 🌟🏆👏
Eden	Lily- May	Lily-May put a fantastic effort in sports day this week. She cheered on her peers in her group and gave them great support. It was lovely to see!
Avon	Elijah	Avon For showing great determination and resilience during Sports Day. He took part with enthusiasm, persevered through every challenge and encouraged his teammates to do their best throughout the day. Well done, Elijah!
Peck	Jeremiah	Peck Fantastic effort in Sports Day! Jeremiah took part in every activity with his classmates in Red Team. He ran, jumped and threw with strength and ambition! Well done, Jeremiah.
Effra	Yassin	Despite being unable to take part in Sports Day, he showed a fantastic attitude and cheered on his classmates throughout. His positivity and support for others were outstanding.
Brent	Leila	In Maths we have been looking at the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. Leila has shown remarkable aptitude when sorting and classifying regular and irregular polygons.
Lea	Malik	Lea For showing great sportsmanship at Sports Day this week. He encouraged his teammates and supported them to stay positive whatever the outcome. He was a real leader.
Thames	Hosna, Adel, Deeqa, Arilena, Kloe, Jayden F, Jayden S and Anayah	For displaying true community spirit by helping to prepare for the summer fair and volunteering their time on the day. You were brilliant- thank you!

Dates for your Diary

6.7.26	Years 4, 5 & 6 Sports Morning - 9:30 am
7.7.26	Years 1, 2 & 3 Sports Morning -9:30 am
8.7.26	Reception Sports Morning - 9:30 am
8-10th July	sports Day
9.7.26	Year 6 Residential Trip to Truleigh
9.7.26	Nursery Sports Morning - 9:30 am
9.7.26	PM taster dance workshops for Year 1 classes.
	Pioneer Dance finishes
	Active Bowling Trip for remaining year 6 pupils
10.7.26	9:30 am Rock Steady Band Performances for parents.
	10:30 am Avon Class Assembly
	Reports are sent home and new classes are announced.
	PTA Summer Fair
13.7.26	Meet your new teacher Parents evening
14.7.26	Effra class trip to Greenwich Park
16.7.26	9 am Mums for Lungs Coffee Morning
	9:45 – Year 6 presenting field trip research analysis to British Land.
	10:30 am Eden Class Assembly
	Year 6 Prom
17.7.26	10:30 am Brent Class Assembly
20.7.26	Achievement Awards
21.7.26	100% attendance parties 10:30 am Whale Class assembly
22.7.27	11:30 Year 6 graduation ceremony End of year parties Break up for the summer holiday

**Good Players
Inspire Themselves
Great Players
Inspire Others**

Attendance Matters

Class	Weekly percentage	Star attendance winners
Penguin	94.3%	
Jellyfish	94.3%	
Octopus	97.1%	★
Whale	98.7%	★ ★
Eden	91.4%	
Tyne	94.1%	
Avon	93.6%	
Peck	83.1%	
Effra	93.8%	
Brent	85%	
Lea	96.7%	★
Thames	95.6%	★

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

93.3
%

Attendance Week to Date

For All Pupils

93.6
%

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 as this may lead to a penalty notice.

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

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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 group for live updates

Fill out an interest form and tell us more about your connection to the area

MAKE

FREE YEAR 6

LITTLE FISH THEATRE SUMMER PROGRAMME

FOR SOUTHWARK CHILDREN

27TH JULY - 7TH AUG 2026 (MON-FRI)

AT RYE OAK PRIMARY SCHOOL

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK A PLACE FOR YOUR CHILD
EMAIL: info@littlefishtheatre.co.uk

BOOK NOW BY CLICKING THE LINK BELOW OR SCANNING THE QR CODE

<https://tinyurl.com/27fentfr>

ART DRAMA: Music

DANCE

LITTLE FISH THEATRE

ACTIVITIES 4 U

SOUTHWARK SUMMER OF FOOD AND FUN

A4U MULTISPORTS AND ARTS CAMP

Ages 6-11 years

AGES 6-11 YEARS

VENUE
SOUTH BANK UNIVERSITY ACADEMY
TRAFALGAR ST.
LONDON SE17 2TP

TIMES
10AM-2PM

COST
FREE FOR THOSE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS, OR £25 A DAY

DAILY LUNCH
INCLUDED FOR THOSE ELIGIBLE*

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AGES 12-16 YEARS

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SOUTH BANK UNIVERSITY ACADEMY
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TIMES
1PM-5PM

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Summer Camp

THE MUSIC KLUB FREE SUMMER HAF CAMP 2026

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WHEN
Monday 27th July – Thursday 20th August 2026
(Monday to Thursday each week)
Times: 10:30am – 3:00pm

WHERE
Albrighton Community Centre
37 Albrighton Road
East Dulwich
London SE22 8AH

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST AT: info@themusicclub.com Further information 0207967033

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OPEN TO ALL KEY STAGE 2 CHILDREN!

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SPEAK TO PRACTITIONERS WHO SPECIALISE IN SEN AND BEHAVIOUR
Get advice, share experiences and find practical strategies.

JOIN US THIS SUMMER TO:

- Meet other families
- Take part in sensory and play activities
- Explore communication and regulation through play
- Learn practical ideas to support your child at home
- Share experiences and ideas with other parents and carers

SESSION DATES

- Tuesday 28th July 2026
- Tuesday 11th August 2026
- Tuesday 25th August 2026

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST
SCAN THE QR CODE TO COMPLETE OUR MICROSOFT FORM



SPACE IS LIMITED – BE SURE TO SIGN UP!

ANN BERADT FAMILY HUB
29 Chandler Way
London SE15 6DT
12:30PM – 2:00PM

NEED MORE INFORMATION?
PBSTeam@southwark.gov.uk

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PREPARING FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

PBS DROP-IN SESSION

The summer holidays can bring changes to routines, increased demands and new challenges for families.

Join the PBS Team for an informal drop-in session to discuss any concerns, share experiences and explore practical strategies to support your child during the summer break.

THE SESSION WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO:

- Discuss challenges you may be anticipating during the holidays
- Explore practical strategies and visual supports
- Learn about local activities and services available over the summer
- Ask questions and seek advice from PBS Practitioners
- Meet and connect with other parents and carers

VENUE
Ann Bernadt Family Hub
29 Chandler Way
London SE15 6DT

DATE
Tuesday 14 July 2026

TIME
12:30pm – 2:00pm

WHO CAN ATTEND?
Parents and carers of children and young people with additional needs.

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If you have any questions, please contact the PBS Team:
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New dates to be announced with new topics...

- Parenting Foundations

Exploring the importance of communication, boundaries, praise and appropriate discipline for our family life and relationship with our children

- Bullying Awareness

What is the impact of bullying on children? Why might children bully? What can we do to support them?

- Emotionally Based School Avoidance

What it is, why it happens and how to seek help and provide support to our young people

These will be joining our existing topics

- Digital Safety
- Parental Emotional Wellbeing
- Ages and Stages

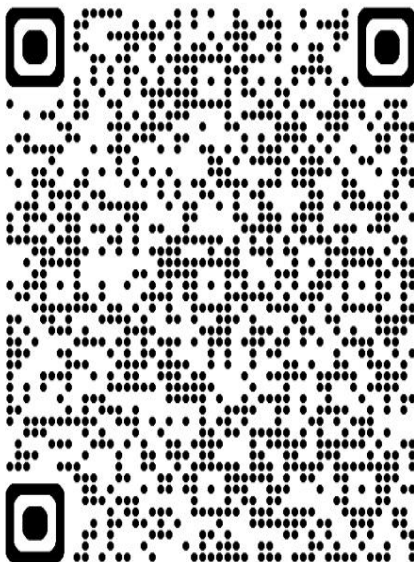
- Parenting and Autism
- Parenting and ADHD

All sessions held online - link will be sent out 1-2 days before session via email

**FOR MORE
INFORMATION OR
TO JOIN NOW**

Beth Glibbey

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bethany.glibbey@southwark.gov.uk
earlyhelp@southwark.gov.uk



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AGES 5-18

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George Richards: george@lpessn.org.uk

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**27th July - 31st July
2026
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Where
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London, SW16 2JQ

Who
Young people
aged 8-13
years

What to do
You MUST book in advance.
For more information and sign-up visit
www.kinetikabloco.co.uk/join-us/#junior-summer-school

We also run a Summer School for young people aged 14-25. Check out the website for more info!

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If you have any questions or need help with the form please get in touch on 020 7960 4232 or with Shayanna at shayanna@kinetikabloco.co.uk



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