

Spa Camberwell, Southampton Way, SE5 7EW
A special school for autistic pupils



27th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful welcoming our students and families back to school, with some much needed sunshine on Wednesday. There is much to enjoy during this short half-term. Events such as World Book Day, the arrival of the Living Eggs, and Red Nose Day are just a few upcoming events.

We are excited to continue supporting our pupils in thriving academically, socially, and emotionally, and offering them opportunities for achievement, independence, and lifelong learning.

Highlights from the Week

Access Sport Cricket Workshop

On Tuesday, Access Sport offered an inclusive cricket session for students in 4A. The session was enjoyed by everyone, and it was wonderful to see the students respond so positively to an external coach and confidently showcase their excellent existing cricketing skills.



**Animation Nation Stop Motion
Animation Workshop**



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On Wednesday, pupils in 3A took part in a stop motion animation workshop. The session provided a creative platform for storytelling, collaboration and technical skill-building. It was also a great way for Haliya to celebrate achieving her Jack Petchey Achievement Award with her classmates. We are very proud of Haliya and of all the pupils in 3A for their creativity and teamwork.



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TfL Citizens

On Thursday, the 3H and 3N students participated in workshops delivered by the London Transport Museum to prepare them for safe, independent travel. The workshops covered route planning, using Zip Oyster cards, respectful behaviour, and safety. This experience was an important stepping stone towards greater independence, supporting pupils as they prepare to access opportunities within the wider community.



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.

He will be leaving us on Friday March 6th 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

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- **World Book Day** - Thursday, 5th March 2026
- **Living Eggs arrive** – Monday, 9th March 2026
- **Red Nose Day** – Friday, 20th March 2026
- **Year 11 Residential** – Wednesday, 25th March – Friday, 27th March 2026
- **Last Day of Term** – Friday, 27th 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.

**LET'S TALK ABOUT AUTISM
AUTISM PARENT TRAINING**



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**Are you a parent of an autistic child aged 5 -18 years old?
Are you interested in attending a parenting support programme to gain greater understanding of your child's condition?**

'Let's Talk About Autism' is a course aimed at parent/ carers/close/family members, delivered by professionals with expertise in the field of autism.

To be eligible to attend, you must reside in Southwark or your child attends a Southwark school. The course consists of 7 individual sessions. These are pre-recorded sessions and they are sent each week to the participants along with additional resources. In addition, there will be one weekly live online group meeting to discuss the recorded session.

Session topics include:

- 1. Neurodiversity, autism, core features**
- 2. Communication and interaction differences**
- 3. Sensory processing differences**
- 4. Social imagination, flexibility, transitions**
- 5. Anxiety / including Masking**
- 6. Behaviour and emotional regulation**
- 7. Talking about the autism with your child / self-advocacy**

To register your interest please sign up via this link
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/mYEPYWeBq1>

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Steph Lea'.

Steph Lea
Executive Headteacher

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Dear parent or carer,

Since January, measles infections have been on the rise in London.

Measles spreads very easily among those who are not vaccinated. It usually starts with a high temperature and cold-like symptoms, followed by a rash.

Around 1 in 5 children with measles need hospital care, and measles can sometimes lead to serious problems, such as pneumonia, meningitis, blindness, and seizures.

The MMR and MMRV vaccines protect against measles. Nearly all children who are developing measles have not been vaccinated. The [MMR vaccine](#) is recommended for anyone born on or before 31 December 2019, and the [MMRV vaccine](#) for younger children.

They are safe, free, and given in two doses, usually at 12 months and 18 months of age. But you can get a free vaccine at any age, it is never too late. Getting the vaccine also helps stop measles from spreading to people with weak immune systems and babies who are too young to have it yet.

Please check whether your child has had two doses of the MMR (or MMRV) vaccine. You can look in your child's "Red Book" (Personal Child Health Record), check on the NHS app, or ask your GP surgery.

If your child has missed one or both doses, please book a free appointment as soon as possible by contacting the School Immunisation Team on: 020 8614 5496 / krft.SouthwarkImms@nhs.net, or by speaking to your GP practice.

You can find more information on the NHS website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>

Thank you for helping us to keep our community safe.

Yours sincerely,

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Director of Public Health

Southwark Council

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SOUTHWARK SATURDAY CLUB

Fun, inclusive, group-based activities for children with SEND

Location: St George's Church of England Primary School, London

Time: Ages 5-9, 9:30am-12:30pm,
Ages 10-14, 1pm-4:30pm

What's Included?

- ✓ Sport
- ✓ Playground games
- ✓ Team building exercises
- ✓ Arts and crafts



Staff Ratios 1:4
limited 1:1 tickets available for children who require a higher level of need or additional support with personal care.

Book your Child's Place Today!

<https://eequ.org/sportworks>

For more information, please contact
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