

Spa Bermondsey Newsletter



Happy New Year everyone! I do hope you all had a restful summer holidays. It has been a great start to the new academic year and it has been lovely getting to know our new families. We have 14 new pupils join in Year 7 and 6 new pupils join in Year 12. Hopefully you have all been able to meet your child's class teacher and have seen how well they are settling in. If you weren't able to make it to one of our welcome mornings, our parents evening is coming up after half term. Your first point of contact will be your child's key stage lead. Anna leads KS3 and 4A, Cherise leads KS5 and Natasha leads 4B and 4C. Our Family Support Worker, Shervinia, is available during the school day as well.



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For those families with us last year, you will remember that we were working towards achieving our Autism Accreditation from the National Autistic Society. Part of that process was gathering parent feedback. We have 50% of parents respond to the survey and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. We had no "poor" responses and 98% of responses said we were "mostly good" or "always good" in terms of the support we provide, the understanding of our pupils' needs and how we keep families informed. Our pupils gave similar positive feedback. Overall our report was incredibly positive and I am so proud of all the hard work that went into making that a success. Thank you all for your support!



This year I am pleased to share that we are partnering with The Nest, a mental health charity working in Southwark. They are running a pilot program in which they will be offering in school support for small groups of pupils. They will be working with KS3 this term, with KS4 in Spring and KS5 in Summer.

We are also working with Millwall FC who are piloting their Thrive program with a group in KS5. This group will have PSHE sessions with Millwall staff over the course of the Autumn term. We will share our pupils progress with you later in the year



Georgina

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Allergies

We would like to remind all families that we are a **nut-free** school. We have pupils with severe nut allergies and we ask that both staff and pupils do not bring anything onto site that contains nuts. Please do check the ingredients of pupils' packed lunches before they bring them in. We also ask families to alert us if there is any **fish** in a pupils packed lunch. We have staff and students who have an airborne allergy to fish and ask that fish is avoided if possible.

Safeguarding Team

Georgina is the safeguarding lead for the school and Natasha is the deputy safeguarding lead. Our safeguarding policy can be found here—[https://files.schudio.com/spa-school/files/documents/Safeguarding_Policy_SET_September_2025\(3\).pdf](https://files.schudio.com/spa-school/files/documents/Safeguarding_Policy_SET_September_2025(3).pdf)

Earwig

The parental portal for Earwig is the main way we communicate progress and achievement. If your child was here last year and you have not yet logged into Earwig please contact Shervinia for support. For new families, your Earwig login will be sent to you in Week 2 of Autumn 2. Our first record release is scheduled for Week 1 Autumn 2.

Upcoming Dates for your Diary

- Autumn Half Term: Monday 27th October—Friday 31st October
- Parents Evening: Monday 10th November 2025
- Children In Need: Friday 14th November 2025 (Pupils can wear yellow if they choose)
- Last day of Autumn term: Friday 19th December 2025
- Pupils return Tuesday 6th January 2026

Local Offer

The Short Break activities for October half term are live on the EEQU platform:

- **SportWorks Holiday Club at St George's** — A Sportworks Short Break provision includes a wide variety of sports, games, and fun activities for children & young people with SEN and disabilities. Examples include dodgeball, parachute games, team building activities. The sessions are for children and young people aged 5 to 18 years. **Date and time:** Tuesday 28th Oct, 10:00 – 15:00
- **Endorphins Holiday Club Spa Camberwell** — Endorphins will encourage your child to make friendships and flourish by offering activities such as painting, colouring, building and have lots of fun together doing this. **Date and time:** Monday 27th Oct, 10:00 – 15:00
- **Autism Voice Social Club 16+** — a social club and life skills development activities that will work on social situations that participants may otherwise find difficult, improve social skills and communication, enhance mental and emotional wellbeing, enhance transferable skills and boost young people's confidence for the next steps in their lives. **Date and time:** Tuesday 7th Oct, 11:00 – 14:00 **Age:** 16-18

For more offers and information, head to: <https://eequ.org/southwarkshortbreaks>

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