

9<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. We hope you all had a wonderful break. It's so lovely to see our students and families again as we start the new term together. We're excited to settle back into routines, celebrate every achievement and continue supporting each student to be happy, safe, healthy, and ready for the future.



On Monday, the staff team began the term with an INSET training day. The training focused on strengthening communication. The training will support our students in developing their communication and interaction skills.

### Highlights this week

#### Surrey Cricket Coaching

We were delighted to welcome a Surrey Cricket coach to Spa School Camberwell for the first in a series of coaching sessions. Students thoroughly enjoyed the experience, made excellent progress, and impressed the coach with their existing skills and enthusiasm.



### **Southwark Music Service**

This morning, Key Stage 4 students took part in their first Music Technology project session with the Southwark Music Service. Over the next 10 weeks, students will use GarageBand to compose their own pieces of music, culminating in a presentation assembly in the final week. We look forward to sharing updates on their progress.



**It snowed!**



## Looking Ahead

- **Year 9 Immunisations** - Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026
- **Children's Mental Health Week** - Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026
- **Ranger Stu** – Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026
- **Last day of school Spring 1** – Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026
- **First day of school Spring 2** – Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026

## Support for families and community activities

### Cost of Living Booklet

Southwark Council have developed a [Cost of Living Booklet](#) which outlines a range of support available to help residents with food, energy bills, council-tax, and other essential costs this winter.

### Southwark Leisure Centres

Visit any Southwark leisure centres this Saturday, 10 January, for free gym passes, workshops, exercise classes, blood pressure checks, kids activities, 5k community runs, and more. Click on this link for more information: [FREE FITNESS](#)

Want to be healthier, fitter, stronger and more confident in 2026? Join your local leisure centre and secure your free place on a 12-week Success Programme with guaranteed results or your money back (terms apply). The offer ends 31 January 2026. Click on this link for more information: [KICKSTART FITNESS](#)

### Staying warm this winter

There are over forty Warm Spaces across Southwark, including in all of our libraries and leisure centres – these are free, warm, and welcoming places where anyone can drop in and spend time for free. Many Warm Spaces are a great way to meet people and also offer hot drinks, food, and cost of living advice. Click on this link for more information: [FIND YOUR WARM SPACE](#)

# SEND Inclusive Cricket with Cricket Leaders

YOUNG LEADERS  
IN CRICKET



Starts on Monday 12 January!

Inclusive Cricket sessions for SEND young people, delivered by Cricket Leaders coaches.

**When:** Mondays, 4.15 -5.15 pm

**Where:** The Castle Leisure Centre 2  
St Gabriel Walk, London. SE1 6FG

**Age:** 11 - 25 years old

**Cost:** First session free, Subsequent sessions £5

**Register:** <https://bit.ly/Cricket-Leaders-Inclusive-Session>

Or scan the QR code



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Thinking About  
**PARENTING**

## TAP – IN SESSIONS

**Free and stand alone information sessions for parents and carers on a range of topics.**

**Join us with Thinking About Parenting and TAP in to....**

<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January</b> 10am - 12 MS Teams  <a href="#">Parenting and Autism</a>	<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January</b> 10am - 12 MS Teams  <a href="#">Parenting and ADHD</a>	<b>w/c 9<sup>th</sup> Feb</b> 10am - 11.30 MS Teams  <a href="#">Ages and Stages</a>
<b>w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b> 10am - 11.30 MS Teams  <a href="#">Parenting Foundations</a>	<b>w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b> 10am - 11.30 MS Teams  <a href="#">Parental Emotional Wellbeing</a>	<b>w/c 9<sup>th</sup> March</b> 10am - 11.30 MS Teams  <a href="#">Bullying Awareness</a>
<b>w/c 16<sup>th</sup> March</b> 10am - 11.30 MS Teams  <a href="#">Emotional-Based School Avoidance</a>	<b>w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b> 10am - 11.30 MS Teams  <a href="#">Digital Safety</a>	<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March</b> 10am MS Teams  <a href="#">Parenting and ADHD</a>
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b> 10am MS Teams  <a href="#">Parenting and Autism</a>		All sessions held online - link will be sent out 1-2 days before session via email

**TO REGISTER FOR A PLACE  
[CLICK HERE](#) OR CONTACT**

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[Click here to request a place on a parenting programme](#)

# FATHER'S GROUP



Join a 10-week course to  
improve your parenting skills.

Whether you are a father, grandfather or stepdad,  
receive advice and tips on topics such as positive  
parenting, improving relationships and role modelling.  
Crèche provided.

When

Friday Morning's at 10.30am - 12.30  
Starting 16th January 2026

Where

1st Place Best Start Family Hub  
12 Chumleigh Street, Burgess Park, SE5 0RN

## BOOK A PLACE

Email: [tara.long@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:tara.long@southwark.gov.uk) or  
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Please stay warm, and do not hesitate to contact us if there is anything we can help with.  
Wishing you all a calm, happy and restful weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steph Lea". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the "S" and "L" being particularly prominent.

Steph Lea  
Executive Headteacher