

25th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are already halfway through the first half-term of the school year, and it has been wonderful to see our pupils settling so well into their new routines. We hope that our new families are beginning to feel part of the Spa Camberwell community, and it has been lovely to welcome our returning families back to school.

We really value the involvement of our parents and carers, and there will be plenty of opportunities throughout the year to take part in school activities, events and sessions. Please do keep an eye out for further information.

A special reminder that our school photographer will be visiting on Wednesday, 30 September. Each pupil will have an individual photograph taken, and photographs will be sent home once they are available



Highlights from this week

Key Stage 3 'Meet the Class' Sessions

We hope that our Key Stage 3 families enjoyed the 'Meet the Class' sessions. It was a pleasure to see so many of you and to have the opportunity to share some of the important work taking place in our classrooms.

We hope you found the sessions helpful, informative and reassuring, and that they provided a valuable opportunity to learn more about your child's school day, routines and learning

Groundwork Education Wellbeing Team Coffee Morning

The turnout for our introductory Parent and Carer Morning with the Groundwork Education Wellbeing Team was very encouraging.

We hope that everyone who attended found it to be a positive and welcoming experience. It was particularly lovely to see parents and carers connecting with one another, sharing experiences and enjoying the opportunity to talk in a safe and supportive environment.

We will be arranging further parent and carer sessions throughout the year, so please do keep an eye out for information about upcoming dates and activities. We look forward to welcoming you to these sessions.

Upcoming Events

The next few weeks are busy with plenty of opportunities to connect with the Spa Camberwell community. Please add these dates to your diary:

Tuesday 29th September

9:30 am – Meet the therapists: Belair, Neptune, Mint, Warwick

Wednesday, 30th September

School Photographer

Thursday, 1st October

- 9:10 am – Autism and Starting Secondary School
- 2:00 pm – Autism and Starting Primary School

Online Safety

Staying Safe While Gaming

Online games can be a great way for children to play and socialise, but as we know, many games now include messaging, voice chat, purchases and interaction with people they do not know offline.

Ofcom's Parents Power Up guidance gives families a simple framework built around Check, Chat and Change — checking account details and settings, talking about who children play with and changing safety or parental controls where needed.

[Ofcom – Parents Power Up: Helping Your Child Stay Safe While Gaming Online](#)

Flu Vaccination

If your child was unable to receive their flu vaccination during the previous session, there will be another opportunity on **Monday, 2nd November**.

If you would like your child to receive the vaccination, please follow the link below to complete the electronic consent form. Please ensure that the form is completed in advance of the vaccination session.

Thank you for your support in helping us to keep our pupils and wider school community healthy.

<http://cypcis.kingstonandrichmond.nhs.uk/flu/2026/southwark>

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



We wish you and your family a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Rian Ehlers", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rian Ehlers
Head of School

Support and activities for families

Friday 2 October 6pm - 10pm

A party for young people with learning disabilities and young autistic people aged 10 - 25, their friends and families

Good Chaos Party



Friday 2 October 2026

18:00 – 22:00



The Albany

Douglas Way, London, SE8 4AG

<https://www.heartnsoul.co.uk/whatson/goodchaos26>

Best Start Family Hubs



Best Start Family Hub Activity Timetable

Southwark's Best Start Family Hubs continue to offer a range of activities, groups and support for families. Click on the links below for the Family Hub timetables

[Rye Oak Ann Bernadt Best Start Family Hub](#)

[Dulwich Wood Best Start Family Hub](#)

[South Bermondsey Best Start Family Hub](#)

[1st Place Best Start Family Hub](#)

Fathers' Group Friday mornings- Starting 2nd October

Encourage fathers, grandfathers and stepdads to take part in this engaging 10-week parenting course. Participants will gain practical tips on positive parenting, strengthening family relationships, communication and positive role modelling. The programme offers a supportive environment to build confidence and skills that benefit the whole family. Crèche provided.

[Fathers can sign up here](#)

BFI London Film Festival – Free Tickets to Gala screenings – Bookings start today!



The 70th BFI London Film Festival returns from 7-18 October and **we've got a special code for you to attend films in the Gala programme for free!**

Galas are exciting public premieres of some of the most highly anticipated films of the year: think big crowds, red carpets, and a chance to see the filmmakers and actors themselves!

Booking for free tickets opens **this Friday 18th September at 10am**. Your special booking code is **TSDHLFF26** - entitling you to **4 free tickets** across all the Gala screenings. Book quickly to secure your spots!

[Guide to booking free Gala tickets](#)

[See all Gala screenings here](#)

Please note that **all Gala films are for persons 15 and over** - with the exception of **Wildwood**, which is rated 12A.

A number of screenings are offered with access provisions including:

- Descriptive subtitles: On-screen subtitles that include descriptions of non-dialogue audio.
- Closed Captions: Descriptive subtitles that include descriptions of non-dialogue audio via WatchWord smart glasses.
- Audio description: Audio narration including descriptions of key visual elements of the film.
- Relaxed screenings: Relaxed screenings with house lights on a lower level and reduced volume.
- Specific seating requirements: These are often designated for wheelchair users, restricted mobility and sight view.

[See all Gala films with access provision here](#)



[CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY](#)

PARENT/CARER VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

Resources for Autism are delivering workshops for parent/carers of autistic people in Lewisham, Southwark and Barnet

Tuesday 25th August 6-7pm
Autism and Puberty



Tuesday 29th September 6-7pm
Managing Relationship with School



Tuesday 27th October 6-7pm
Understanding My Child's Autism



Tuesday 24th November 6-7pm
Autism and Mental Health



Monday 30th November 6-7pm:
Autism and ADHD



Tuesday 15th December 6-7pm
Sleep



REGISTER NOW!

resources for
autism

Resources for Autism are running virtual monthly workshops for parent/carers in Barnet, Lewisham and Southwark, presenting on topics around autism, related conditions and strategies to help autistic people to thrive.

Times: On the last Tuesday of every month, 6-7pm

Price: Free

The next workshop on **Managing Relationships with School** will be on the 29th September from 6-7pm - sign up below.

[Sign up for Managing Relationships with School - 29 September](#)

[See full timetable here](#)

Study Pro – Coding and Digital Skills for Young People with SEND age 7+



Coding Clubs

Step into the world of technology with Study Pro's welcoming and inclusive Coding Clubs - two sessions designed specifically for SEND young people aged 7-15, and 16+. Whether you're completely new to coding or have tried it before, this club offers a supportive and relaxed space to explore digital skills at your own pace. Participants work on hands-on activities using Python programming, interactive websites, and HTML and CSS to build

simple websites and games.

- Build simple games step by step
- Create and personalise your own web pages
- Learn problem-solving skills through real-world projects
- Work with others and celebrate your progress together

Ages: 7 - 15 / 16+

Location: The Southwark Resource Centre, 10 Bradenham Close, SE17 2QB

Times: Mondays, 4:00-5:00 pm for ages 7 - 15. Mondays, 5:00-7:00 pm for ages 16+

Price: £3 per session

[Sign up for Digital Skills Club](#)