

3rd September 2025



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Dear parents and carers,

I have really enjoyed being back in school this week after our trip to Nethercott Farm with Year 5 and Year 6. We had such a brilliant time at the farm and the children learnt and tried so many new things. I hope you enjoyed seeing some of the photos in our newsletter last week.

It has been a busy week of learning again this week. We've had our Nest workshops this week for children and parents. The children were learning how to build their confidence. This is a really important skill so make sure you ask them what they have learned.

Our Year 6 children visited the Maritime Museum in Greenwich this week to support their learning around Shackleton's Antarctic exploration. Year 4 have also been out on a visit this week to a local gallery, Copeland Park Gallery, where they were able to see lots of different types of art.

I would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Macmillan coffee morning this morning. It really is such a wonderful charity that supports families through the most difficult of times so thank you for your generosity.

I hope you have all have wonderful weekend and we will see you bright and early on Monday morning.

Miss Rooney  
Headteacher



This Weeks Class Attendance Winner

**Red 3** with **99.33%**

## Attendance

Our whole school attendance target is **97%**  
Our overall attendance this week is **94.78%**

Class	Attendance	Late
Nursery	91.52%	0
Reception Green	94.81%	0
Reception Red	95.67%	4
Green 1	88.62%	1
Red 1	98.52%	2
Green 2	97.2%	1
Red 2	94.35%	2
Green 3	90.32%	1
Red 3	99.33%	2
Green 4	92.69%	3
Red 4	98.26%	1
Green 5	96.23%	1
Red 5	93%	1
Green 6	96.92%	3
Red 6	96%	0

Diamond Ticket Winners this week:



Rumaan R1, Luna G1, Yanis G1, Susanna R2, Theo R2, Yusuf G2, Loc G2, Abdulrazak R3, Melisa R3, Sia G3, Zara G3, Mahir R4, Kahmello R4, Camilla G4, Ibitayo G4, Fathima R5, Fola R5, Aliya G5, Makai G5, Morecambe G5, Amina R6, Lilly R6, Mohammed Bah R6, Amari G6, David G6

Golden Ticket Winners this week:



Charis R1, Janae R1, Ellis G1, Maira Ali G1, Maira Ali G1, Miguel R2, Chucks G2, Joan G2, Amiyah R3, Raheem R3, Ahmed G3, Cheznae G3, Joell R4, Leah R4, Al-Amin G4, Gyemfi R5, Rocsi R5, Inayah G5, Zuriel G5, Elijah R6, Venture R6, Nevaeh G6, Tasneem G6



Respect

### Values Assembly – What our learners think!

This week, our pupils were thinking about Respect and how we can show respect to ourselves and each other by giving everyone personal space. Personal space is a bit like an invisible bubble that we all have around us. It's the space we need around our bodies to feel comfortable. We discussed our top tips for giving personal space and how to ask politely if you feel like you need some personal space too!

## Important Parent Information

### NOTICE TO PARENTS/CARERS



Any scooters/bikes brought onto the school ground will not be the responsibility of the school.

Please ensure your child's name is on their bike/scooter.

Please can you park bikes/scooters in the areas provided.



### NOTICE TO PARENTS/CARERS



Can you please ensure that all your children's belongings have their name and class in/on it.



Also if you do happen to have someone else's belongings can you please bring it back into the school so that we can reunite it their owner.



### NOTICE TO PARENTS/CARERS



Could parents/Carers update the office If your child has any medical, Dietary requirements or needs. This is very important as we want to ensure your child gets the right care and treatment.

Please download the Arbor Parent App to receive updates on information and payments portal for clubs and trips.

For further information on how to download the app on your phone please [Click here>>>>>>>>](#)



If your child is unwell or sick please call the office or register their sickness through Study bugs:

**Studybugs**

### Term Dates

Autumn 1	Tuesday 2nd Sept	Friday 17th Oct
Half Term	20th Oct	31st Oct
Autumn 2	Monday 3rd Nov	Friday 19th Dec



Click link

[WEEK 3](#)

Please make sure you follow us on Instagram and Twitter, @JDPSoffice. We will be posting live updates and pictures to show what is going on within your child's school day.



# INTO WONDERLAND

By Chiya Clika



TODAY YEAR 4 VISITED THE "INTO WONDERLAND" GALLERY TO EXPLORE THE INCREDIBLE ARTWORK OF CHIYA CLIKA. THE CHILDREN LOVED SEEING THE PAINTINGS UP CLOSE AND HAD THE CHANCE TO TAKE PART IN A Q&A SESSION — ASKING THOUGHTFUL QUESTIONS AND LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE ARTIST'S INSPIRATIONS





**WE'RE  
COMING  
TO TAKE  
YOUR  
PICTURE  
ON...**



**20th**.....DAY

.....**November**..MONTH

**Individual and sibling  
photos only**

**'STRIKE A POSE'**



## **Nutrition Q&A Coffee Morning with School Food Matters**

We invite you to a parent coffee morning with registered nutritionist Adaeze Ezeji from the charity School Food Matters.

She will be showcasing some budget-friendly packed lunches and snack options as well as sharing some tips and tricks on how to encourage children to try new foods.

There will also be a Q&A where you can ask her any questions you have regarding food and nutrition.

Snacks and hot drinks will be provided.



**9.30 - 10.15 am**



**8th October 2025**



# parentgym



## Six-week programme overview

Parent Gym is a course of six workshops: each session lasts two hours and is packed with practical tips and techniques to make family life easier and help your children thrive.

- Fun and interactive sessions, with a weekly 'mission' to practise at home
- Rooted in scientific research
- A great chance to meet and chat with other parents

Each week's session covers one of these key topics:

01 / Week

### Chat

**How to communicate**  
Get you and your child talking and listening in a positive way every day.

02 / Week

### Love

**How to show you care, in the right ways**  
Boosting your child's confidence, with a balance between closeness and independence.

03 / Week

### Behave

**How to be consistent in setting boundaries**  
Bring calm to your family with rules and routines that really work.

04 / Week

### Care

**How to raise healthy children**  
Keep yourself and your family healthy and happy with good sleep, eating and exercise.

05 / Week

### Discover

**How to encourage learning**  
Help develop healthy learning habits with your child, including managing screen time.

06 / Week

### Together

**How to build a family support network**  
Keep your family feeling happy, supported and loved.

## Still looking for a reason to take part?

Around **10,000** parents have already participated

**96%** of those surveyed would recommend to other parents

### Parents' feedback

"I am calm... the family is happier... It is amazing how a course can change your life."

*Parent, Morningside Childrens Centre*

"I'm sleeping through the night for the first time in years."

*Parent, Boxgrove Primary School*

"Parent Gym has worked wonders for me and my family. It's not about who's a good or bad parent – it just gives you lots of ideas to overcome difficulties in parenting."

*Parent, Mount Stewart Junior School*

The six, weekly sessions run (for two hours) from:

**9:00-11:00am**

on:

**Wednesdays**

from:

**5.11.25-10.12.25**



Empowering families - creating brighter futures

### Webinar: Dyslexia Awareness Week - A Parent's Guide

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025  
10:30am - 12:00 noon  
Online via Teams

TO REGISTER EMAIL [info@southwarkiv.co.uk](mailto:info@southwarkiv.co.uk)

This webinar is for parent carers of children and young people who live in Southwark

#### Supporting Your Child's Learning Journey

Has your child recently been diagnosed with dyslexia or are you a parent concerned about your child's progress with reading, writing, or spelling? Have you noticed they're struggling with homework, or that they seem to be working harder than their peers to keep up?

You're not alone. Many parents have the same concerns, and this session is designed to provide you with an overview of dyslexia and some easy to implement support strategies.

Join us for a 90-minute interactive workshop designed specifically for parents. We will explore:

- **Understanding Learning Differences:** We'll demystify what dyslexia and other learning difficulties are (and are not!) and provide you with a clear, jargon-free overview.
- **Recognizing the Signs:** Learn to identify common indicators of dyslexia, and how to tell the difference between typical learning challenges and those that might require additional support.
- **Practical Home Strategies:** Discover simple, effective techniques you can use at home to support your child's literacy skills and build their confidence.
- **Navigating the School System:** Get advice on how to talk to teachers and the school's Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo) to ensure your child receives the right support.

This session will also include **breakout rooms** where you can share your experiences with other parents in a safe, supportive environment. You'll leave with practical tools, a greater sense of confidence, and the knowledge that you have a community of support.

*This webinar is being hosted by Southwark Independent Voice in partnership with Southwark Council and a Dyslexia Specialist*

Community Interest Company

## BASIC UNDERSTANDING OF AUTISM & SEND (SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS & DISABILITIES)

### ISSUES FOR BLACK AND MARGINALISED FAMILIES (5 WEEKS ONLINE PROGRAM)

**Monday 6th October 2025**  
TIME: 6:00PM - 7:00PM (ONLINE)

**FOR DETAILS & TO REGISTER**  
02035369609, 07394662602  
Admin@parentskills2go.com  
parentskills2go.org

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## Supporting a Child with ADHD



Previous attachment

Challenge the stereotypes and get practical help

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 7 - 8:30pm**

90 minute session. Recording available for 48hrs

**£24.**

Available to book now  
[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)



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# CAMP GREEN HORIZON

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2025  
9.30am - 2pm

Would you like to learn more about the natural world this half term? Would you like to spend time with animals and wildlife?

Join us at The Farm for a jam-packed week of...

**Crafts | Games | Gardening | Conservation**



**FREE\* | Ages 8 -14 years**

Can't make the 2pm pick up? For £10 a day, join games club until 5pm

For more info and to sign up, email:  
[education@vauxhallcityfarm.org](mailto:education@vauxhallcityfarm.org)

\*This opportunity is aimed at students from low-income households or who receive benefit-related free-school meals.



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## Online English (ESOL) Course

**FREE 15-week Entry level/Level 1 online accredited courses for Southwark residents**



**Classes will be on**

**Two mornings per week at 10am—12.30pm**  
(Days of classes will depend on your level)

**6th October 2025 - 6th February 2026**  
(term-time only)

**plus online Conversation Clubs**

This course will take place on Zoom.

Applicants should live in Southwark

To apply for a place on the course *in advance*  
please use this link or QR code:

<https://tinyurl.com/2v3zn2za>

Spaces are limited so **book soon**.

We will contact you to arrange an assessment and confirm your place on the course.



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### Family Learning at the Thomas Calton Centre



Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 13.00-15.30  
Family Learning Festival: Story Power

- arts & crafts
- puppet-making
- stay & play
- painting
- creative writing
- making books
- music & dance
- storytelling



Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 13.00-15.30  
Black History Arts & Cultural Crafts Fun Day

- storytelling from around the world
- arts & crafts
- stay & play
- song & dance
- music
- painting
- cultural displays



Contact: [adult.learning@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:adult.learning@southwark.gov.uk)  
07539 233 779  
or 0207 358 2100

Thomas Calton Centre  
Alpha Street  
Peckham  
SE15 4NX

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### CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Artist and writer Varaidzo presents over 100 digital works reviving Black British figures from before 1948, the year HMT Windrush arrived.

Many of the figures including Dr Harold Moody, Ronald Moody, and Una Marson lived locally to Staffordshire St on Queen's Road in Peckham, now marked with a blue plaque in their honour.

Figures is a celebration of these stories and a reminder of the impact we can have in our communities today.

Opening times:  
8 - 12 October, 12 - 6pm

Please contact [info@staffordshirest.com](mailto:info@staffordshirest.com) to arrange a school visit.

### FIGURES CURATED BY BISONNE

08-12 OCTOBER 25

VARAIDZO

STAFFORDSHIRE ST

### All My Love is Bubbling Over



On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2.00-4.00pm  
Buchan Hall TRA, Buchan Road, Nunhead, SE15 3HQ

For more information and to book  
Use the QR code below  
[www.bookpebble.co.uk/activities](http://www.bookpebble.co.uk/activities)  
[www.margaretsmusicltd.com](http://www.margaretsmusicltd.com)  
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