

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 18th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

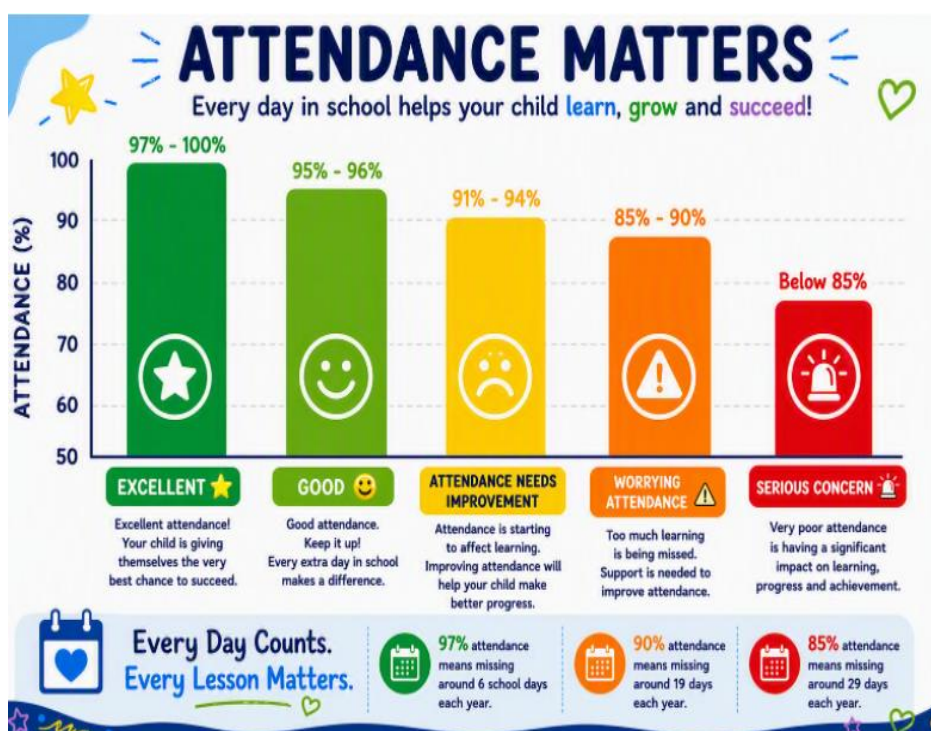
Thank you for your generous donations for **Jeans for Genes Day**. We saw denim shorts, denim trousers and shirts in a multitude of colours. We know the children enjoyed the relaxed clothing for the day- and so did the staff! On Monday, the children's assembly focused on why we were raising money for this charity. The children learned that 1 in 25 children are affected by genetic conditions and watched the story of 2 sisters who have brittle bone disease. Then they looked at how the funds raised are used to support children and families affected by genetic conditions, for example, by providing specialist equipment and clubs. Thank you once again for your support.

Rotherhithe Resource Hub – On Monday 21st, the first group of new children enrolled in the Resource Hub, will be joining us in the morning. The children will be using a separate entrance point through the MUGA. Other families and children are **not** permitted to use this access point. We welcome these new children and families to our school. The staff are very excited and can't wait to see the children.

Why Good Attendance Matters - At Rotherhithe Primary School, we believe that every day in school is an opportunity for children to learn, grow, and thrive. Regular attendance is essential because learning builds day by day. When children attend school consistently, they develop important skills, gain confidence, and make steady progress in their learning.

Being in school every day also helps children build strong friendships, develop social skills, and feel part of the school community. Missing school can make it harder for children to keep up with lessons and can affect their confidence and wellbeing.

Good attendance also helps children develop positive habits that will benefit them throughout their education and future careers. Arriving on time and attending regularly teaches responsibility, resilience, and the importance of commitment. Every Day Counts. Every Lesson Matters!



Have a brilliant week! Lisa (HoS)

Wandle Class 3D Art

3D Drawing

Year 4 have started their drawing unit in art. As part of their topic, they are looking at composition and pattern in drawing.

This week the children carried out observational drawings focusing on highlights, shadows and tone. They have experimented with different pencil thicknesses as well as trying the drawing in colour.



Jordan



Eliza



Ian



Deena



Freddie



Rock Steady Band is Back!

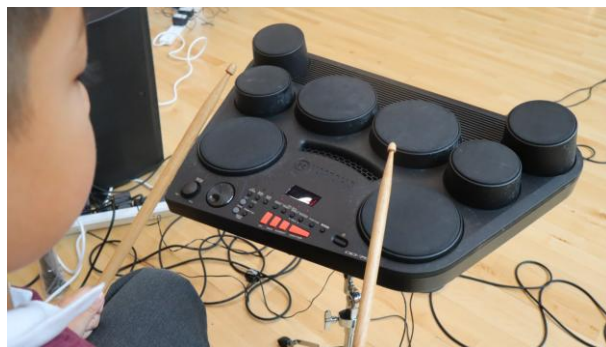


Rock Steady Band is back! On Thursday the children met their new teacher, Nicholas.

Rocksteady is a leading provider of in-school band lessons for primary-aged children. Their inclusive approach helps children find a sense of belonging through new friendships and a shared love for music, whilst boosting social skills, wellbeing and confidence. Rocksteady partners with thousands of primary schools across the country to deliver inclusive band lessons.

The children have weekly group lessons and there is a performance for parents and children to share what they have learned towards the end of each term. The planned date for this is Thursday 3rd December.

Parents must pay for these lessons. If your child is interested in joining Rock Steady please follow the link in the advert below





Whale	Dania	Dania has been an excellent role model in Whale and has impressed everyone with her wonderful manners and polite attitude. She consistently says "please" and "thank you", speaks kindly to both adults and her classmates, and always shows respect to those around her.
Octopus	Jack	Jack has worked incredibly hard during our maths lessons this week. His focus on the carpet and excellent attitude during talk tasks has helped him to make brilliant progress, especially when we were learning to double numbers. Keep up the hard work Jack, we are very proud of you!
Coral	Gulalai	Gulalai has shown herself to be great team player and works well with anyone in the class. She is a great role model in the class, always making the right choices and supporting anyone that needs help. Keep up the good work!
Seal	Olivia	Olivia has had a fantastic week in Seal Class! This week she has shown growing confidence when sharing ideas in English and completed her writing independently. Keep shining!
Avon	Georgia	This week, Georgia has been a fantastic learner in Computing! She has shown a fantastic understanding of our key terminology, particularly input, output and process. Georgia confidently articulated her ideas and views, supporting her explanations with her knowledge and understanding.
Peck	Madison	Madison has shown excellent engagement in lessons this term. She is always eager to participate and put her hand up to answer questions during carpet sessions. Thank you for sharing your good ideas!
Effra	Jude	Jude has made an excellent start to Year 4! He has a great attitude to his learning and tries his best with every task he is given. Well done, Jude!
Wandle	Jordan Jesse Ian	Fantastic work in Art last week. The children were drawing 3D observational studies and all three boys used careful pencil control, different tools and a lot of resilience to produce excellent art that included tone, shadow and highlights!
Lea	Adam	Adam is our Star of the Week for showing brilliant understanding of mammals in science. Clear explanations, great vocabulary, and superb effort. Well done, Adam.
Thames	Bobby	Bobby has made an extremely positive start to Year 6 and has shown great maturity and commitment to his learning.
Severn	Sophia	Sophia has settled really well into our school and Severn class. She is hardworking, ambitious and has high standards of both her learning and behaviour. We are so happy to have you with us, Sophia!

Dates for your Diary

22.9.26	Avon Class Creekside Trip
24.9.26	Year 6 Junior Citizenship TBC
25.9.26	Peck Class Creekside Trip
27.9.26	Run Rotherhithe Run (Sunday 2-4 pm) Southwark Park Racetrack
28.9.26	NEST Learning Review
1.10.26	National Poetry Day Start of Black History Month
2.10.26	International Day
12.10.26	Avon Class Trip to the National Gallery
15.10.26	Lea Class Creekside Trip
16.10.26	Annalise's last day Break up for half term
2 Week Half Term Break	
2.11.26	Children Return to School
3.11.26	Whole School Flu vaccinations
10.11.26	Individual and sibling photographs Parents meeting for children with SEND needs
11.11.26	Armistice Day
16.11.26	Road Safety Week
20.11.26	Children in Need
4.12.26	Drama 4 All Workshops for Years 1 & 2
8.12.26	Parents' Evening
9.12.26	Parents' Evening Follow up flu vaccinations
10.12.26	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
14.12.26	Lea Class Trip to the National Portrait Gallery Achievement Awards Christmas Performances exact timings to be confirmed
17.12.26	Attendance Parties
18.12.26	Class Parties
Christmas Holidays	

School Trips

Parents, please remember you must provide **consent** for children to attend school trips or your child will miss out.

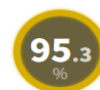
Avon class is the next class with a trip booked to the fantastic Creekside.

Please give your consent on Arbor.

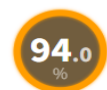
Attendance Matters

Class	Weekly percentage	Star attendance winners
Penguin	92.4%	
Whale	97.5%	★
Octopus	92.2%	
Coral	97.6%	★
Seal	98.8%	★ ★
Peck	96.1%	★
Avon	96.9%	★
Wandle	91.4%	
Effra	95%	★
Lea	91.4%	
Severn	97.6%	★
Thames	98.8%	★ ★

Please help us to improve our school attendance. Currently, our attendance is below the national expectations of 96% but has risen. Please make sure children are in school unless they are unwell.



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 as this may lead to a penalty notice.

Studybugs +

"Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out."

Robert Collier

Every school day is an opportunity to learn, grow and achieve.

READY FOR A 2KM CHALLENGE?

RUN ROTHERHAM THE RUN

SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

2 - 4 PM
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ATHLETICS TRACK

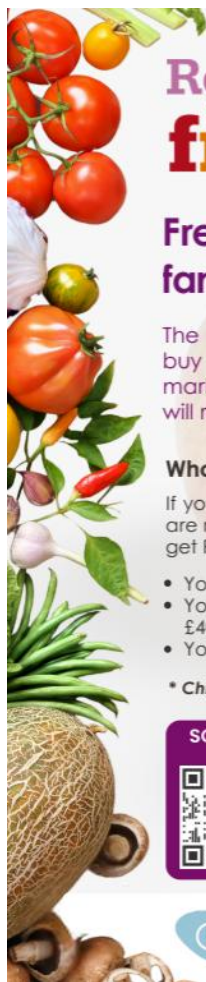
MEDALS & SNACKS
FOR ALL!



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Join us for an afternoon of fun and fitness to raise funds for our school.
Start training, register your place and collect sponsorship!

www.runkidsrun.org



Rose VOUCHERS for fruit & veg

Free fruit and vegetables for families with young children

The Rose Vouchers Project gives vouchers to buy fresh fruit and vegetables from local markets and some other places. If eligible, you will receive at least £4 of vouchers every week.

Who is it for?

If you live in Southwark and have children under 5*, or are more than 10 weeks pregnant, you may be able to get Rose Vouchers if one of the following applies:

- You receive Healthy Start
- You have a low or no household income (less than £408 income a month if you are on Universal Credit)
- You have no recourse to public funds (NRPF)

* Children must be under 5 until 31st August



1stplace.uk.com/rosevouchers
✉ rosevouchers@1stplace.uk.com



Rose VOUCHERS for fruit & veg

Free Fruit and Vegetables for Families with Young Children Living in Southwark

Get vouchers every week to buy fresh fruit and vegetables for your family.

Available if you are pregnant or have children under 5 until 31st August, and have a low income, no income, or NRPF.

Find out more

1stplace.uk.com/rosevouchers

Centre details



SOUTHWARK PLAYHOUSE YOUNG COMPANY

Is your child aged 8 - 10 and lives in Southwark, or goes to school here?

Southwark Playhouse is recruiting new members for its youth theatre, the Young Company, this Autumn/Winter.

These are weekly drama workshops led by talented theatre professionals.

Our participants make new friends, learn new skills, perform at one of London's leading off-West End theatres and most importantly have lots of fun!.

It's free to join and there are no auditions. We operate a waiting list when there is strong demand.

Find out more and sign up on our website at southwarkplayhouse.co.uk/participate or email participation@southwarkplayhouse.co.uk






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Email: info@musicalmayhem.org
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AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN

Activities:
Stay & Play, Arts & crafts, Sports & games Fun with maths & science

EVERY WEEK
TUESDAYS- THURSDAYS
Starting 22nd September 2026

TIME: 3:30PM - 5:00PM
VENUE: THE LEWINGTON CENTRE
COMMUNITY CENTRE
9 EUGENIA ROAD ROTHERHITHE SE16 2RU

FOR DETAILS & TO REGISTER
07498308655
Admin@parentskills2go.com
parentskills2go.org

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Message for Parents & Carers

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last term, Musical Mayhem had the pleasure of visiting **Rotherhithe Primary** to deliver free singing, dancing and drama workshops. We had such a wonderful time with your children and were blown away by their enthusiasm, creativity and confidence.

As a thank you for welcoming us into your school, we'd love to offer **every child at Rotherhithe a FREE trial class** at Musical Mayhem this autumn. We'd love for your child to come along and experience the magic completely free.

Musical Mayhem offers fun, inclusive performing arts classes that help children build confidence, make friends and develop their singing, dancing and drama skills in a supportive environment. Whether your child already loves performing or would simply like to try something new, we'd be delighted to welcome them.

Please see the attached flyers to learn more about Musical Mayhem. You can view our full timetable, find out more about our classes and book your child's **FREE trial** by visiting www.musicalmayhem.org

We'd love to welcome your family this autumn!

Thank you for being part of the magic,

Lyndsey Rogerson

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YEARS 7-11

5-6PM

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At Nexus, you'll gain hands-on classroom experience in our schools, while NITE provides the expert training and academic support. Together, we'll help you build the skills, confidence and experience to become an outstanding primary teacher.

Why Train at a NEXUS school?



✓ Full-time and Part-time Pathways

Training can be completed full-time over one year or full days per week, or part-time over two years at 2.5 days per week for a more flexible pathway.



✓ Hands-On Classroom Experience

You'll be actively involved in the classroom from the start, but we'll build your responsibilities gradually to allow you to develop your practice and build confidence.



✓ 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, guided 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

We welcome graduates in all subjects who are:

- ✓ Passionate about working with children.
- ✓ Creative, patient and resilient.
- ✓ Eager to make a real difference.

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info@nexuschools.org

030 8389 4767 ext. 125

Apply via O/E Apply



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

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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

South Bermondsey Best Start Family Hub

Monday 14th September – Friday 23rd October 2026

Bermondsey & Rotherhithe Locality

South Bermondsey, Rotherhithe, Ellen Brown & Pilgrims' Way

SOUTH BERMONDSEY ROTHERHITHE ELLEN BROWN PILGRIMS' WAY

South Bermondsey Best Start Family Hub



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	PARENTING COURSES
Chattertime 1-5 years South Bermondsey 10:00am – 11:30am 14th September – 19th October 2026 Meet a speech and language therapist and practise general communication strategies with your child. Baby Boogie Mites 0-12 months South Bermondsey 1:30pm – 2:15pm	Parent Advice and Support South Bermondsey 10:00am – 4:00pm Email or call to make an appointment 0207 358 2878 familyhub@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk Advice on housing, SEND, navigating Southwark services. All members of staff are available to assist or signpost to 'What's on in the Best Start Family Hub'.	Southwark Housing Advice Clinic 9:00am – 4:00pm South Bermondsey 9th September 2026 & 14th October 2026 For more details and to book a place please email familyhub@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk	Baby Boogie Mites 0-12 months South Bermondsey 1:30pm – 2:15pm	Adolescent Sure Start Team Drop In 11+ years 2:30pm to 5:00pm South Bermondsey Every week Citizen Advice Advisor 10:00am to 4:00pm South Bermondsey Email to book an appointment familyhub@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk or call 0207 358 2878 Rose Vouchers Collection South Bermondsey 9:30am – 12:00 noon Rose for fruit & veg	Fussy Eating Workshop - Henry Programme 10:00am – 12 noon South Bermondsey 29th September 2026 To book or more details for Starting Solids Workshop and Fussy Eating Workshops please email below gst-tr.hvsupportanddevelopmentworker@nhs.net Toilet Training Workshop 15 months + 10:00am – 11:30am South Bermondsey 22nd October 2026 For more details and to book a place please email familyhub@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk

Rotherhithe

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Little Crocs Football 22 months - 3 years Rotherhithe 10:00am – 11:00am Please book your place familyhub@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk	Little Steps to Nursery 18 months – 2 years Rotherhithe 10:00am – 11:30am 10 week themed sessions for parents and children Introduction sessions 15th September – 29th September to book your place. Full 10 week programme starts on 6th October. Baby Boogie Mites 0-12 months Rotherhithe 2:00pm – 2:45pm	Play Together (Twin & Triplet group) 0-3 years Rotherhithe 10:00am – 11:30am	Breastfeeding Café Infant Feeding Drop in Rotherhithe 10:00am – 12 noon Walk & Talk Group walking in Southwark Park WEATHER PERMITTING Meet outside Rotherhithe Children and Family Centre 1:30pm – 2:15pm	*CHANGE: check age of your child for the correct group Toddler Boogie Mites 1-2 years Rotherhithe 10:00am – 10:45am Toddler Boogie Mites 2-4 years Rotherhithe 11:30am – 12:15pm	Outdoor Play (Messy Play) (weather permitting) 2-5 years 19th September 3rd October 17th October 10:00am – 11:30am If raining the group will be cancelled. ‘Welcome to Parenthood’ Support Group BOOKING ONLY New group starts in November 2026 Email to book your place familyhub@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk Sunday Junior Park Run every Sunday – 9am 4-11 years Free, fun and friendly 2K run in the park. Southwark Park, Gomm Road, SE16 2TX. southwarkjuniors@parkrun.com

Ellen Brown

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Little Steps to Nursery 18 months – 2 years Ellen Brown 10:00am – 11:30am 10 week themed sessions for parents and children 10-week themed sessions for parents and children Introduction sessions 14th September – 28th September to book your place. Full 10-week programme starts on 5th October. Tiny Moments – Baby Group 0-12 months Ellen Brown 1:30pm – 2:30pm	Stay & Play (Childminders ONLY group) 12 months + Ellen Brown 10:00am – 11:30am NO GROUP ON 13TH OCTOBER 2026 Rose Vouchers Collection Ellen Brown 9:30am – 12:00 noon  Starting Solids Workshop Henry Programme 10:00am – 12 noon Ellen Brown 10:00am – 12 noon 13th October 2026 To book or more details for Starting Solids Workshop and Fussy Eating Workshops please email below gst-tr.hvsupportanddevelopmentworker@nhs.net 	Toddler Steps to Nursery 2-3 years Ellen Brown 10:00am – 11:30am 10 week themed sessions for parents and children 10-week themed sessions for parents and children Introduction sessions 16th September – 30th September to book your place. Full 10-week programme starts on 7th October. Baby Boogie Mites 0-12 months Ellen Brown 1:30pm – 2:15pm	17th Sept – 1st Oct * Limited time Tiny Moments – Baby Group 0-12 months Ellen Brown 10:00am – 11:30am Melodies for Mums 0-9 months Ellen Brown 8th October until 10th December 2026 Free weekly group singing sessions for new mothers (and their babies) to boost emotional and mental wellbeing. Email to join group or for more information. melodies@breatheahr.org 0203 290 2013	Little Explorers 12-18 months Ellen Brown 10:00am – 11:30am	26th September 10th October Toddler Boogie Mites Group 1 1-2 years Ellen Brown 10:00 – 10:45 am Toddler Boogie Mites Group 2 2-4 years Ellen Brown 11:15am – 12:00 noon

Pilgrims' Way – TEMPORARY BUILDING CLOSED DUE TO BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	

If you have any concerns or would like advice on your child's development, appointments to speak with a SEND practitioner can be arranged by speaking with any member of staff or email familyhub@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk or call 0207 358 2878



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.

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/>



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Website: <https://50thingstodo.org/>

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 - 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/>



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All sessions are free of charge. For more information about our sessions and services please contact familyhub@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk 0207 358 2878 South Bermondsey Best Start Hub, Tenda Road, London, SE16 3PN