

6<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we celebrated World Book Day. It was wonderful to see many of our primary pupils dressed as characters from their favourite books, and to see all pupils and students enjoying dedicated time to explore new and exciting high-quality texts, whether in their classrooms or in the school library.

World Book Day reminded us of the importance of reading for enjoyment. We continue to prioritise bringing texts to life through multi-sensory activities, exposing students to a wide range of books, and creating opportunities for them to read independently, with staff, and with their peers.



## Highlights from the Week

### Southwark Independent Travel Training Bus

This week, students in 4B took part in a session on the Southwark Independent Travel Training Bus. Through practical, on-board scenarios, students practised important skills such as boarding and getting off safely, using Oyster cards, speaking to the driver, and learning about road safety and bus routes. Experiences like these play an important role in developing independence and supporting real-life learning.



### Millwall Careers Fair

A group of Key Stage 4 students attended the Millwall Careers Fair on Thursday. This was a valuable opportunity for students to explore further education options and engage with a range of employers. Events like this help students build confidence and develop a greater understanding of possible future pathways.



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## Special News

Many of you know Alan our finance manager. He has worked at Spa for twenty years and has done so much to make our schools the wonderful places they are.

Today was Alan's last day at Spa and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank him for all his hard work over the years. We wish him all the very best in his next steps and we will miss him.

## Looking Ahead

- **Living Eggs arrive** – Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026
- **Red Nose Day** – Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026
- **Year 11 Residential** – Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March – Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026
- **Last Day of Term** – Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

## Wellbeing Award for Schools

A reminder that parents and carers are invited to complete a short evaluation form about how well the school supports mental health. Please complete the survey using the link [HERE](#)

Thank you for taking the time to share your views.

## Support and activities for families

### Sensory Friendly workshops at

Come along to **Sensory Friendly**, a free event at **V&A South Kensington**. This new monthly workshop is for neurodiverse visitors of all ages and their families. In this relaxed session, as a family you'll get to design, create and experiment using a mixture of different art materials in the space. The session and activities are inspired by the museum's collections. Click [HERE](#) for dates, times and more information.

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### Inclusive Martial Arts

Access Sport is launching inclusive SEND Martial Arts sessions for young people aged 5–15 years in Southwark, delivered by Easy Step UK. These sessions aim to create a welcoming and supportive space for children and families to be active, learn new skills, and make friends.

- **Start date:** Saturday 14th February
- **Location:** Harris Academy Bermondsey, 55 Southwark Park Road, London, SE16 3TZ
- All abilities are welcome!

**Inclusive Community Martial Arts Sessions  
for Children & Young People (SEND)**

Fun, beginner-friendly sessions.  
Inclusive of disabled and neurodivergent children.

Saturdays | 11:45am – 12:30pm  
Starting 14 February

Harris Academy Bermondsey,  
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Free to attend  
Advance booking via Eventbrite (QR code)



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Ever wanted to have a sleepover in a library?

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As part of the National Year of Reading, Southwark Heritage Centre & Walworth Library is hosting a Tales by Twilight Library Sleepover, an overnight reading sleepover for children, parents, and carers. Highlights include a live magic performance, interactive storytelling sessions, and the chance to explore both the library collections and the museum artefacts on display.

Saturday 21 March to Sunday 22 March 2026

Arrival for families 7pm, 21 March

Departure for families 9am, 22 March

Age Range: 6 to 11 Years

This event is free, but booking via a registration form is required.

To secure a place, please email: [libraries@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:libraries@southwark.gov.uk)

### **Celebrate International Women's Day at Canada Water Library**

Join Yvonne Battle-Felton on Thursday 12 March for readings from her book *Curdle Creek*, followed by a Q&A and a storytelling open mic session. Yvonne is an award-winning author, editor, podcaster, host and creative producer. *Curdle Creek* is her most recent novel and the winner of the Shirley Jackson award for Best Novel.

The event is free, but please book a ticket via this link: [BOOK A TICKET](#)

If you'd like to take part in the open mic and talk about what home means to you, then you can [email Yvonne](#) to sign up for a five-minute slot.

### **Join spring planting days at Nunhead Library**

Come on down to Nunhead Library on Saturday 7 March and Saturday 4 April from 2pm to 4pm for spring planting days.

Help plant sapling hedges, fruit bushes and pond plants in the library garden, and find out more about the garden project and how to be involved. You can request more information by emailing Ellie: [ellie@arborprojects.co.uk](mailto:ellie@arborprojects.co.uk)

### **Need help with after school childcare?**

Wraparound childcare is before and after school childcare for primary school aged children in England. All parents in England with primary school aged children are eligible to access wraparound childcare. Parents can use either Tax-Free Childcare or Universal Credit Childcare

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to help pay for places. You might also be able to get help with initial upfront childcare costs.  
More information [HERE](#)

We wish all our families a calm, restful and happy weekend.

*Steph Lea*

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