

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 2nd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We started a busy week with a **NEST School Review**. This involved three NEST consultants attending lessons and talking to our children about their learning. The review focused on English and Maths. After observing teaching and learning in class they met with groups of children to talk about school life and their learning, while sharing their books with adults. They also looked at provision provided for children with additional needs and talked to us about how we promote good attendance. The children were very excited and keen to talk about the many enrichment opportunities they have experienced at RPS.

Photographs in the newsletter and website – Many of you have expressed your sadness that children's photos will no longer be in the newsletter. I have sought further clarification from NEST regarding what is permissible. I am pleased to tell you that they have indicated that so long as photographs are not full-face poses we can still include pictures of children in our newsletters and on the website.



International Day I have temporarily postponed International Day at present. This is to enable us to consider the impact of Benedict's Law on the format of this event. Benedict's Law introduced mandatory statutory duties on schools regarding the management of allergies and anaphylaxis. All staff have completed online allergy and anaphylaxis training. We also hold spare emergency medication in the event that a child or adult has a severe allergic reaction. Once we have considered a new format for the event, we will inform parents. It was heartening to hear how many of you enjoy International Day.

Oracy is the ability to express ideas clearly, listen actively, and engage confidently in discussion. Strong speaking and listening skills help children deepen their understanding, build confidence, develop critical thinking, and strengthen their relationships with others. We give pupils regular opportunities to talk, explain, question, and debate, helping them to become effective communicators. This is why we introduced **Talking Tuesdays** last year. Each week, pupils take part in structured speaking and listening activities designed to encourage thoughtful discussion, build vocabulary, and develop confidence in sharing their ideas. Parents, we want you to get involved in the debate too. See this week's thought-provoking question and discuss it with your children at home.



School Council Elections – We held our School Council Elections last week and on Friday the elected councillors were announced in assembly. Charlotte was voted in as School Council Chair and Abu was appointed Vice Chair. Well done! Have a great week! Lisa (HoS)

Run Rotherhithe Run



On Sunday 27th September, Conor and I waited in anticipation for our runners to arrive for the start of Run Rotherhithe Run. This is a fantastic event in which children and their families are challenged to run for 2 km. They receive a medal and a healthy snack at the end. Although challenging, the event is also great fun.

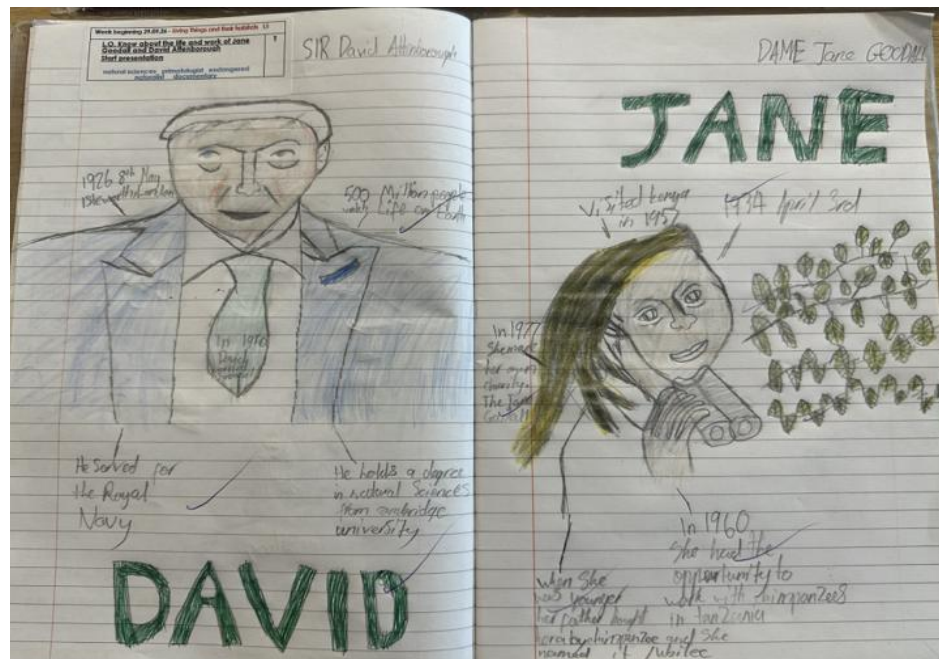
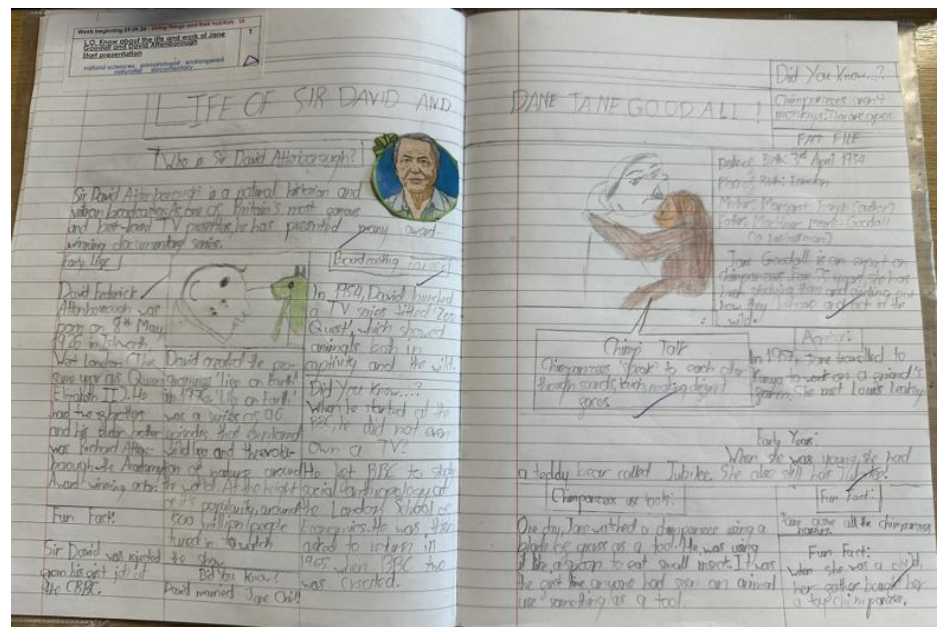
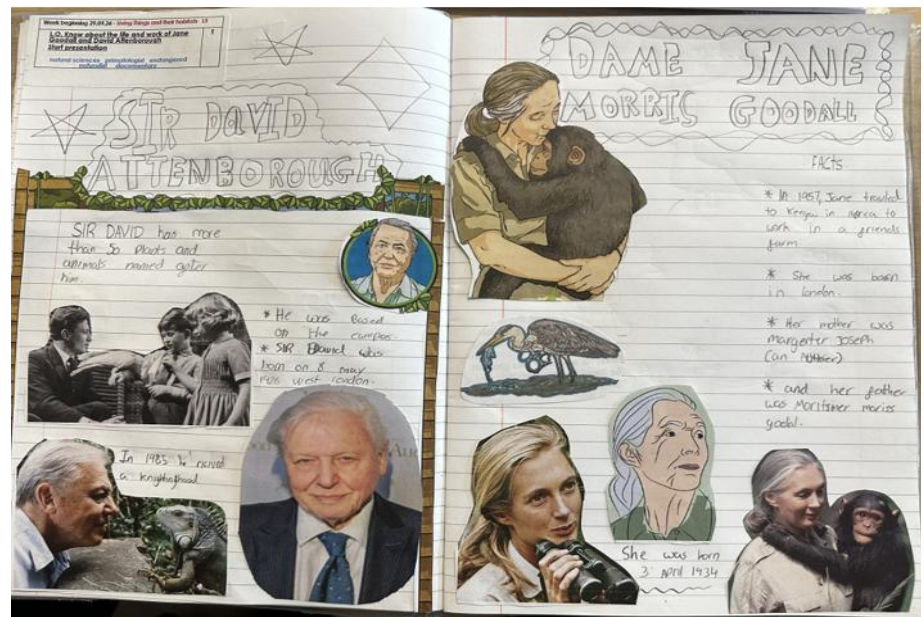
I would like to say a huge well done to all the children and parents who ran on the day. You have challenged yourselves and have helped raise money for the school.

Thanks are also due to our parent and staff volunteers Daniel, Vicki, John, Alex, Jo, Olga and of course Conor who has been training with the children and promoting the event.



Year 5 Poster Design

This week, year 5 pupils researched Jane Goodall and David Attenborough, learning about their contributions to wildlife conservation. They then used their findings to create colourful posters, combining collage, drawing, and creativity to showcase their learning. We were impressed by their research skills and artistic work.



Denver:

'I like being an Art Ambassador because I like painting and drawing. My favourite artist is Chila Burman'

Olivia:

'I like art because it's creative and I like painting and drawing.'

Delilah:

'I like art because I like to draw and paint pink and purple'

Ravel:

'I like being an Art Ambassador because I like to see other people's art and I feel like I'm born to create art.'

Ariz:

'I like being an Art Ambassador because it's nice to do and also it's fun.'

Urannia:

'I like being an Art Ambassador because I like shading and painting. My favourite artist is Chila Burman'

Rowan:

'I like being an Art Ambassador because I like learning how to draw. My favourite artist is Leonardo Da Vinci because he made the Mona Lisa.'

Selina:

'I like being an Art Ambassador because I love drawing and painting. My favourite artist is Rod Kitson because he is a professional.'

April:

'I like being an Art Ambassador because I like looking at art.'

Gulalai:

'I like art because it's fun drawing and painting.'

Marcus:

'I like being an Art Ambassador because I like drawing and improving my art skills over time and I like learning new drawing techniques along the way. My favourite artist is Chila Burman because she uses bright and vivid colour for her artwork and she also likes bright lights to decorate.'

Quan:

'I like being an Art Ambassador because it helps me take out all the stress and it helps me feel fun. My favourite artist is Vincent Van Gogh because of his swirls that makes me feel like a bird flying in the sky after I come back from something stressful.'

Emma:

'I like being an Art Ambassador because I have passion about all the colours and the shading. My favourite artist is Chila Burman because her art is amazing!'

Keziah:

'I like being an Art Ambassador because I love drawing people and animals and love shading. My favourite artist is Leonardo Da Vinci because I like the Mona Lisa.'

Harper:

'I like being an Art Ambassador because it is very fun and it also helps me learn more. My favourite artist is Dan Fenelon because he is very creative and loves art.'

Lola:

'I like being an Art Ambassador because art helps me calm down and do something creative every day. My favourite artist is Banksy because he does really creative and inspirational art in cool and different ways.'

Thea:

'I like being an Art Ambassador because in my free time I always draw and sketch. My favourite artist is Leonardo Da Vinci because I like his art and he inspires me.'

WHAT OUR ART AMBASSADORS SAY ABOUT ART





Week ending 25 th September		
Whale	Abdul	Abdul has shown a fantastic attitude to learning all week. He always tries his best, works hard in every lesson, and never gives up when something is challenging.
Octopus	Genesis	This week, we have been blown away by Genesis' determination with her handwriting. She has worked hard in all areas of her learning to make sure that her letters are formed neatly and that she uses her sounds when spelling tricky words. Well done Genesis, we are so proud of you.
Coral	Daniel	Daniel has just started at Rotherhithe this week, but I was blown away with his contribution in lessons and the work he produced all week especially in writing. Keep up the good work!
Seal	Erum	What a fantastic week Erum has had in Seal class! This week, in English, Erum has been working hard on using statements and questions in her report writing. Well done Erum!
Avon	Adam	Adam demonstrated fantastic participation during our class trip to Creekside. He was enthusiastic, engaged in all activities, listened carefully to instructions, and showed a positive attitude throughout the day. Well done, Adam!
Peck	Whole Class	For representing our school so well on their trip to Creekside
Effra	Sami	Sami has shown great listening skills this week! He has demonstrated great focus by always staying on task when completing his work. Well done, Sami!
Lea	Nicole	Nicole has shown great bravery and confidence in class discussions this week. She has regularly raised her hand to share thoughtful answers, especially when others have been less confident to contribute. Her positive attitude and willingness to participate have had a real impact on our learning. Well done!
Thames	Ayub	Ayub, for displaying great ambition in his learning and showing excellent independence by extending his knowledge and skills in maths, science and grammar
Severn	Jamie	Jamie has been working hard on his times tables and has made a huge improvement. This has had an impact on the speed and accuracy of his arithmetic. Well done, Jamie!



Week ending 2nd October

Whale	Celia	Celia always has a fantastic attitude to learning and works hard to improve, especially in English where she loves using ambitious vocabulary in her writing. She is also a wonderful helper in the classroom and is always willing to lend a hand.
Octopus	Neriah	Neriah is an excellent role model both in the classroom and on the playground. Her kind and calm attitude means that she is always ready to learn and be the best that she can be. Well done Neriah, we are so proud of you!
Coral	Katerina	Katerina is a great role model for the class. She is always ready to learn and this week has participated more in class discussions. Keep up the good work!
Seal	Isa	Well done to Isa for a fantastic week in Seal Class. He always explains his ideas in full sentences and uses key vocabulary confidently, helping others to learn too. Keep up the hard work!
Avon	Shabnam	Shabnam showed great creativity in Art by using frottage to create textures from different surfaces. She carefully used her rubbings, along with tearing and cutting techniques, to create a beautiful flower picture. Shabnam also showed kindness by supporting a friend who was stuck. Well done, Shabnam!
Peck	Justine	We are so pleased with how seamlessly Justine has settled into Year 3 at Rotherhithe. What a brilliant first week at your new school!
Wandle	Anaiah-Rae	Anaiah-Rae is star of the week because of her hard work and accuracy in maths. She has been setting out her work very neatly and carefully following the steps for column addition and subtraction with great success! Well done!
Lea	Rayyan	Well done on your fantastic science poster! You included lots of interesting facts about Jane Goodall and David Attenborough and presented them in a creative and eye-catching way. Great work!
Thames	Rahim	For demonstrating fantastic perseverance and determination in maths, particularly when developing his confidence with written multiplication involving two-digit numbers.

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
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

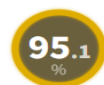
Parents, please remember you must provide **consent** for children to attend school trips, or your child will miss out.

Please give your consent on Arbor before the cut-off time.

Attendance Matters

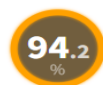
Class	Weekly percentage		Star attendance winners
	Week ending 25.9	Week ending 2.10	
Penguin	93.8%	95.5%	★
Whale	90.4%	91.8%	
Octopus	86.2%	95.8%	★
Coral	99.6%	98.4%	★★
Seal	95.4%	98.8%	★★
Peck	94%	94.4%	
Avon	97.2%	96.4%	★★
Wandle	88.6%	93%	
Effra	94.1%	98.2%	★
Lea	94.3%	93.6%	
Severn	98.8%	97.2%	★★
Thames	98%	98.8%	★★

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



Attendance Week to Date

For All Pupils



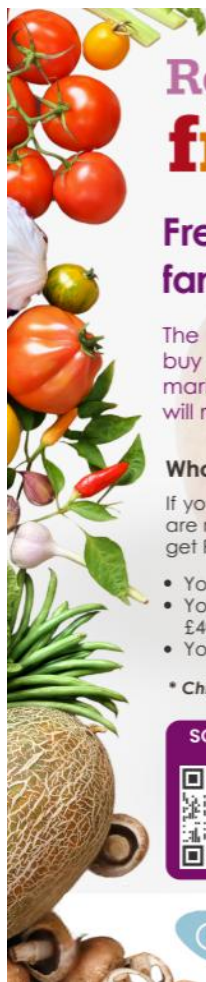
Attendance School Year to Date

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

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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



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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?

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EVERY WEEK
TUESDAYS- THURSDAYS
Starting 22nd September 2026

TIME: 3:30PM - 5:00PM

VENUE: THE LEWINGTON CENTRE
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FOR DETAILS & TO REGISTER

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- Schools programme: Coaching in around a dozen local secondary schools, reaching hundreds of students. Delivered in partnership with Big Yellow Storage.
- Friday Academy for ages 14+, taking serious players to the next level. 16:30-18:00.
- Women's & girls fitness: Sundays, 10.00 - 12.00
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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



SIV Parent Support Group Connect, Share and Support

Tuesday 15th September 2026
10am to 1pm

The Links Community Centre
353 Rotherhithe New Road
SE16 3HF

Are you looking for support, advice or just a place to connect with other SEND Parent Carers?

Join our friendly support group where we share experiences, offer guidance and find encouragement from others who understand.

Whether you are facing specific challenges or just looking for a supportive SEND community, we would love you to join us.

The life of a SEND parent carer brings so many daily struggles and often it is the parent carers mental, emotional and physical health that suffers.

Come along and meet others so you know you are not alone on this journey.

No one needs to be alone on their SEND journey, SIV is run by parent carers of children/young people with SEND, so we really do understand how difficult and life changing being a parent carer of a child with SEND is.

If you find it difficult to join a group you do not know, please do not worry one of our team will welcome you and support you throughout.

Light refreshments provided

* This event is for adults only as we do not have facilities for babies and children.



SAVE THE DATE!

Make sure you don't miss any of our upcoming events

YEAR 5 ANNUAL REVIEW (transition for Secondary)

Tuesday 6th October 2026 – 10am to 1pm

Recommended for those with children in Year 3, 4 & 5

Come along and learn from the Southwark SEND team what the Year 5 Annual review is about. This annual review is so important as it's the one that goes forward for secondary school choices.

MEET THE SIAS TEAM (Southwark Information Advice Service)

Thursday 19th November 2026 – 10am to 1pm

SIAS has a new manager, come along and meet the whole SIAS Team. Find out what they do and how they can help. PLUS share your experience of the service with the new manager so they can improve the service.

EMOTIONAL REGULATION (BIG feelings, helping you to understand how you can support yourself and your child with greater safety, calm and confidence)

Tuesday 1st December 2026 – 10am to 1pm

Join GRAPEFRUIT WORLD who combine educational expertise, evidence-informed practice and lived experience, to help you understand the foundation of emotional regulation. Plus learn how to become the regulation anchor your child needs while being able to regulate your own emotions.

WHERE – The Links Community Centre, 353 Rotherhithe New Road, SE16 3HF

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