

22nd May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to share with you some highlights from the feedback we received during last week's Challenge Partners visit.

Learning built around every individual. Every pupil's learning is shaped by their own EHCP and Personal Learning Plan, ensuring personalised goals, adapted communication and the right level of challenge for each young person.

Real-life skills and independence. Reviewers praised our practical, active and sensory learning experiences, with a strong focus on pupils gaining skills they can apply in everyday life.

Communication at the heart of every classroom. Our total communication approach means every pupil has the tools to express themselves — from communication boards and visuals to TEACCH strategies and tailored phonics sessions.

Routines that help pupils thrive. Consistent, calm expectations supported by visuals help pupils feel secure, focused and ready to learn.

Brilliant classroom support. Support staff were highly praised, with pupils benefiting from skilled, well-coordinated assistance and collaborative learning throughout the school day.

We are incredibly proud of our pupils, staff and community — this review reflects the dedication that goes into every single day.



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Highlights from the Week

Marlborough Gardens SEND Sports Festival

The 3H students had a fantastic time at the Marlborough Gardens SEND Sports Festival, taking part in a range of exciting activities including boccia, beach volleyball, cricket and football. Throughout the day, students showed great enthusiasm, teamwork and determination as they developed their physical, social and communication skills. Travelling independently on public transport was also a valuable part of the experience, helping students build confidence and independence beyond the classroom.

Well done to all of our amazing students for representing the school so brilliantly.



Millwall FC Mini Football

Millwall FC invited our students, alongside other SEND schools in Southwark, to take part in mini football matches on the actual pitch at The Den.

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The excitement was clear from the moment we arrived, and the opportunity to play on the home ground of The Lions was an unforgettable experience for everyone involved. Students demonstrated excellent sportsmanship, teamwork and confidence throughout the day.



Circus Sensible

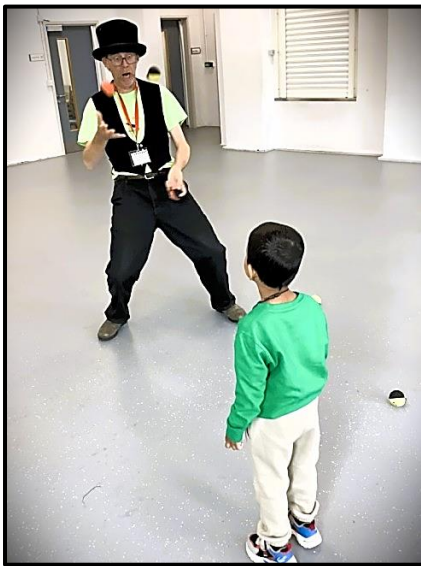
On Thursday, Circus Sensible returned to Spa Camberwell, bringing lots of fun, laughter and energy to the school day.

Both students and staff thoroughly enjoyed the interactive workshops, which provided wonderful opportunities to develop communication, independence, emotional wellbeing and social skills in a creative and engaging environment.

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It was fantastic to see everyone joining in, trying new activities and having fun together.



Groundworks Key Stage 4 Assembly

On Friday, we were pleased to welcome Groundworks to speak with our Key Stage 4 students. During the assembly, students learned about the National Youth Strategy, which aims to create more opportunities and support for young people while ensuring that their voices are heard.

The discussion focused on important areas including wellbeing, skills development, employment opportunities and safety. Students were encouraged to reflect on how young people can positively shape their futures and contribute to their communities.





Online safety

Is Your Child Prepared for Their First Phone?

Deciding when a child is ready for their first mobile phone can be a difficult decision for many families. Parents and carers often find themselves balancing the benefits and opportunities that phones can provide with concerns around online safety, screen time, cost and responsibility. Every child is different, so there is no “one-size-fits-all” answer. What works well for one young person may not be the right choice for another.

Darren Laur has written a very helpful article for parents and carers exploring this topic. In the article, he introduces the acronym **PREPARED**, which helps families think through important considerations in a clear and practical way, making it easier to decide what is best for their own child and circumstances.

P - Purpose.

R - Responsibility.

E - Empathy and respect.

P - Perception of risk.

A - Adaptability and resilience.

R - Regulation.

E - Executive functioning.

D - Digital discernment.

Read the full article [HERE](#)

Looking Ahead

- **Last Day of Term** – Friday, 22nd May
- **School reopens for students** – Monday, 1st June
- **Year 11 residential** – Monday, 1st June – Wednesday, 3rd June
- **Speech & Language Drop In Session** – Wednesday, 3rd June at 2 pm
- **Occupational Therapy Drop In Session (Anxiety & Regulation)** – Thursday, 4th June at 2 pm.

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Support and activities for families

A promotional poster for a sports festival. The left side is black with white text and logos. The right side is a grid of images showing children playing sports and colorful geometric shapes.

 Access Sport

Save the Date!

For the Lewisham Disability Sports Network Multi-Sport SEND Festival, open to all abilities, aged 5-25!

Saturday 27 June 2026
The Alex Yee Ladywell Arena, SE6 4QX
14.00 - 16.00

www.AccessSport.org.uk

Family Connect / Neurodivergent families-NDFH: Connect and Play in a caring community

Join us for "Family Connect!" – a Sunday gathering where families with neurodiverse children come together to learn, bond and thrive. Bring your whole family (including siblings) and even a friend if you want.

SEND provision: Adults are responsible for their children with our friendly and active support! If your children are more than 11 years old and familiar with us they can stay without your support.

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PECKHAM PLEX
Cinema adventure unlocked ? ✨

Mentored by **TUKE SCHOOL**
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Collection links

Rye Lane, London

Ages: children 11 - 18 · adults 18+

Sibling Ticket **Free** · Adult Ticket **Free** · SEND Child Ticket **Free**

Next date: **Tuesday 26th May, 10:30 – 14:30**

Funded by **Southwark Council Short Breaks**

Specialist SEND provision

A trip to the cinema for young people with SEND and their families. You will meet at the Tuke School pick-up point at 10.00 am and be driven by minibus to Peckham Plex Cinema. A movie and snacks will be included in this trip (Small bag of popcorn, a drink, a bag of sweets and a toy) with the screening of The Super Mario Galaxy Movie (PG). You will be returned to Tuke school after the movie. Parents need to supervise their children at all times during this family trip. Volunteer staff will support the trip and drive the minibuses. Book tickets [HERE](#)

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Spectrum Socials: Autistic and Neurodivergent Children from 4 to 18 years old

Spectrum Socials runs therapist-led social events for autistic children and their families, focused on building friendships, connections and social skills.

- Children are placed in small groups, based on age and communication level, to ensure social compatibility.
- We offer therapeutic girls groups for adolescents who are struggling with social anxiety, involving a combination of online and in-person sessions.
- Subsidised places are provided for lower-income families to make our activities accessible to all.
- We support parents and carers by fostering community, connection, and peer support at events and through online platforms.

Examples of events: Trampolining and play, bowling and pizza, Paradox Museum and lunch, soft play and lunch, Hyde Park pizza and pedalos.

Where: Events around London

When: School holidays and weekends

Who for: Autistic and neurodivergent children from 4 to 18 years old.

What happens: Each event typically accommodates around 6 children and is run by a therapist or a behaviour analyst. Event helpers with training and experience in working with autistic children will also be present. Social stories are sent to children before the events to ensure they feel prepared. Parents are invited to join a WhatsApp group with those coming to help build lasting connections.

Website: <https://spectrumsocials.co.uk/>

Register with us here: [Booking Form](#)

Girls Group: <https://spectrumsocials.co.uk/girls-group>

Instagram: www.instagram.com/spectrumsocials.cic

London Transport Museum: Out of hours events for children with SEND

What are the Early Explorer morning sessions?

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These quieter, out-of-hours events are designed for families with children with special educational needs, neurodivergent and disabled children, offering a calmer museum experience with reduced noise, a quiet space and sensory bags.

We run one session every half term and an additional one during the Christmas season.

Caribbean connections

- **Date: Wednesday 27 May 08:30 to 10:00**

Join us for a session celebrating Caribbean history and culture, marking 70 years since London Transport began recruiting employees in the Caribbean.

The event is free for children with one accompanying adult.

Find out more and book: <https://www.ltmuseum.co.uk/whats-on/early-explorer-morning-get-active>

All of our SEND-friendly events for families can be accessed on our website:

[Families with SEND | London Transport Museum](#)

<https://www.ltmuseum.co.uk/whats-on/depot-open-days/powering-london>

<https://www.ltmuseum.co.uk/whats-on/depot-open-days/design-classics>

<https://www.ltmuseum.co.uk/whats-on/early-explorer-morning-along-piccadilly-line>

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A photograph of a young girl in a red football kit with the number 15 on the back, captured in a kicking motion. The kit has "MOR" visible on the lower back.

PLAY LIKE A GIRL

PAN-DISABILITY FOOTBALL

Fridays

Ages 5-11

1700 - 1800

**Prendergast
Ladywell School
SE4 1SA**

SIGN UP & PLAY!

girlsunitedfa.org/londonclub
or email lee@girlsunitedfa.org

GIRLS UNITED

Supported by **Access Sport** **Shport**

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NHS
South London Children and
Young People's Community
Immunisation Service


**Did you not have your teenage
vaccines at school?**

**Visit a catch-up clinic to make sure
you are fully protected**

Tuesday 26 May
10:00 - 14:00
Rye Oak Children & Family Hub, SE15 3PD

Wednesday 27 May
10:00 - 14:00
Streatham Library, SW16 1PN

Saturday 30 May
10:00 - 14:00
Big Yellow Flexi Offices, Camberwell, SE5 7SW



**Scan the QR code or call
020 8614 5496 to book an
appointment or for more
information**

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Disability Sports Coach - Hoopz Inclusive Basketball at Burgess Park

Thank you for your interest in Disability Sports Coach - Hoopz Inclusive Basketball sessions at Burgess Park. Please read the following information and complete the form below. If you are registering on behalf of somebody else to attend the session (such as your child), please fill the below form with their details.

These sessions are for D/deaf, disabled and neurodivergent young people aged 8 - 25.

- Where: Burgess Park Basketball Court, Cobourg Road, SE5 OJB
- When: Thursdays 17.00 - 18.00. Restarting from 7th May 2026.
- Ages: 8 - 25
- Cost: FREE

Book tickets [HERE](#)

A colorful poster for a WhatsApp group. At the top center is a heart with the text "I AM SEN AND I AM PROUD". Below it, the title "Southwark SEN Parents/Carers WhatsApp Group" is written in large blue letters. Underneath, it says "Connect with other Southwark parents and carers". A list of benefits is provided: "Information sharing of SEN services", "Signposting to SEN services within the borough (local offer, SIAS)", "Free SEN related virtual training", and "Life experience support from other parents/carers." To the right of the list is a QR code with a WhatsApp icon in the center. Below the QR code, it says "Scan the QR code to join!". The poster is decorated with colorful stars and cartoon illustrations of people's faces at the corners.

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STEPPING FORWARD

A friendly drop in for parents with learning needs or neurodiversity

Location:
Rye Oak Best Start Family Hub
Whorlton Road,
Southwark,
London, SE15 3PD

Drop in any time between 9.30 am and 12.30 pm
Every second Wednesday of the month

- Find support, understanding and a friendly chat
- Ask questions at your own pace
- Connect with other parent

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT RYE OAK BEST START FAMILY HUB
OR EMAIL: PARENTING@SOUTHWARK.GOV.UK

Southwark Family Hubs | BEST START IN LIFE | FAMILY HUBS | UK Government | Southwark Council

As always, thank you for your continued support and partnership. We hope you and your families have a restful, enjoyable and safe half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 1st June.

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